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ANCIENT CONVENTUAL, COLLEGIATE, AND ELEEMOSYNARY FOUNDATIONS,

IN THE

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WITH

HISTORICAL NOTICES, AND A SUPPLEMENT,

COMPRISING

A LIST OF THE DEDICATIONS OF CHURCHES IN THE DIOCESE,
AN AMENDED EDITION OF THE TAXATION OF POPE NICHOLAS, AND AN ABSTRACT OF THE CHANTRY ROLLS.

BY

GEORGE OLIVER, D.D.

"Videres senem Hilarionem huc atque illuc cum discipulis beati Antonii discurrere. Hic, aiebant, psallere: hic orare: hic operari: hic fessus residere solitus erat: has vites, has arbusculas ipse plantavit: illam areolam manibus suis ipse composuit: hanc piscinam ad irrigandum hortulum multo sudore fabricatus est: istum sarculum ad fodiendum terram pluribus annis habuit. Jacebat in stratu ejus, et quasi calens adhuc cubile deosculabatur."—S. HIERONYMUS IN VITA S. HILARIONIS.

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TO

RALPH BARNES, ESQ.,

&c. &c. &c.

My Dear Sir,

The object proposed in publishing "The Ecclesiastical Antiquities," we flatter ourselves, has been accomplished: for we have the satisfaction of learning that our labours have in some degree contributed to promote a zeal and better taste in the repairing and rebuilding of our parochial churches and chapels, and to attract attention towards the memorials and dormitories of the dead.

This work, under the auspices of your respected name, will conduce, I trust, to preserve historical reminiscences of the religious establishments of former times. It is no part of my present purpose to come forth as the apologist of monastic institutions as founded by our monarchs, prelates, and statesmen; yet, in a Christian country, it cannot be displeasing if I invite my readers to accompany me in a survey of the roofless walls and mouldering ruins of these ancient structures, once the depositories of spiritual and secular learning and the seats of many religious virtues; and venture to bespeak their sympathy for the fortunes of their former inhabitants. Even the material remnants of their edifices, scanty as they are, are contemplated with sentiments of interest or of pleasure by every intelligent spectator; yet how slight are these claims to our attention compared with the higher destiny, which they were permitted to fill, of being the centres of religious instruction, the sanctuaries of truths which all Christians deem to be essential, and the refuge of those who found no sure protection from temporal oppression save only in the consideration and influence of the Church. I might, indeed, refer to the manumissions in the Supplement of this work as important illustrations of the legitimate influence of the regular and secular clergy in ameliorating the condition of the people. Neither will I dwell on other temporal benefits which might be ascribed to the regular clergy, or show them to have been the earliest promoters and examples of free labour, when the soil of Europe was tilled by the sweat of the serf—patrons of agricultural improvement, converting the waste and the rock into scenes of fertility and beauty—prudent and liberal landowners dispensing charity to the indigent, and hospitality to all. These merits have not been overlooked by those who are no admirers of cœnobite communities. They had, indeed, their failings

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inseparable from our human condition; and it is true that, with the exception of the Carthusians, Brigettines, and the reformed Franciscans or Observantines, most of the religious orders had, before their fall in this country, degenerated "ab instituti sui authoribus," as Cardinal Pole observes in his "Apologia ad Carolum quintum."

This work I am proud to dedicate to you, Sir, as a friend, and as a patron and lover of venerable antiquity, in the hope that it may not be found unworthy of the attention of the clergy of the diocese; of its nobility and gentry, who are representatives of founders, or interested in the property to which it relates; of members of the legal profession; and, generally, of all those whom enlightened curiosity leads to the study of our ecclesiastical institutions. In one wish, at all events, I trust I have been successful,—that not a line has escaped me that can give reasonable pain or offence.

And now, renewing to you my heartfelt thanks for your kind encouragement, as well as my sincerest wishes for your health and every consolation from above,

I remain, my dear Sir,

Your faithful friend,

GEORGE OLIVER.

St. Nicholas' Priory,
Exeter.

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PREFACE.

It may be deemed presumptuous in me, after the learned compilers of the late edition of Dugdale's "*Monasticon Anglicanum*" have announced in their preface that their publication was "to form a complete history of all our monastic foundations, such an one as would not be likely at any time hereafter to be superseded," that I should submit to the public a Monasticon of the diocese of Exeter which professes to be much more complete and instructive. Yet I may be allowed to observe, with all deference, that it was impossible for those respected editors, to whom literature must ever be indebted, being far removed from our registers and engaged in other professional and official duties, to devote that exclusive attention to a remote diocese, which a long residence and competent leisure have enabled me to bestow upon it. In this respect I may safely say, that few persons could have possessed the facilities afforded to me of searching original records and evidences, and of collating historical documents on the subjects treated of in this work. If any further incentive had been wanting, I should have found it in the kind encouragement received from all quarters to persevere in the undertaking, partly from the too favourable opinion entertained of my plodding industry and aptitude for such researches, and partly from the acknowledged want of a local work of easy access, which might be resorted to without unfolding the ponderous volumes of the complete edition of Dugdale, or incurring the very serious expense of procuring it.

Some readers may object to my omission of a few places supposed to have been religious houses or colleges, such as S. Colomb, Clovelly, and others; but can I be wrong in preferring the vouchers of our diocesans? The existence of all such establishments within the limits of their jurisdiction could not have been a secret to them and their officials; nor could they have had any motive for concealing them in their frequent returns to the writs of the crown. But superficial inquiries are too apt to confound the property belonging to abbeys, priories, nunneries, and colleges, with the religious foundations themselves. Many of these were situated in other dioceses; Beaulieu abbey, for example; Merton priory; Lewes; S. John's hospital at Bridgwater, and the hospital of S. John of Jerusalem in London; Sion house; and others, the parcels of whose property in this diocese are given in our episcopal registers: yet those houses had no communities of their order settled in the diocese, though perhaps a member or two may have been resident here as wardens, procurators, or bailiffs. As to S. Bennet's, in the parish of Lanivet in Cornwall, asserted to have been a nunnery subordinate to some foreign monastery in Italy, in France, or elsewhere (for various places have been named), it was nothing more than a chapel of special devotion, as is proved by a document, dated May 6, 1535, in vol. ii. of bishop Veysey's register. It is, indeed, a remarkable fact, that there was no nunnery whatever in Cornwall.

With greater plausibility it may, indeed, be objected that I have, in deference to my predecessors in the same field of research, retained several ecclesiastical and eleemosynary establishments that have no strict title to be admitted in a work of this kind. It is, in truth, a matter of no small difficulty to define exactly the conventual or collegiate bodies that ought to be included in it. Is a cell dependent for subsistence and government on some monastery situate out of the diocese to find a place in it? Is a parochial church, with prebends, properly introduced into it? Under what circumstances is a chantry entitled to notice? Even a friary has but slender claims to insertion in a Monasticon. Instances of some, or of all, such doubtful cases will be found in the following pages, as they are also to be found in the works of Dugdale, of Tanner, and of others, under whose great names I must seek protection from criticism.

To the registers of the see of Exeter, commencing with the death of bishop Blondy, December 26,

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1257, and continued, with the exception of bishop Bitton's between 1292—1306, (which is and has for at least two hundred and fifty years been unfortunately lost*,) until the suppression of religious houses, the reader will perceive how much I am indebted for the ecclesiastical materials of this work. These official acts and records, which for the most part are in good preservation, are of indisputable authority, and afford a most copious mine of information. Several gentlemen have also furnished me with notes and observations, and have submitted to my inspection and use many valuable documents; amongst these I am bound to particularize that learned lawyer and eminent antiquary Edward Smirke, esq., Ralph Barnes, John Gidley, Henry Wollcombe, N. Lawrence, and William E. Price, esquires; the Rev. John Buller, the respected incumbent of S. Just, in Penwith; and my old friend and esteemed coadjutor in this and other good works, Pitman Jones, esq. In collating many of the early charters, printed by Dugdale, with the originals, this work has also been under great obligations to Thomas Duffus Hardy, esq., Assistant Keeper of Records.

I may now proceed to throw together some observations respecting the authority of our bishops over their religious subjects, and the state of ecclesiastical literature; the mode of electing the superiors of the monasteries; and the nature of exemption from tithes. Of the architecture of these religious edifices I forbear to treat; their remains are indeed very inconsiderable: with the exception of our glorious cathedral, of which I shall have to give ample details in the "History of Exeter †," perhaps no diocese has suffered so complete a wreck of her numerous conventual structures, the monuments of a piety which spared neither time, labour, nor fortune, to promote, in the mode which, in the opinion of those times, was most acceptable—the honour of the Almighty.

In the first place, the permission of our diocesan was to be obtained for the foundation of any conventual establishment within the limits of his jurisdiction. This will appear evident from the articles on Buckland abbey and the Carmelite convent at Plymouth ‡. The regular, as well as the secular clergy, depended on the diocesan for faculties to absolve the parishioners, and to preach the Word of God. The bishop also had the power of visiting the religious houses, and considered this to be a duty of primary importance; in fact, attention to this point was essential to the support of regular discipline and suppression of licentiousness; for a careful inspection of the registers justifies me in asserting, that the abbeys of Ford and of Tavistock, which attempted to throw obstacles in the way of episcopal visitation, were, both in a spiritual and temporal light, the worst regulated communities within the diocese of Exeter.

It appears also from Lyndwode's "Provinciale," as well as from the registered acts of our bishops, that corrodies or liberationes could not be granted without the episcopal licence; although the founders claimed, as such, and exercised, the right of billeting some of their dependents for a maintenance on the monasteries of which they were the patrons. Thus the last abbot of Tavistock, January 16, 1526, at the command of king Henry VIII., granted to John Amadas the same corrody which had been before allowed to Henry Caleis, a former nominee of the crown then lately deceased. This corrody is described as "one white loaf, another loaf called Trequarter, a dish called General, another dish of flesh or fish called Pitance, three potells of beer, or three silver half-pence daily; also a furred robe at Christmas yearly, of the same kind as that of our esquires, or the sum of 20*s*." When at the abbey, he was to be provided with a suitable chamber, stabling for one horse, three candles called "Paris candells," with a fire in his chamber and hay for his horse, "such as one of our esquires receives." The court of Augmentation, April 23, 1539, allowed this John Amadas, in lieu of all these daily comforts and perquisites, an annuity of five pounds. Other examples of corrodies will be given in the course of this volume. Even bishops, "ratione novæ creationis," were bound to allow a pension to a clerk recommended by the crown, until they provided him with a suitable benefice. (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 1.)

In several instances of long avoidance or vacancy, or in consequence of the improvident administra-

* This must be evident to those who have examined the index compiled in queen Elizabeth's reign. But it is possible that the loss may be dated as far back as the reign of Henry VI., for we find a *scrutinium* of the registers in the case of the incumbents of Cheriton Bishop sewed between folios 35 and 36 of the second volume of bishop Lacy's register, which commences the institutions of the rectors from the register of bishop Bronescombe, in September 1274, without any reference to Bitton's, and then continues late into bishop Lacy's episcopacy. Lacy died September 18, 1455. Previously to the registers, the bishops may have entered their acts on rolls; for we find in the early part of Bronescombe's reg. fol. 6, that William de Spekecot exhibited to the bishop his title to the patronage of Betston church, "et accepit responsionem sicuti in *rotulo* continetur." "Rotulus" is, however, a word which, like "volumen," must be confessed to be ambiguous.

† We reserve also for the history of Exeter the account of the prebendal chapel in its castle.

‡ It is also in conformity with the canon law.

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tion of their temporalities, the revenues of our religious houses were placed under sequestration by the bishop. Indeed, if the diocesans had not occasionally interfered to preserve the property of certain monasteries, the whole of their substance must have melted away through the extravagance, or the supine carelessness, of the persons intrusted with their management.

Most, if not all, of the abbots had private seals; and an abbot of Tavistock is charged by bishop Grandisson (Reg. vol. i. fol. 160) with crying injustice, for having used it in signing away the conventual property. The common seal usually bore the figure of the patron saint and the arms of the founder. This was deposited in a chest secured by three locks and keys; one key being kept by the superior; the second by his deputy, or next in rank; the third by the oldest of the professed. Nor could it be validly used without the consent of the majority and discreter part of the community.

In some of the greater monasteries considerable estates or rents were annexed to the offices of prior, sacristan, cellarer, and almoner.

The registers contain several episcopal mandates and monitions addressed to different monasteries and collegiate establishments, which point out irregularities which had been denounced to their diocesan, or had come to his knowledge during the triennial visitation. They chiefly relate to breaches of regular discipline, or of the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Perpetual silence was strongly enforced in the dormitory, where a light was to be kept burning during the whole of the night, as enjoined in chapter 22 of the Rule of S. Benedict*, which served for the groundwork of all subsequent congregations. In the cloisters, rigid silence was to be observed at certain hours; but not perpetually, as some writers have contended. I am happy to find, that the grosser immoralities, I mean against the vow of chastity, were far from being prevalent, as is often supposed. When such were discovered, as they sometimes were, they were visited with exemplary punishment and disgrace. If, as Dr. Burnet admits, it be proof of the innocence of a community that the religious members received pensions from the crown at the suppression of their houses, we may reasonably conclude that these communities within the diocese of Exeter were in fair repute, since either an annuity or ecclesiastical preferment was awarded to almost every individual among them †.

Of the state of learning in our establishments, I regret to have discovered so few materials from which to form a satisfactory opinion. If Leland's Collectanea, and his Commentaries de Scriptoribus Britannicis, where we find some account of their books and authors, were to be our only authorities, we should be disposed to judge unfavourably of their application to literature. But the impartial inquirer will not come to any hasty conclusion on this point; he will recollect that Leland's plan was vastly too comprehensive even for his acknowledged industry and ability; that his collections were in truth but *labores incepti*, as Chalmers the biographer expresses it; that he omitted to visit several of our religious houses; and that the whole is but a rapid sketch of what most attracted his notice during a transient visit. It will be enough to satisfy us of this, if we compare his meagre account of the manuscripts in the library of St. Paul's, London with the catalogue given by Dugdale; or of those which he enumerates as belonging to Durham Cathedral with the catalogue published by the Surtees Society. Leland, indeed, was known to be unfriendly to monastic establishments; it is therefore reasonable to suppose, that the religious themselves, seeing the storm ready to burst upon them, and conscious that their literary treasures were in danger, concealed, removed, or disposed of their most precious

* This rule, after enlarging on the duties of the abbot, who was to serve as a light and pattern to his brethren, proceeds to explain the virtues becoming the religious profession, as comprised in the two great commandments of the divine law. It then insists on the Gospel spirit of self-renunciation, the crucifixion of self-love, the necessity of penitential labour, the great importance of humility, the manner of reciting the nightly as well as the daily office in public, praying more with the heart than the lips, always considering that we are in the very sight and presence of the Deity and the holy angels. It also points out the various duties of the cellarer or other officer of the community, who should ever bear in mind that he is to render an account to Almighty God for every thing intrusted to his charge. It is pleasing to witness the benevolent attention of the legislator to the comforts of the aged and infirm "ante omnia et super omnia," as Christ is honoured in their persons. (Matt. xxv.) The perusal of this rule will abundantly reward the scholar; nor can he rise from its study without sentiments of veneration for its author, as a consummate master of spiritual life, and a distinguished religious benefactor to society. He died in 543.

† To the greater monasteries was attached a prison for the punishment of refractory members. An instance occurs in p. 3 of this volume. The one in Tinmouth priory is noticed by Dugdale. Mon. Ang. vol. iii. p. 309. In Prynne's Records, vol. iii. may be seen a letter of William, Abbot of Bindon, addressed to king Edward I., June 1290, complaining of John de Wymfred, a run-a-way from his Cistercian convent, and praying his majesty, by his wonted love of the order, to issue his writ to the sheriff of Dorset for arresting the said John, to be consigned to the custody of those 'qui saluti animæ suæ provideant secundum ordinis nostri disciplinam.' Frequent mention is made of such a prison in the rule of St. Saviour, published in Aungier's History of Syon Monastery.

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manuscripts and acts, of which they had hitherto been such careful preservers *. "The tyme hath bene," says Bale, a strenuous enemy of the monks, "when London hath had a great nombre of the noblest libraries in all Christiendome. Their destruction at this daye of men godly minded is much to be lamented: among the stacyoners and bokebynders I found many notable antiquities. I have been also at Norwyche, oure seconde cytie of name; and there all the library monuments are turned to the use of their grossers, candelmakers, sopesellers, and other worldly occupyers." Ford and Buckfast abbeys were in high repute for learning. Tavistock possessed a printing press early in the sixteenth century. S. German's could boast its Hucarus. Indeed I discover no complaint of a deficiency of books in the bishops' reports of their visitations, except in the instance of Hartland abbey in the year 1319 (Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 147), an exception which tends to prove the general practice; for the silence of so sagacious a prelate and patron of learning may well be accepted as a fair presumption in favour of the other monasteries and colleges of the diocese. Study was in fact a positive injunction on every member in the cloisters: "in claustro ad libros cum confratribus sedeat et moretur" (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 145). It was a considerable employment of these religious to transcribe manuscripts; and it was very usual for the scholars and clergy of the times to bequeath their collections to the conventual and collegiate libraries. In the course of this work the reader will meet with an archdeacon of Exeter granting his library to the Franciscan convent of Exeter in 1266, and a clergyman bequeathing by will, July 28, 1455, one hundred and thirty six books, "quos manu meâ propriâ scripsi pro majore parte, ad concathenandum in librariâ de Ottery." To the monasteries and collegiate churches a school was a frequent, perhaps a general, appendage; and the 18th canon of the third council of Lateran, and the eleventh general council in 1179, imposes a strict obligation on all cathedral chapters to provide a school-master "qui clericos ejusdem ecclesiæ et scholares pauperes gratis doceat."

With respect to the mode of electing the superiors of religious houses, it appears from the episcopal registers to have been conducted with due form and solemnity. King John, by his charter † dated from the Temple, January 15, 1215, expressly granted, that in all the churches and monasteries, cathedral and conventual, within the realm of England, the elections of the prelates, greater or less, should be free; that to proceed to such election the royal licence should not be denied, or delayed; and that, except for good cause, the royal confirmation should not be withholden.

The canon law had determined that no vacancy in a religious house occasioned by death, cession, or

* When Edward I. desired to obtain information on the history of Scotland and its early connexion with England, he dispatched writs to the different houses, desiring them to search their literary treasures, and return to him the result. These writs and returns are preserved in the Treasury of the Exchequer.

† In fol. 13 of bishop Stapeldon's register is entered, "Privilegium eligendi prelatos per regem Johannem concessum," and its confirmation by pope Innocent III. from the Lateran palace, March 29, 1216. We subjoin a copy of the royal charter. "Johannes Dei gracia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie et dux Acquitanie et Normannie et comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, et militibus, ballivis, et omnibus has litteras visuris, salutem. Cum inter nos, et venerabiles patres nostros Stephanum Cantuariensem archiepiscopum, totius Anglie primatem et sancte Romane ecclesie cardinalem, Willielmum Londonensem, Eustachium Eliensem, Egidium Herfordensem, Jocelinum Bathoniensem et Glastoniensem, et Hugonem Lincolniensem episcopos, super dampnis et abbatis eorum tempore interdicti, per Dei graciam de mera et libera voluntate utriusque partis plene convenerit, volumus non solum eis, quantum secundum Deum possumus, satisfacere, verum et toti ecclesie Anglicane salubriter et utiliter imperpetuum providere. Inde est quod qualiscumque consuetudo temporibus nostris et predecessorum nostrorum hactenus in ecclesia Anglicana fuerit observata, et quicquam juris nobis hactenus vendicavimus in electionibus quorumcumque prelatorum, nos, ad ipsorum peticionem, pro salute anime nostre et predecessorum ac successorum nostrorum regum Anglie, liberaliter mera et spontanea voluntate, de communi consensu baronum nostrorum, concessimus et constituimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus, ut de cetero in universis et singulis ecclesiis et monasteriis cathedralibus et conventualibus totius regni nostri Anglie libere sint imperpetuum electiones quorumcumque prelatorum majorum et minorum, salva nobis et heredibus nostris custodia ecclesiarum et monasteriorum vacantium, que ad nos pertinent. Promittimus eciam quod nec impediemus nec impediri permittemus per nostros, nec procurabimus, quin in singulis et universis ecclesiis et monasteriis memoratis, postquam vacaverint prelature, quandocunque voluerint, libere sibi preficiant electores pastorem, petita tamen prius a nobis et heredibus nostris licentia eligendi, quam non denegabimus nec differemus. Et si forte, quod absit, denegaremus, nichilominus procedant electores ad electionem canonicam faciendam: et similiter post celebratam electionem noster requiratur assensus, quem non denegabimus, nisi aliquod racionabile proposuerimus et legitime probaverimus propter quod non debeamus consentire. Quare volumus et firmiter jubemus, ne quis vacantibus ecclesiis vel monasteriis contra hanc nostram concessionem et constitutionem in aliquo veniat, vel venire presumat. Si quis vero contra hoc aliquo tempore unquam venerit, maledictionem omnipotentis Dei et nostram incurrat. Hiis testibus; P. Wynton episcopo. W. Marescall comite Pembroch etc. W. comite Warenn. R. comite Cestr. S. comite Wynton. G. de Mandevill comite Glouc. et Essex. W. comite de Ferr. W. Briwer. W. filio Geraldi. W. de Cantilupo. H. de Nevill. Roberto de Ver. W. de Huntyngfeld. Datum per manus magistri Ricardi de Mariscis cancellarii nostri xv. die Januarii apud novum Templum, London, anno regni nostri xvi°." In the printed copy, tom. i. of Wilkins' Concilia, p. 545, the date is the previous November 21.

The interdict above-mentioned was published March 23, 1208, and continued in force till June 29, 1214, according to Matthew Paris. The king, December 7, paid 15,000 marks to the above-mentioned aggrieved bishops.

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resignation, should continue beyond the space of three months. In the case of vacancy occasioned by death, no sooner was the body of the deceased pastor or superior consigned to ecclesiastical burial, than application was made on the part of the convent to the patron of the establishment, that is, to the founder, or his representative *, who possessed of common right the legal custody of the temporalities during such vacancy, for licence to proceed to the election of a successor. When the licence was obtained, the president of the community assembled the members; a day was fixed for the election, and the necessary summons to the parties concerned was issued. On the appointed day, after the mass "de Spiritu Sancto" had been celebrated in the church, they repaired to the chapter-house. Here a short instruction suitable to the occasion was delivered by one of the community, and the names of the members, who had voices at the election, were called over by the president. The hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" was then chaunted, after which the president charged, in the name of God, every one excommunicated, suspended, and interdicted, every one who was not entitled by law and custom to be present, to depart forthwith, that the community might proceed with perfect freedom. The patron's licence was then read, and the constitution, "quiapropter," or "quapropter," the twenty-fourth canon of the fourth council of Lateran, held under Pope Innocent III., A. D. 1215, which requires the election to be made by scrutiny of votes; by compromise (when the chapter agreed to delegate their powers for this occasion to certain individual members of their body); or, lastly, by inspiration, i. e. by unanimous concurrence and acclamation. The words are, "Quia, propter electionum formas diversas, quas quidam invenire conantur, et mutua impedimenta proveniunt, et magna pericula imminent ecclesiis viduatis, statuimus ut cum electio fuerit celebranda, præsentibus omnibus qui debent et volunt et possunt commode interesse, assumantur de collegio fide digni, qui secreto et singulatim voces cunctorum diligenter exquirant, et in scriptis redactas mox publicent in communi, nullo prorsus appellationis obstaculo interjecto, ut is collatione adhibita eligatur, in quem omnes, vel major, vel sanior pars capituli consentit: vel saltem eligendi potestas aliquibus viris idoneis committatur, qui, vice omnium, ecclesiæ viduatæ provideant de pastore. Aliter electio facta non valeat, nisi fortiter communiter esset ab omnibus, quasi per inspirationem divinam, absque vitio celebrata. Qui vero contra prædictas formas eligere attentaverint, eligendi eâ vice potestate priventur.

"Illud penitus interdicimus, ne quis in electionis negotio procuratorem constituat, nisi sit absens eo loco de quo debeat advocari, justoque impedimento detentus venire non possit: super quo, si fuerit opus, fidem faciet juramento: et tunc, si voluerit, uni committat de ipso collegio vicem suam. Electiones quoque clandestinas reprobamus, statuentes, ut quam citò electio fuerit celebrata, solemniter publicetur."—(Concilia, vol. xxviii. p. 183. ed. Paris, 1644.)

The election being over, *Te Deum* was solemnly chaunted, and the elect was conducted or carried † to the steps of the high altar, and the choice of him was proclaimed to the assembled multitude ‡. His consent to the election was formally demanded; and, as soon as announced, an official report of the proceedings was drawn up by an apostolic notary, who invariably attended on these occasions, and was forwarded to the patron and to the diocesan prelate for their approval and confirmation. This was granted as a matter of course, if nothing uncanonical had transpired at the election. The person so confirmed then repaired to the bishop to be blest and inducted; after taking the oath of obedience to the see, when duly signed, the formulary was laid on the altar.

The fees for the election of abbots and priors in this diocese § (inserted in vol. iii. of bishop Lacy's register, fol. 518) appear to have been heavy:—

	£	s.	d.
Feodum directoris electionis	6	13	4
Actorum scribæ in electione	5	0	0
Episcopi in confirmatione	5	2	0
Registrarii episcopi in confirmatione	5	0	0
Vicarii generalis in confirmatione	5	2	0
Episcopi, pro benedictione abbatis	5	2	0
	31	19	4

* The import of the word "founder," as applied to patrons, is adverted to under the Art. Totnes, p. 238, post.

† At Peterborough the elect was conveyed on the shoulders of the monks to the high altar. (Dugd. Monast. Ang. vol. i. p. 360.) At the election of dean Braylegh here in 1335, the president of the chapter writes to bishop Grandisson, "electum nostrum ad gradus magni altaris dicte Exon ecclesie portavimus juxta morem."

‡ Reginald Pole's election as dean of Exeter in 1527 was announced "in vestibulo ecclesiæ cathedralis."

§ In fol. 107, vol. ii. of bishop Veysey's register is the statement of fees at the election of a dean:— [Imprimis

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Soon after the conquest, the system began of diminishing the incomes of the parochial clergy, by exempting spiritual persons or corporations, as bishops, abbots, monasteries, and the like, from the payment of tithes; as also by the appropriation of the parish churches or benefices to their use, reserving to the laborious incumbent only his manse, a fixed payment of money, and such portion of the small tithes, &c. as the diocesan might deem sufficient for his maintenance. Papal bulls conferring such privileges were often too easily obtained. In the early part of the reign of Henry I., pope Paschal II. exempted all the religious orders, in respect of their demesne lands, from the payment of tithes; and Pope Alexander III., in his brief to the Cistercian abbot and convent of Rivaulx, dated November 20, 1160, discharged all the possessions, actual and future, from such payment. (Dugdale's Monasticon Angl. vol. v. p. 283.) The same pope, in his letter to the bishop of Treves in 1179, after observing that some of his predecessors in the apostolic see had granted to nearly all religious persons, "decimas laborum suorum," states that his immediate predecessor (our countryman, Adrian IV.) had restricted the discharge from tithes "solis fratribus Cisterciensis ordinis, et templariis, et hospitalariis," whilst their lands were in their own cultivation, or occupied at their own expence, and not leased out to be cultivated by others. We further find that pope Innocent IV. (who died in 1254) discharged all the property of the Cistercians which they had acquired before and even after the Council of Lateran in 1215, from the payment of tithes. (Dugdale's Monasticon Angl. vol. v. p. 235.) But this must be understood of lands kept and reserved in their own manurance, tillage, and occupation, for the maintenance of hospitality and good housekeeping.

At the final suppression of religious houses in 1539, it might have been expected that all these exemptions would have been swept away, and that tithe property would have been recovered and restored to the parish priests, as well for their own advantage as for other purposes, charitable and pious, to which they were first appropriated. Yet the statute of 31 Henry VIII. chap. 13, far from taking this favourable opportunity of restoring tithe to the secular clergy, perpetuated the alienation for the benefit of those in whose hands the property was charged, with no trust for any public purpose, and on whose behalf there could not possibly exist any of the reasons upon which the exemption or the alienation was founded. The lay impropriator was bound by law to the performance of no works of mercy or charity. He owed no obligation to receive the stranger, or to relieve the poor and friendless. The laity could neither be helped by his prayers nor edified by his preaching. No school of learning, sacred or secular, no hospital or lazar-house leaned for habitual support on the new possessor of monastic revenues. The traveller from afar lifted up his eyes, and looked in vain above the gate for the legend that announced to him a heart open as the wide portal that invited him to enter *.

The lands of the following monasteries in the diocese of Exeter, being of the yearly value of £200

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis pro consensu episcopi ad procedendum ad electionem decani	0	13	4
Pro admissione procuratorii presidentis et capituli Exoniensis ad petendum electum confirmari ab episcopo	0	3	4
Pro sententia ab episcopo lata	3	6	8
Pro confirmatione et instrumento super electione hujusmodi	2	0	0
Pro registratione dicte confirmationis	0	13	4
Summa	6	16	8

Our bishops received in fees for dedicating churches 5 marks, for dedicating altars 40*s*., for reconciling churches and churchyards 40*s*. (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 206.) In Stafford's reg. vol. ii. ad an. 1393, fol. 309 b, is given the fees of the archdeacon of Canterbury at the inthronization of every bishop in the province of Canterbury. "Imprimis in descensu episcopi venientis ad ecclesiam suam pro intronisacione sua archidiaconus Cantuarie habebit statim palefridum cum sella et toto hernesio palefridi in introitu civitatis. Item capam suam pluvialem cum capucio et calceamentis ejusdem. Item cupam suam argenteam unde servitur in mensa die intronizacionis sue. Item fenum et prebendam pro xv equis quamdiu moram fecerit pro officio intronizacionis hujusmodi faciendo. Item esculenta et poculenta per tres dies et omni nocte unum sextarium vini pro collacione sua. Item duos magnos tortices de cera pro tota mora sua et qualibet nocte duos minores tortices et xxiiij candelas de cera. Item decem marcas sterlingorum in pecunia numerata, pro expensis suis eundo et redeundo. Item lectisternia episcopi peti solebant, ut dicitur, pro feodo camerarii intronizantis hujusmodi, set nescitur, si ea solebat habere. Et notandum quod omnia predicta, exceptis lectisterniis, prior et capitulum Cantuarie habuerunt sede vacante et archidiacono carente, anno Domini MCCmo nonagesimo tercio."

* "*Janua patet; cor magis.*" See the Art. S. Gabriel, Clyst, p. 293.

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and upwards, are regarded as discharged of tithes by operation of the statute of the 31st of Henry VIII.:—

DEVON.

	A. D.
Tavistock abbey, Benedictine orders founded	981
Plympton priory, Augustinian	1121
Hartland abbey, Augustinian	1154—1189
Ford abbey, Cistercian	1141
Buckfastleigh abbey, Cistercian	1137
Dunskwell abbey, Cistercian	1201
Newenham abbey, Cistercian	1246
Bucland abbey, Cistercian	1278
Tor abbey, Norbertine	1196

CORNWALL.

Bodmin priory, Augustinian	936
S. German's priory, Augustinian	about 1070
Launceston priory, Augustinian	1126

Before I conclude these introductory observations, I would add a few words respecting the plan of this work, and the materials of which it has been composed.

With respect to the plan, it will be obvious that I have had no other design than to enlarge that of Dugdale, and to supply the apparent deficiencies even in the late edition of that great work, so far as relates to the diocese of Exeter. With regard to the sources from which the collection of instruments has been derived, those which were originally published by Sir W. Dugdale have been, with few exceptions, reprinted; and those, which I had the pleasure to furnish to the late editors, have been reclaimed, or rather recopied from the original documents. But the department in which I have been so fortunate as to secure the largest and most valuable accession of matter, will, as I have already hinted, be found to consist in ecclesiastical instruments and ordinances drawn from the rich treasury of our episcopal registers, and throwing light upon the discipline and polity of the Church during the period of four centuries next before the dissolution of the religious houses.

The number of secular documents might indeed have been greatly increased. Of these many have been either supplied or pointed out to my notice by friends whose kind assistance I have generally acknowledged in the proper places; whilst others have been obtained from the inexhaustible and almost unexplored repositories of our public records. With all the advantages of comparatively easy access which is now afforded to these invaluable sources of history, I regret that I must, nevertheless, leave to my successors in the same path the task of giving to the public the fruits of a more extended research among them. The effectual execution of such a task would demand greater sacrifices than can reasonably be expected from me.

In the documentary part of the work, I have inserted, without scruple, rentrolls, surveys, custumals, and accounts, wherever they fell under my notice, to a greater extent than my predecessors have thought proper, or than some may consider necessary or useful; being satisfied that nothing will appear repulsive and uninteresting to those whose intelligence will enable them to extract from such records valuable illustrations of the early tenures, customs, and social condition of our fellow countrymen. It would, indeed, have been desirable to print *in extenso* those ministers' accounts of which the editors of Dugdale have given only brief and general abstracts. It is easy to see that the Valor of Henry VIII. was framed out of previous rolls of accounts of a character precisely similar to those which were made up after the conventual property came under the government of the Court of Augmentation. Hence the Valor and subsequent computus usually correspond almost exactly in the order, particulars, and value of the property; and a mere abstract of the latter rarely conveys any information which is not more fully supplied by the former. Whereas the original computus is usually a much fuller and more detailed statement of the possessions of the late monastery and its tenants than is contained in the Valor, except where any part of them had been sold off or let to farm during the interval between the making of the survey and the rendering of the account.

With regard to the Supplement, a few documents, which escaped notice or were omitted out of their

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proper places during the progress of the work, have been there inserted, with others intimately connected with the ecclesiastical history of the diocese. The abstract of the chantry rolls will be found to contain information which has not, to our knowledge, been hitherto laid before the public. It is an act of justice to add, that in this last article I have been much indebted to the suggestions, and to the more than official courtesy, of Henry Cole, esq., Assistant Keeper of Records.

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† The seal of Hasculfus is engraved in Morice's Bretagne, vol. iii.

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1, line 1 of the text, *for* ac *read* according

6, line 17, col. 2, *for* appendix N, *read* appendix F.

15, line 14 from bottom of text, col. 1, *for* Bristol *read* British

20, line 34 from bottom of col. 1, *for* romotione *read* remotione

21, Launceston, line 9 of text, col. 1, *for* refunded *read* refounded

31, in note, col. 2, *for* Num. VI., *read* Num. VII.

40, line 20, col. 1, *for* intererantur *read* intererant

43, in title to Num. XXI., *for* monasterico *read* monasterio

48, line 14 from bottom of text, col. 1, *for* West Buckland *read* Buckland Filleigh

78, line 4, col. 1, *for* 1559 *read* 1595

91, The name of John de Rofa occurs as abbot elect of Tavistock, temp. Hen. III. in the fourth report of the deputy keeper of the Records, appendix II, p. 143

116, line 1, *for* Prienhay *read* Friernhay

127, line 5 from bottom, col. 2, *for* parochiale *read* parochiales

152, It is not certain whether the leper's house was at Plymouth or at Plympton

204, note, col. 2. Lobineau (Bretagne, vol. ii. ed. 1779, Glossary ad fin.) tells us that Boterel was a sobriquet "pris de la taille trapüe de ceux à qui on l'a donné. *Botte*, en vieux gaulois, veux dire un crapaud."

224, line 38, col. 2, *omit* with

248, The church of S. Michael certainly had property at Sidmouth at the compilation of Domesday. The church of S. Mary, Rouen, had a salt-work at "Sedemude, terra S. Michaelis." Domesd. vol. i. 104 a, col. 2

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251, in Num. VI., *for* ferminam *read* feminam

273, line 9, col. 2, *for* apposito *read* opposito

299, in title, Num. II. *for* Edw. I. *read* Edw. II.

300, col. 2, sir T. Rytson *should be* sir T. Kytson

312, A prior Nicholas, of Carswell, is mentioned among the fines published by Mr. Hunter, p. 59

314, in note, col. 1, *for* Howton *read* Honiton

316, line 4, col. 1, *for* in *read* of

321, in title of Num. I., *for* Willielmi *read* Willielmo

329, is mispaged 399

331, line 1, *for* 1258 *read* 1285

341, line 13, from bottom of the text, col. 1, *for* Nothill *read* Northill

344, line 20 and 21 from bottom, col. 1, expunge the words "corici corrier"

411, We have stated, that Calstock, which belonged to the canons of S. Petrock, *temp.* Domesday, is now parcel of the Duchy. This is probably wrong. The "Calestoc," mentioned among the lands of S. Petrock, is most likely a tenement of the same name in Tywarnhaile.

412, note, col. 1, *for* Tetdeno *read* Tretdeno

423, line 31, *for* Mabere *read* Mabene

— line 8 of notes on Alien priories, *for* convents *read* convent

426, the church *called* "Evinyon" in this list probably ought to be "ecclesia S. Euniyni, or Ewnyni." The word is spelt in the original roll with an E, followed by five minims, Y, and three minims.

429, line 9 from bottom of text, *for* foler[aticum] *read* foler[atici]

N.B. In copying the earlier instruments, the diphthong *æ* has not been used, if not found in the original. When the instrument is a mere transcript from Dugdale, his spelling has been followed; and where the Latin titles of the originals have been altered, the diphthong has been restored. The reader will perceive that this has occasioned an apparent want of uniformity in the text. In strictness, whenever the copy of an old record professes to be an *extended* one, we believe that the diphthong ought always to be restored; as the letter *e* is evidently a mere contraction of it.

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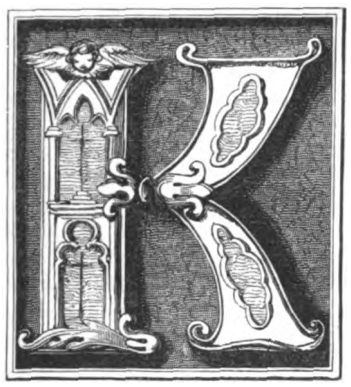
CORNWALL.

St. German's *,

IN THE ARCHDEACONRY OF CORNWALL AND THE HUNDRED AND DEANERY OF EAST.



ING ATHELSTAN, acto Whitaker (p. 19. vol. i. Hist. Cathedral of Cornwall), prepared to invade Cornwall in the year 927. Howel was then its king, and their armies met at Haldon, near Exeter, where Athelstan obtained a decisive victory, and reduced all before him on this side of the river Tamar. Probably the vanquished were gradually able to recruit their forces, and attempt the recovery of their former territory; for we find Athelstan returning nine years later with a powerful army. Overpowering all opposition, he is said to have advanced to the Land's-end, pursued his successes even through the range of the Scilly Islands, and thus completed the entire subjugation of Cornwall. His triumphs were commemorated by pious liberality, and he is said to have endowed a collegiate church at St. Burian's, erected a monastery at Bodmin, and on Dec. 5, 936, appointed Conan Bishop of St. German's.

Towards the end of Bp. Bronescombe's Register (fol. 100), is inserted a charter of King Aethelred in 994, stating that "cum consilio et licentiâ episcoporum ac principum et omnium optimatum meorum, quod pro amore Domini nostri Jesu Christi atque sancti confessoris Germani, necnon et beati eximii Petroci, pro redemptione anime mee, et pro absolucione criminum meorum, donavi episcopium Ealdredi episcopi, id est in provincia Cornubie, ut libera sit eique subjecta omnibusque posteris suis, ut ipse gubernet atque regat suam parochiam sicuti alii episcopi qui sunt in meâ ditione, locus atque regimen Sancti Petroci semper in ejus potestate sit successorumque illius. Itaque omnium regalium tributorum libera sit, atque laxata vi exactorum operum penaliumque causarum, necnon et furum comprehensione, cunctâque seculi gravedine, absque solâ expedicione atque pontium constructione, libera perpetualiter permaneat."

K. Edward III., on Oct. 8, 1358, caused an exemplification to be made of an inquisition recently holden before his escheator, John Skyrbek, shewing that King Canute (1017—1035) gave to God and this church of St. German certain lands and tenements; that this was the Cornish episcopal see; that Brithwold was then its bishop; that, on his death, the see of Cornwall was united by Canute to that of Devonshire in the person of Livingus, who sat at Crediton; that Leofric succeeded Livingus as bishop of Devon and Cornwall; that K. Edward the Confessor, with the approbation of Pope Leo IX., translated the see from Crediton to Exeter; that afterwards the said Leofric founded at St. German's a priory of canons regular in the room of secular canons; and that, in virtue of such episcopal foundation, the patronage of the house, with its custody on the death of a prior, was absolutely vested in the bishop of Exeter for the time being. The above exemplification was confirmed by letters patent of K. Richard II. on Oct. 15, 1383. In 30 Ed. I. the prior claimed, and was allowed, various franchises by prescription. (Rot. Quo Warranto, p. 108.)

This religious establishment of Leofric became so favoured by Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter, between 1161 and 1184, that he was regarded as its second founder; and, until the dissolution of the house, its members continued subject in temporals and spirituals to his successors in the see of Exeter.

When Leland wrote, after the dissolution of the house, he remarks, that the glory of the place had stood by the Priory; Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 29. Of its ancient original cathedral church but little vestige remains. It is certain that Bp. Walter Bronescombe consecrated the conventual church of St. German's, erected perhaps on its site, on Aug. 28, 1261; see fol. 21. of his Register. Leland mentions "a tumbe yn the walle, beside its hye altare, with an image of a bishop and over the tumbe a XI bishops paynted with their names and verses, as token of so many bishops biried there, or, that ther had beene so many bishoppes of Cornwalle that had theyr secte (seat) theer." It is to be regretted that Leland did not copy the names and verses, which perhaps referred to the eleven preceding bishops of *Exeter* from Leofric to Walter Bronescombe; and we think the learned ingenuity of Whitaker might have been better employed than in publishing the muster-roll of the Cornish prelates (Cath. Cornwall, chap. vi. sect. iv.) displayed in front of the church's gallery.

The nave of St. German's church still measures within the walls 102 feet in length. This portion of the fabric was formerly appropriated to the use of the parishioners; or, as Leland expresses it, was the "paroche chirche in the body of the same" conventual church. The nave is connected with two aisles, and is entered under a large and enriched circular portal from the west, flanked by two towers. After the dissolution of the priory, the choir and chancel were abandoned to neglect; no attention was paid to the soakings from the springs in the higher ground; and the consequence was, that a considerable part of the chancel fell suddenly to the earth on a Friday, in the year 1592†, shortly after the conclusion of the public

* This celebrated saint was born, at Auxerre, about the year 380, and was consecrated successor to St. Amator in the see of Auxerre, July 7, 418. He died at Ravenna, July 31, 448, attended by its Archbishop, St. Peter Chrysologus. For the services rendered to religion during his two visits to England and Wales, our ancestors cherished the most grateful veneration for the memory of St. Germanus

† *Qu.* Was the officiating minister on this occasion Mr. William Doodinge? For we read in the will of that wealthy gent. Robt. Moyle, of Backe, Esq., made May 8, and proved June 4, 1604, the following clause, "For the zealous care I bear to the House of God, and for

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service. Not a trace of this most interesting portion* of the fabric is now visible, which was fifty-five feet long, by twenty-four broad: probably the Lady's chapel was attached to its eastern end, but all is now laid smooth with the lawn.

After its suppression, the priory was granted to the Champernoune family by K. Hen. VIII. in 1541. They retained the property but for a short period; for in 1565 they alienated it to John Eliott†, Esq. In this respected and ennobled family the property still continues. Much attention is shewn to preserve the conventual appearance of the interesting mansion. Mr. Whitaker mentions (Cath. of Cornwall, vol. ii. p. 294) a series of ancient paintings in the gallery, "very pleasing to the eye of a surveyor from the lively brilliancy of their colours, very affecting to the mind of a religious man from the sacred nature of their subject, and very striking to the imagination of an antiquary from their age. This series comprehends the venerable history of our Saviour's life, from his nativity to his crucifixion, in fourteen tablets, twelve on boards and two on canvass: the oldest set of paintings, I presume, in the whole kingdom."

Of the library of this religious establishment, and of the literary men whom it fostered, we can glean but slender materials. The Deacon Hucar, the author of 108 homilies, who flourished before the Conquest, is eulogised by Leland, De Script. Brit. p. 168, in a passage cited fully hereafter, Num. VI.‡

The burgesses of Saltash, on the Friday before the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1342, bound themselves to the yearly payment to this Convent, on July 31, of a candle, 1lb. weight of pure wax. The offering was made in acknowledgment and compensation of injuries done by them to the priory. (Grandisson's Reg. vol. iii. fol. 37.)

St. Mary's chapel at Callington, dependent on St. Sampson's at Southill, was allowed the right of sepulture in 1438 with the consent of the Prior of St. German's, and was duly consecrated on August 31 that year. (Lacy's Reg. vol. iii. fol. 162.)

We now submit our list of the Priors.

Priors of St. German's.

Will'am occurs in the reign of K. Henry II. He witnessed also the grant by Jocelyn de Pomerie of the Manor of Tale to Ford Abbey.

Ralph occurs as prior, before the end of the twelfth century.

Angerius, as prior, witnessed the composition of St. Gerend's vicarage on July 8, 1202. (See Bronescombe's Register, fol. 18.)

Godfrey. During his superiority, Reginald de Ferrers surrendered his right, "in piscaria de Tiniel," to the Convent, for the yearly payment of 3*s.* at the Octave of St. Martin.

Richard, on whose death

Gaufridus de Sancto Germano was appointed March 16, 1279, by Bishop Bronescombe. (See Reg. fol. 93.)

Henry occurs August 31, 1315, and appears for some time to have united in his person the double office of prior and camerarius, a very unusual and irregular proceeding. Bishop Stapeldon, on August 31, 1315, insisted that a camerarius should be chosen by the whole community by the sixth day of the following October; and he assigned to him "decimas garbarum villarum de Dinorchatudi et Benalwaylond ac aliarum villarum que communiter pertinent ad easdem in Parochia Sci Germani." (Reg. fol. 109.)

John Colyn, elected Sept. 20, 1341.

Richard Polgoner. He died on Friday, after the feast of St. Laurence (August) 1355, and was honourably buried the Wednesday after. (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 190.)

John Precheur, the sub-prior, succeeded in the same month and year. Ten canons (one of them was John Eliott) assisted at his election. During Precheur's government the priory became enriched with the relicks of St. German of Auxerre. The reader may perhaps be interested with the following letter from the abbot and convent of St. German's to Sir Nicholas Tremorze, knight. (Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 211-12.)

"Notum sit universis presentibus et futuris, quod nos, Abbas et Conventus monasterii Sancti Germani Autisiodorensis, devote supplicationi nobilis viri domini Nicholai de Tremorze militis annuentes, ob devotionem ipsius, ad

contynuance of the preaching of the Word, as in my liefe tyme, so after my daies, in the Church of St. Germin's, I freelye give and allowe unto William Doodinge meate, drincke, diett and lodginge in my house of Backe, fit and convenient for him, his wiefe, children and a maide servaunt, as a token of my last love, as long as he shall exercise his ministrie, and, as the Lord's watchman, continewe to be preacher unto the congregation and people in that place." Rev. German Goldestone, of St. German's, clerk, made his will, June 12, 1622, which was proved at Exeter by his relict and executrix Anne, Oct. 2, 1623.

At *Polmartyn*, in this parish, was settled a branch of the respected family of Kekewich; the elder branch residing at Catch French, formerly (according to Whitaker) Cadge Fryns, i. e. Villa Principis. On July 15, 1622, John Kekewich, of Polmartyn, made a will which shows that he had considerable property. It was proved by Mary, his relict. He left a large family, viz., Samuel, John, George, Francis, and Henry; Edith, Anne, and Mary.

* In the episcopal registers at Exeter are recorded several ordinations held in this spot. The last was held by William, Bishop of Hippo, suffragan to Bishop Veysey, May 30, 1534. By an Act of Parliament, 26th of Hen. VIII. (1534) c. 14, St. German's was named one of the suffragan sees in England.

† The Eliott family was in repute in this diocese in the fourteenth century. John *Elyot* (for that is the ancient mode of spelling the name) was a canon of St. German's in the middle of that century. Another John Elyot was appointed chantry priest to St. Mary's, at Sticklepath, Sept. 20, 1370. We find William Elyot a leading ecclesiastic of this diocese, and principal registrar of Bishops Lacy and Nevyll. Another William Elyot was settled with his wife Jane at Cottelond, in the parish of Charleton, near Totnes, to whom Bishop Lacy, on Jan. 16, 1437, granted a licence for having divine service performed in their mansion there: "Licentia celebrandi. xvi^to^ die Januarii Anno Dni millmo ccccxxxvii^o^ Dñs Epūs concessit licentiam Elizabeth Burleston, Willelmo Elyot et Johanne uxori ejus, ut in quocumque loco honesto cultui divino disposito infra mansiones suas de Cottelond infra Parochiam de Charleton in eorum presentiâ divina valeant celebrari per presbyteros ydoneos." (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 152.) Tradition says this estate of Cottelond was exchanged by the family for St. German's in 1565. Again, William Elyot, LL.B., who was collated to the archdeaconry of Barum in 1485, and a canon of Exeter Cathedral, died in May, 1507. Whilst rector of Bigbury he received the bull of Pope Sixtus IV., dated Rome, July 14, 1481, pontif. X., authorizing him to hold two other benefices. It may be seen, fol. 10, of Bishop Oldam's Register. An *Elyot* witnessed the pardon granted under the great seal by K. Richard III., dated Westminster, July 8, second year of his reign (1484), to the Custos and College of Vicars of the Choir in Exeter Cathedral. Finally, the last abbot of Tavistock, John Peryn, on Sept. 1, 1529, granted a pension and corrody to John Elyot, "cum nostris generosis," for his musical services to the conventual church.

‡ "What is now become of *Hucar's* work, of the St. German's library, and of all the monastic libraries in general? They who accused the monks of Gothic ignorance would be sure to correct in themselves what they condemned in the others, to use industriously those libraries which the others had so grossly neglected. So in common sense they should have acted. But the accusers of the monks as Goths, were actually Goths themselves—Goths warring again with the literature of Rome, and Goths consigning the literary treasures of the age to a sweeping storm of destruction. To the present generation of the reformed this seems utterly incredible, yet is dreadfully true. Henry VIII., that wilful wayward child of violence, stood, like another Genseric or Alaric, tearing down the sun of literature from its sphere, and burying the whole country in darkness. We even see him so standing, in the striking portrait of him drawn by a contemporary, a spectator, and a friend. 'Never had we bene offended,' cries even Bale, that strenuous enemy to the monks, 'for the loss of our libraryes, beyng so many in nombre, and in so desolate places for the more parte; yf the chiefe monuments and most notable workes of our most excellent writers, had bene reserved. If there had bene in every shyre in Englande, but one solempne librarye, to the preservacyon of those noble workes, and preferrement of good lernynge in our posteritye; it had bene sumwhat. But to destroye *all* without consideracyon, is and wyll be unto Englande for ever a most horryble infamy, amonge the grave senyours of other nacyons. A great nombre of them whych purchased those superstycyouse mansyons, reserved of those library bokes, some to serve theyr jakes, some to scoure their candlestycks, and some to rubbe thçir bootes. Some they sold to the grossers and sopesellers, and some they sent over see to the bokebynders, not in small numbre, but at tymes whole shyppes full, to the wonderynge of foren nacyons. Yea, the universytees of this realme are not all clere in this detestable fact. But cursed is that bellye, whyche seketh to be fedde with suche ungodly gaynes, and so depelye shameth his natural countrey. I know a merchant-man, whych shall at thys tyme be namelesse, that bought the contentes of two noble lybraryes for forty shillings pryce; a shame it is, to be spoken. Thys stuffe hath he occupyed in the stede of graye paper, by the space of more than these ten years; and yet he had store ynough for as many years to come. A prodigyouse example is this, and to be abhorred of all men which love their nation as they should do.'" (Whitaker's Cath. Corn. vol. ii. p. 355—357.)

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laudem Dei et beatissimi Germani patroni nostri, eidem militi dedimus et concessimus de reliquiis sacri corporis Sancti Germani predicti, videlicet, parvum os brachii sui, et de sudario in quo requievit, et requiescit memoratum corpus gloriosum. Promisit autem nobis predictus miles, quod dictas reliquias decenter, reverenter, et honeste faciet includi, teneri, ac etiam reservari; quod devotioni sue relinquimus, ejus conscientiam onerantes. In cujus rei testimonium sigilla nostra presentibus literis duximus apponenda. Datum in monasterio predicto, die Martis post festum annunciationis Dominice MCCCLVIII."

The same knight, at his own expense, had the relicks inclosed "in capsula argentea et deaurata," and presented them to Bishop Grandisson to be honourably deposited within the Priory of St. German's, in Cornwall, who granted an indulgence of forty days to all sincere penitents who should visit, at stated times, its conventual church. Dated Chudleigh, May 20, 1361 *.

William Treskelly occurs as prior in 1373: from blindness and old age he resigned in 1385, when his former coadjutor,

Richard Harepath, who had been prior of St Michael's Mount, succeeded Nov. 4 of that year. (Brantyngham's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 91.)

John Aneray, who died Sept. 8, 1404. Whilst he was in office, viz. Sept. 3, 1400, Bishop Stafford made his visitation of the priory, and discovered that some of the canons had been guilty of gross immorality. On 18th of the same month he sent his orders to the Prior for the punishment of the evildoers. John Pengelly, a canon, was condemned to sit in the middle of the refectory during the public meal, for seven consecutive Fridays, and to have for his allowance nothing but bread and water: he was to observe a fast for a whole twelvemonth; to keep the strictest inclosure; never to wander into the nave of the conventual church; to be deprived also of office, and to have deducted from his salary the sum of one noble, to be applied "ad fabricam claustri†." Should he fail in the premises, the prior was to commit him at once to the prison in the priory, "ergastulo ipsius prioratus," for eight days, during which period of confinement no flesh meat was to be allowed him. Nicholas Julyan and John Bristow were sentenced to sit for two successive Fridays in the refectory, like the other culprit, with bread and water before them; to fast for a quarter of a year, and keep strict inclosure; to suffer a deduction of forty pence, "ad fabricam claustri," and to sleep in the common dormitory with the community. Bernard Page, alias Skelly, was to be denied fish and wine on two Fridays, and to forfeit forty pence "ad fabricam claustri." The prior was commanded by the bishop, "in virtute obediencie," to see this penance enforced to the letter‡.

John Pyper, elected on September 23, 1404: he died on Tuesday, February 1, 1423-4.

John Haukyn confirmed prior on the 19th of the same month and year: he died April 26, 1434.

John Kylkeham confirmed his successor on May 29 following. Eight canons assisted at his election. After its announcement he was conducted to a lofty chamber near the cloister, "alta camera juxta claustrum," which was called camera subprioris claustralis. This prior, in August, 1438, consented, for himself and convent, that the curacy chapel of St. Mary at Callington, dependent on St. Sampson's de Southill, should be allowed a distinct cemetery. Both chapel and cemetery were consecrated August 31, 1438. (See Lacy's Reg. vol. iii. fol. 161—169.)

William occurs prior, June 28, 1462.

John Serle died in office, February 28, 1508-9.

Robert Swimmer, the last prior, succeeded March 26, 1509. He was admitted to the vicarage of Tallan on 26 December, 1520, which he resigned to be instituted to Minstre on October 31, 1537. He surrendered his Convent, with seven of his brethren, March 2, 1539, and obtained a pension of £66. 13. 4. The other pensioned members were (2 Dugd. Monast. p. 469)

Stephen Saygemore . . .	£5	6	8
Richard Trowte	5	6	8
John Rithe	6	13	4
Robert Vyen	5	6	8
William Lawry	5	6	8
To Robert Capell, a novice .	2	0	0

Browne Willis, (Hist. of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 52,) is incorrect in his conjecture, that the prior changed his pension for the benefice of Southill. The fact is, that on 25 November, 1558, John Blackston, Bishop Turberville's commissary general, granted administration of the property of this Robert Swimmer, late incumbent of Minstre, who had died intestate, to John Swimmer, brother of the deceased. The initials of the last prior may yet be seen in St. German's church. We find in the will of Richard Muyle, Esq., dated April 4, 1525, and proved April 5, 1532, that he directs his body to be buried in the conventual church of St. German's, and that prior Robert Swimmer be appointed joint overseer of it with Henry Fortescue.

The convent seal is oval, but the only impression we have seen is greatly mutilated. St. German is represented sitting, and the letters remaining are "SCI —"

We have seen an ancient seal of the House of St. German's in Laya, in the diocese of Paris, representing the saint as duke, before he became bishop of Auxerre, in the act of chasing the stag. The legend is S. PREPOSITVRE SCI GERMANI IN LAYA.

"The tithes of our St. German's," says Whitaker, "were granted by K. Edward VI. to the Dean and Chapter of Windsor." (See Hist. Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. ii. p. 250.)

We are informed, that the manors of St. German's and Cotyngbeck were sold to Thomas Arundell and Francis Godolphin for £1718. 3. 5½.

In fol. 13 of Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. ad calcem, is the form of homage of the Bishop's tenants. At his Lordship's inn, beyond Temple Bar, London, Sir Nicholas de Tamworth, knight, on Candlemas-day, 1370-1, did homage for St. Winnock's manor, thus:—"Jeo deveng votre home de ceo jour en avant pour le Manoir de Seynt Wynnoc, que jeo tien de vous Monsr Evesque Dexecestre come de droit del eglise de Seint Jermayn, et foy jeo vous portera, sauve le foy et eligeance que jeo doy a nostre Seignor le Roy et autres Seigneuges de qui jeo tien."

Num. I.

(Exon. Domesday—fol. 200, manuscript; printed copy, 182.)

Episcopus habet unam mansionem que vocatur Sanctus Germanus quam tenuit Leuricitus episcopus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea sunt viginti quatuor hide: de his habent canonici sancti Germani duodecim hidas que nunquam reddebant gildum et duodecim hide episcopi reddiderunt gildum pro duabus hidis: has duodecim hidas episcopi possunt arare viginti carruce. Inde habet episcopus unam hidam in dominio et duas carrucatas, et villani habent undecim hidas et sexdecim carrucatas. Ibi habet episcopus triginta villanos et duodecim bordarios et quatuor servos et triginta oves et duas leugas nemoris in longitudine et unam in latitudine et quatuor leugas pascue in longitudine et duo in latitudine et reddit per annum octo libras, et quando episcopus accepit, valebat centum solidos, et duodecim hidas canonicorum Sancti Germani possunt arare quadraginta carruce. Inde habent canonichi unam

* A modern French topographer writes as follows:—Notre église royale et paroissiale de St-German-l'Auxerrois de Paris possède une relique de son glorieux patron, bien précieuse sous le double rapport de la piété et de l'art: C'est un large morceau du suaire en soie brochée, dans lequel l'impératrice Eudoxie (Placidia) enveloppa le corps du pontife lorsqu'il mourut sous ses yeux dans le palais de Ravenne, le 31 juillet 448, et que l'on conservait avec la presque totalité de ses ossemens, dans l'église abbatiale de St-Germain à Auxerre.

† And yet, strange to say, Mr. Whitaker denies the existence of a cloister here. (Cath. Cornwall, vol. i. p. 222.)

‡ Bishop Stafford's predecessor, Bishop Brantyngham, as we learn from fol. 156 of Reg. vol. i., having found a secular priest, John Fuller, to have offended against chastity, imposed on him the following penance:—First, a strict fast on every Friday during a twelvemonth, commencing from that day (June 20, 1386), and on which Fridays he was to be content with bread, legumes, and small beer. Secondly, during every week to recite in the Church the whole one hundred and fifty psalms. Thirdly, to continue humbly supplicating the Most High, "cum cordis contritione ut sibi dimittat peccata sua."

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hidam in dominio et duas carrucatas, et villani undecim hidas et viginti quatuor carucatas. Ibi habent canonichi viginti quatuor villanos et viginti bordarios et duos servos et sexaginta oves et quatuor leugas nemoris in longitudine et duas in latitudine et duas leugas pascue in longitudine et unam in latitudine et valet per annum ad opus canonichorum centum solidos. In ea mansione erat unum mercatum ea die qua Rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus in dominica die et modo adnichilatur per mercatum quod ibi prope constituit Comes de Moritonio in quodam suo castro in eadem die.

(Id. fol. 201, manuscript; printed copy, 183.)

Item, de Ecclesia Sancti Germani ablata est una hida terre que erat de dominicatu predicte ecclesie et reddebat ibidem pro consuetudinem unam cupam cervisie et triginta denarios ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus: modo tenet eam Raginaldus de Valletorta de comite Moritonensi: hanc potest una carruca arare.

Item, de Ecclesia Sancti Germani ablatus unus ager terre qui erat de dominicatu ecclesie ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus; hunc tenet Raginaldus de Valle torta de Comite.

Item, de Ecclesia Sancti Germani ablata est una virga terre que erat de dominicatu ecclesie ea die qua Rex Edwardus vivus et mortuus; et modo hanc tenet Hamelinus de Comite.

[The foregoing is repeated in fol. 507 of the MS.; 470 of the printed edition.]

Num. II.

Exemplification of an inquisition taken before the king's eschaetor, 32 Edward the Third [inserted towards the end of Bishop Stapeldon's Register *].

Rex dilectis sibi in Christo priori et canonicis ecclesie Sancti Germani in Cornubia salutem. Compertum fuit nuper per quandam inquisitionem coram Johanne Skyrbek escaetore Domini Edwardi nuper Regis Anglie avi nostri anno regni sui tricesimo secundo de mandato ejusdem avi nostri captam et in cancellariam suam retornatam, quod quidem Rex Anglie nomine Knout dedit Deo et ecclesie Sancti Germani et ibidem Deo servientibus terras et tenementa in brevi ipsius avi nostri contenta et tunc fuit ibidem sedes episcopalis Cornubie et episcopus nomine Brithwaldus ac canonici seculares; demum regnante Knout Rege predicto quidam Lyvyngus episcopus Cryditon optinuit episcopatum Cornubie post mortem predicti Brithwoldi qui ultimus fuit Cornubie episcopus uniri cum episcopatu Cryditon. Cui Lyvyngo successit Leofricus qui optinuit illos duos episcopatus sic unitos usque tempus beati Edwardi Regis et Confessoris. Qui quidem Edwardus de precepto et assensu Pape Leonis transtulit sedem Cryditon in civitatem Exonie, et postea idem Leofricus Episcopus fundavit apud Sanctum Germanum prioratum canonicorum regularium, canoniccis secularibus ammotis. Et quod sic est dictus prioratus de fundacione et patronatu episcopi Exonie continuatus usque ad diem inquisitionis predicte; et episcopus Exonie qui pro tempore fuerit, habeat vacaciones prioratus predicti cum contigerint et habuit a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit. Ac prefatus avus noster octavo die Octobris dicto anno regni sui tricesimo secundo tenorem inquisitionis predicte per literas suas patentes exemplificari fecit et nos quinto decimo die Octobris ultimo jam preterito dictas literas patentes ipsius avi nostri ad requisicionem venerabilis patris Thome de Brantyngham episcopi Exonie per literas nostras patentes duximus exemplificandas et hoc sub tenore presencium significamus ut super hiis que jus ipsius episcopi concernunt in hac parte melius et evidencius possitis informari ad effectum quod idem episcopus in premissis per vos nullatenus injurietur. Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium decimo die Novembris anno regni nostri septimo.

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Num. VI.

De Hucario.

(Commentarii de Scriptoribus Britannicis auctore Johanne Lelando, p. 168, 9.)

Hucarius, Coriniæ non levis, quantum ad theologiæ cognitionem divinam quidem illam pertinet, fama enituit, et eo potissimum tempore, quo bonæ per universam fere Europam literæ, barbarie undecunque prævalente, tantum non interierant. Ut autem studiorum cursum felicius absolveret, fanum Germano sacrum apud suos petiit, ubi et levita factus, partim concionando, partim etiam scribendo, insignem apud cunctos gratiam prudens sibi comparavit. Scripsit autem homilias centum et octo, et in hujus libelli prologo sic scribit: "Talis liber a me Hucario, exigui ingenii homunculo, in unum collectus talem habeat prologum." Et ibidem: "Sed tamen hæc utcunque a me collecta, qui in ultimis Cornugalliæ partibus humilis levita habito, cui placuerint, accipiat; et si laudare noluerit, peto ne carpat." Et, ne lector ignarus sit, præfixit operi paucas constitutiones, decerptas quidem ex libro constitutionum ecclesiasticarum Ecberti, archiepiscopi Eboracensis, olim præceptoris Flacci Albini, viri literarum titulo vel clarissimi. Pervenerat, quo nescio casu, Hucarii opus vel Durovernum usque Cantiorum, unde a monacho quodam translatum est ad Isidis Vadum, et bibliothecæ collegii Cantiani commendatum; id quod et aliis exemplaribus cum multis tum antiquis contigit, tota enim hujus bibliothecæ supellex a fano Servatoris Duroverni translata est.

Num. VII.

(Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. p. 405.)

Prioratus de Seynt German, unde Bartholomeus quondam episcopus Exonie est fundator,

Spiritualia.

Valor firme decimarum garbarum dicto prioratui pertinencium et in diversis parochiis et dominicis jacentium ut sequitur, viz.—

	£		
Seynt Germanus 70£			
Southpederwyn £15. 13. 4. . .			
Landilpe 10*s*.			
Lanracke 16£ *	122	10	-
Morvall 10£			
et Gulvall £10. 6. 8.			
Valor pencionum exeuntium de diversis ecclesiis dicto prioratui pertinencium viz. Southpederwyn 13*s*. 4. et Mary Mawdaleyn 13*s*. 4. In toto	1	6	8

Temporalia.

Valor redditus et firme terrarum et tenementorum tam liberorum tenencium quam convencionariorum dicto prioratui pertinencium et in diversis dominicis et maneriis scituatarum et jacentium ut sequitur, viz.—Lanrack cum 6£ de perquisitis curiarum £84. 18. 6. Tenyell cum 10*s*. de perquisitis curiarum 21£, et Germyn cum 1£ de perquisitis curiarum £13. 12. 10. In toto.	119	11	4
Summa valoris tam spiritualium quam temporalium prioratus predicti . .	243	8	-

* The composition for Lanrake vicarage may be seen in Lacy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 36.

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hidam in dominio et duas carrucatas, et villani undecim hidas et viginti quatuor carucatas. Ibi habent canonichi viginti quatuor villanos et viginti bordarios et duos servos et sexaginta oves et quatuor leugas nemoris in longitudine et duas in latitudine et duas leugas pascue in longitudine et unam in latitudine et valet per annum ad opus canonichorum centum solidos. In ea mansione erat unum mercatum ea die qua Rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus in dominica die et modo adnichilatur per mercatum quod ibi prope constituit Comes de Moritonio in quodam suo castro in eadem die.

(Id. fol. 201, manuscript; printed copy, 183.)

Item, de Ecclesia Sancti Germani ablata est una hida terre que erat de dominicatu predicte ecclesie et reddebat ibidem pro consuetudinem unam cupam cervisie et triginta denarios ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus: modo tenet eam Raginaldus de Valletorta de comite Moritonensi: hanc potest una carruca arare.

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[The foregoing is repeated in fol. 507 of the MS.; 470 of the printed edition.]

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De Hucario.

(Commentarii de Scriptoribus Britannicis auctore Johanne Lelando, p. 168, 9.)

Hucarius, Coriniæ non levis, quantum ad theologiæ cognitionem divinam quidem illam pertinet, fama enituit, et eo potissimum tempore, quo bonæ per universam fere Europam literæ, barbarie undecunque prævalente, tantum non interierant. Ut autem studiorum cursum felicius absolveret, fanum Germano sacrum apud suos petiit, ubi et levita factus, partim concionando, partim etiam scribendo, insignem apud cunctos gratiam prudens sibi comparavit. Scripsit autem homilias centum et octo, et in hujus libelli prologo sic scribit: "Talis liber a me Hucario, exigui ingenii homunculo, in unum collectus talem habeat prologum." Et ibidem: "Sed tamen hæc utcunque a me collecta, qui in ultimis Cornugalliæ partibus humilis levita habito, cui placuerint, accipiat; et si laudare noluerit, peto ne carpat." Et, ne lector ignarus sit, præfixit operi paucas constitutiones, decerptas quidem ex libro constitutionum ecclesiasticarum Ecberti, archiepiscopi Eboracensis, olim præceptoris Flacci Albini, viri literarum titulo vel clarissimi. Pervenerat, quo nescio casu, Hucarii opus vel Durovernum usque Cantiorum, unde a monacho quodam translatum est ad Isidis Vadum, et bibliothecæ collegii Cantiani commendatum; id quod et aliis exemplaribus cum multis tum antiquis contigit, tota enim hujus bibliothecæ supellex a fano Servatoris Duroverni translata est.

Num. VII.

(Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. p. 405.)

Prioratus de Seynt German,
unde Bartholomeus quondam episcopus Exonie est fundator,

Spiritualia.

Valor firme decimarum garbarum dicto prioratui pertinencium et in diversis parochiis et dominicis jacentium ut sequitur, viz.—

	£		
Seynt Germanus 70£ . . . . Southpederwyn £15. 13. 4. . . Landilpe 10*s*. . . . . Lanracke 16£ * . . . . . Morvall 10£ . . . . . et Gulvall £10. 6. 8.	122	10	-
Valor pencionum exeuntium de diversis ecclesiis dicto prioratui pertinencium viz. Southpederwyn 13*s*. 4. et Mary Mawdaleyn 13*s*. 4. In toto	1	6	8

Temporalia.

Valor redditus et firme terrarum et tenementorum tam liberorum tenencium quam convencionariorum dicto prioratui pertinencium et in diversis dominicis et maneriis scituatarum et jacentium ut sequitur, viz.—Lanrack cum 6£ de perquisitis curiarum £84. 18. 6. Tenyell cum 10*s*. de perquisitis curiarum 21£, et Germyn cum 1£ de perquisitis curiarum £13. 12. 10. In toto.	119	11	4
Summa valoris tam spiritualium quam temporalium prioratus predicti . .	243	8	-

* The composition for Lanrake vicarage may be seen in Lacy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 36.

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De quibus

Reprise deducte, viz. in

Feodis senescalli, receptoris, auditoris, annuatim solute.

	£
Henrico Marchioni Exonie capitali seneschallo domus predicte 2£	
Ricardo Harward subseneschallo ibidem £1. 6. 8.	
Stephano Gayer auditori domus 2£ . .	10 - -
Waltero Trelawny generali receptori domus 2£	
Roberto Goldson pro quadam annuitate nomine corrodii ex concessione episcopi Exonie £2 13. 4.	

Annua et perpetua pencio soluta.

Gardianis ecclesie de Kalyngton ad inveniendum lumen annuatim imperpetuum ex concessione Johannis Cole Clerici exeuns de terris in Fugoll . .	1 6 8

Perpetuis elemosynis annuatim solvendis.

	£
Pauperibus in elemosyna annuatim distributa in cena domini pro anima dicti fundatoris ex fundacione domus 4£, pauperibus tempore quadragesime viz. quolibet die tres panes et novem alleces pro anima fundatoris predicti 10*s.*, et pro quodam obitu pro animabus ejusdem Johannis Cole clerici et Rogeri Cole et aliorum tenencium quinto die Maii in ecclesia de Calyngton 6*s.* 8*d.* In toto. .	4 16 8
£16. 3. 4.	
Et valet clare ultra reprisas predictas per annum	227 4 8
Decima inde	£22 14 5½

For the customs of the manor of St. German's, see the Appendix N.

Collegiate Church of St. Burian, or Berian*, Virgin,

IN THE DEANERY OF PENWITH.

N the Exchequer Domesday we read, "Canonici S. Berrione tenent Eglosberrie, que fuit libera tempore regis Edwardi. Ibi est I hida. Terra VIII carucate. Ibi est dimidium carucate et VI villani & VI bordarii, & XX acre pasture. Valet X solidos. Quando comes terram accepit, valebat XL solidos." (Fol. 121.) This extract is copied into Bp. Stapeldon's Register, fol. 47.

In the Exeter Domesday the property is rather more minutely described.

"Terra Sancte Berrione Virginis."

"Canonichi Sancte Berrione habent unam mansionem que vocatur Ecglosberria, quam tenuit eadem virgo liberè eâ die quâ rex Edwardus fuit vivus & mortuus. Ibi est 1 hida quam possunt arare VIII carruce. In eâ habent canonici IIII boves & VI villanos & VI bordarios & XII animalia, & XII oves & XX agros pascue, et valebat per annum X solidos, & quando comes terram accepit valebat XL solidos." Fol. 188.

The Earl of Mortain here mentioned was Robert, a brother of the Conqueror, bearer of the standard of St. Michael at the battle of Hastings.

In the taxation of Pope Nicholas IV., commenced in 1288, and finished, as to the province of Canterbury, in 1291, is the following entry under St. Burian, fol. 148.

"In Archidiaconatu Cornubie & Decanatu de Penwid.

Ecclesia Sancte Beriane taxatur ad	£20	0	0	Decima	£2	0	0
Prebenda David De Bodlegh in eadem . . .	2	10	0	"	-	-	-
Prebenda Hugonis Splot in eadem	2	6	8	"	0	4	8
Prebenda Johannis Coci in eadem	0	15	0	"	0	1	6"

* In fol. 65 of the Exon Domesday, the Saint is incorrectly styled Sanctus Berrianus. She is said to have been a daughter of an Irish Prince or King, and to have left her country for Cornwall in the early part of the sixth century. At a spot called after her "Eglos-berrie," or Church of Berrian, she fixed her abode, and ended her days. Leland states, "St. Buriana, an holy woman of Ireland, sum tyme dwellid in this place, and there made an oratory. King Ethelstan, founder of St. Burian's college, and giver of the privileges and sanctuary to it. King Ethelstane goyng hens, as it is said, on to *Sylley*, and returning, made *ex voto* a college wher the oratorie was." (Itinerary, vol. iii. pp. 7, 8.) Her feast was kept on June 4.

In the Appendix will be found the act of the dedication of St. Burian's church, on the 26th of August, 1238, by William Brewer, Bishop of Exeter; and a *Vidimus* of the original endowment of this collegiate establishment, by King Athelstan, on the 6th October, 943, a date evidently incorrect. The clergy who served it, probably then seven in number, were bound to perpetual prayers for their benefactor. The foundation did not purport to confer any exemption from the jurisdiction of the ordinary, and, as far as documentary evidence can be traced, it is manifest that the diocesan exercised here the right of visitation as fully as in any other portion of the diocese. In folio 28 of Bishop Stapeldon's Register is given a list of free chapels of the King; but St. Burian is not included. Even the right of presentation to its deanery was not settled in the earls of Cornwall, until the prior and convent of Rochester (who seem to have obtained the patronage shortly after the conquest) surrendered the same, with the consent of Walter de Merton, then bishop, to Richard, king of the Romans, brother to King Henry the Third, in exchange for the churches of Henly on the Thames, of Mixebury in the county of Oxford, and of Brundish in Suffolk. Edmund, Earl of Cornwall, ratified to Thomas de Inglethorpe, a subsequent bishop of Rochester, this grant of exchange by his father. From the episcopal registers of the see of Exeter we collect that Bishop Bronescombe twice collated by lapse to vacant prebends in this collegiate church, viz., on July 1, 1264, and again in August, 1267; that Bishop Stapeldon, in February, viz. on Tuesday after the Feast of S. Scholastica, 1314, visited S. Burian's in the presence of numerous attendants; that he took the following inventory of the church property: "Three suits entire of vestments with tunics and dalmatics; two copes for the choir; two chalices; one good missal, and another inferior; one antiphonar, with a middling good psaltery (psalterium in medio bonum); two grails in excellent condition; a tropar; a legend, and one old antiphonar; a veil for Lent; nine towels; a nuptial veil; a pall for the dead; three pair of corporals, and three surplices." (Register, folio 85.) This bishop, on the 15th of August, 1318, collated, per lapsum temporis, Richard Beaupre, to a canonry and prebend here, void by the death of Peter Perot. (Register, folio 162.) However, on the death of the said Edmund without heirs, and the consequent escheat of his earldom to the crown, his cousin, king Edward the First, claiming S. Burian as a royal free chapel, gave Sir William de Hameldon, his chancellor, dean of York and a great pluralist, this deanery of St. Burian, to which was attached the cure of souls. But the neglect of residence was properly objected to by Bishop Thomas Bitton, and a suit in the King's Court was the consequence, which was not decided at the death of that prelate in September, 1307.

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His successor, Bishop Stapeldon, offered equal opposition when Queen Isabella appointed her chaplain, John Maunte, a foreigner, to this deanery *. Bishop Grandisson, considering this dean's neglect of duty and disregard of his monitions in the light of a spiritual rebellion against episcopal authority, excommunicated him and his supporters within the parish of St. Burian. On the 4th of November, being at S. Michael's Mount (1328), he excommunicated with all form the principal delinquents, especially Richard Vivian †, the most obnoxious of all. (Register, vol. ii. folio 78.) At his public visitation, on July 12, 1336, the bishop found the parishioners returned to a sense of duty, and truly repentant for their contumacy; and at their earnest supplication he absolved them from their censures, and preached to them from the text, 1 Peter, ch. ii. v. 25: "Ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned unto the shepherd and bishop of your souls." To add to the bishop's satisfaction, the dean, John de Maunte, on August 16, 1336, waited upon him at Bishop's Court, Clyst, promised amendment in future, and took the oath of obedience to him and his successors in the see of Exeter.

But the contest did not terminate here: within fifteen years King Edward the Third revived the claim of exemption, and the correspondence with Bishop Grandisson will be given in the Appendix. But, eventually, the contest was terminated in favour of the stronger party, and to this day the dean receives institution from the Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall as his ordinary, though the patronage has often been exercised by the sovereign, vacante ducatu.

Of the deans, the only names recorded in the episcopal registers are,—

Arnold, a prothonotary of Richard, King of the Romans, and Earl of Cornwall, admitted on the presentation of this his royal patron, on Friday, after the translation of St. Thomas, (July) 1259. Two years later he was also preferred to Bradninch, Devon.

Stephen Haym, admitted May 26, 1269. Patron, the same. In folio 37 of Bronescombe's Register we find him holding several other benefices.

William de Hameldon. Patron, Edward I.

John de Maunte, or *Medintâ.* Patron, Isabella, Queen of Edward II. Bishop Grandisson, shortly after his accession to the see of Exeter, viz. on January 3, 1329, in reply to the king's writ, says, "Johannes de Medinta de Francia juxta Parisios oriundus, rector sive decanus ecclesie parochialis Sancte Beriane: nescimus utrum resideat vel non: dicitur tamen quod aliquando est in Cornubia et aliquando extra: relatione tamen ipsius Johannis sepius audivimus, quod dicta ecclesia valet communibus annis centum libras."

In Dugdale's Monasticon Anglicanum, vol. vi. page 1448, and in Tanner, other names occur: *Ralph de Manton*, 30 Edward I. *Matthew de Medentor*, 9 Edward II. *Matthew Boileaux. John de Hale*, May 2, 11 Edward II. *Richard de Wolveston*, October 13, 23 Edward III. *John Saucy. David Macgnerd*, or *Maynard*, 27 Edward III. *Alan de Stokes*, April 16, 4 Richard II. *John Boor*, January 1, 17 Richard II. *Nicholas Slake*, September 28, 18 Richard II. *William Lochard*, February 24, 11 Henry IV. *Adam Moleyns*, 1439. *Peter Stucle*, 24 Henry VI. *Robert Knollys*, February 20, 1 Edward IV. Borlase states that *Walter de Gray* was Dean in 1213, and "*John Rise* of late time." *William de Sancto Albino* was presented in 5 Hen. III. (Rot. Lit. Claus. p. 444.)

To this list we may add the following:

Dr. Thomas Bagh in 1535. He was still living in 1553.

John Gayer and *William Fairchild* occur successively as incumbents towards the end of the reign of Elizabeth. (See the record in Fairchild v. Gayer, K. B. Hil. 1 Jac. I. and Croke's Reports temp. Jac. p. 63.)

— *Murry* was dean by the grant of James I., when Prince Henry appears to have successfully asserted his right of patronage. (MSS. in the Duchy office.)

Dr. Robert Creighton was dean in 1637. (Walker's Sufferings of the Clergy, part ii. page 72.)

Dr. John Weeks, 1645. (Page 391 of the same work.) He had been chaplain to Archbishop Laud, and held the deanery until his death.

Dr. Seth Ward is said (page 159 of the above-mentioned work) to have had interest to get the deanery annexed to his bishoprick. Dr. Pope, in the life of this prelate (1697), p. 58, says he procured it to be settled for ever on the see "by the king's letters patent."

Dr. Anthony Sparrow succeeded in 1667.

Dr. Thomas Lamplugh in 1676. He leased the tithes of S. Burian on the 30th of March, 1683, to Hugh Jones, of Penrose, Esq., and Francis Paynter, of Boskenna, Gent., for three years. Rent £240, payable February 2.

Dr. Sir Jonathan Trelawney in 1688; on whose translation, in 1707, to Winchester, the deanery became separated from the see of Exeter.

John Harris, clerk of the closet to the Princess of Wales, was certainly dean on August 11, 1717, when the present oval and ungraceful seal was provided. It presents a burlesque figure of Athelstan, with the legend "SIGIL . PECVL : IVRISDIC . DEC . STÆ . BERIANÆ . 1717."

Arthur Ashley Sykes, D.D., was advanced to this dignity in February, 1739, which he held till his death, November 23, 1756.

The Honorable Dr. Nicholas Boscawen succeeded December 8, 30 Geo. II. He died at Quendon, Essex, July 4, 1793.

Samuel Alford: his promotion was gazetted in October, 1793. He died early in August, 1799.

Henry Jenkins, D.D., appointed August 9, 1799, by his Royal Highness, George, Prince of Wales, who established the right of the duchy as against the crown. Ob. December 21, 1817.

The present Dean is the Honorable and Reverend *Fitzroy Henry Richard Stanhope*, who was preferred in 1817.

Whitaker, in his Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. ii. p. 26, after quoting Leland's Itinerary, vol. vii. p. 127, "Ther longeth to S. Buryens a deane and a few prebendarys, that almost be nether ther," adds, "the college thus sunk into ruins; and the ruins were destroyed by that retrograde zeal for religion, which should in common sense have rebuilt, instead of demolishing, the college, and have settled a permanent colony of divines within it. But now the dean, 'Like Aaron's rod, has swallow'd up the rest.'" In fact, the lands have been alienated, and the tithes are wholly received by the dean.

King Edward the First, in 1302, granted to the Dean and Canons here a market on Saturdays, and a fair on the eve, day, and morrow of St. Martin.

St. Burian's church, with its cemetery, stands in the centre of the village to which it gives its name; and has a road and open space around it. The situation is elevated; and the tower, ninety feet high, commands distant sea and land views.

In front of the south gate of the churchyard stands a cross, and within the enclosure, on the right of the path leading to the porch, is another very ancient and venerable one, mounted on steps.

The porch is of good architecture, has a string course round it, and is surmounted with battlements. It is ornamented with two buttresses finished with turrets and crocketed pinnacles.

The church itself, built of granite, consists of a nave and two side aisles, connected by five pointed arches. Its dimensions are ninety feet by forty-seven. The many-coated washes of lime have lately been scraped from the arches, pillars, and capitals, by which their ogee mouldings and the long-concealed granite have been brought into view. Each aisle is lighted by five square-headed windows. Formerly the church possessed a handsome screen and rood-loft, which were destroyed not many years ago, but some remains of it are fastened to the upper part of the wall of the north aisle. The carving consists of intricate foliage, richly gilt, and painted. There is a little of the carved work still remaining, hidden behind the desk, and just sufficient to indicate the pristine magnificence of the

* Bishop Stapeldon seems to have been both a well-informed and a cautious man. Anxious, as patron of Boseham, to become acquainted with Pope Clement the Fifth's Bull, "de libertate capellarum domini Regis," he applied to his friend, Roger de Northburgh, keeper of the privy seal, for a copy: the original was kept at Westminster, "in capellâ receptorie in quodam parvo coffro," of which the said Roger had the key. The Bull exempts the royal person and chapels from being included in any sentence of excommunication, suspension, or interdict, to be issued by any authority, without a special and formal mandate of the Holy See, containing and reciting word for word this very indult of Clement the Fifth. See his Register, fol. 103.

† The Vivians continued to reside at Treviddron in this parish until their removal to Trelowarren, in the parish of St. Mawgan, within the deanery of Kerrier.

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whole. Of those whose reckless hands destroyed this elaborate work of art, taste, and piety, it is scarcely possible to speak in too severe terms. In this, as in too many other churches, the old carved oak benches, in which St. Burian's was particularly rich, are totally destroyed, and their place supplied by unsightly and undevotional pews.

In the south aisle, between the second and third windows, is a doorway walled up, which conducted to the rood-loft. Just within the chancel, and facing the altar, are four spacious and massive elbowed seats remaining, viz., two on either side of the entrance, destined for the dean, for the prebendary of Respernell, for the prebendary of Trithing, and for the holder of the "Prebenda Parva." Fortunately, they have escaped destruction from the hands of Puritans, and the no less mischievous pew-builders of more recent date.

The font is of granite, standing on a square ogee stem, and is ornamented with four angels supporting shields. In the north aisle is a slab, on which is a cross flory in high relief; on the edge runs this inscription in Lombardic characters

✠ CLARICE : LA : FEMME : CHEFFREI : DE : BOLLEIT : GIT : ICI : DEV : DELAME : EIT : MERCj : KE PVR : LEALME : PRIVNT : DI : IOR : DE : PARDVN : AVERVND :

✠ Clarice the wife of Geoffry de Bolleit lies here, God of her soul have mercy: those who shall pray for her soul will have ten days of pardon.

In the lofty tower hang three bells of considerable size. Over the door-way is a shield, bearing the sacred characters I H S, and above it is a perpendicular window of graceful appearance, strongly contrasted with the modern sash-window at the east end of the chancel.

To the mother church of St. Burian are annexed two daughter churches, St. Sennen * and St. Leven †.

St. Sennen is one mile from the Land's-end; and may appropriately be denominated the first, or the last church in England. Compared with St. Burian, it is indeed low and humble. It once possessed a screen and rood-loft; but is now disfigured by a protruding gallery. The font is not remarkable.

St. Leven stands in a quiet little valley, about a quarter of a mile from the sea, on the southern side of the Land's-end promontory. In size and feature the church bears a strong family likeness to its sister St. Sennen; and it has fully shared in its chilling neglect and mutilation. There was a time when it was rich in carving and ornament; and a small portion of one of the ribs of the roof still retains its ancient coating of brilliant scarlet, blue, and gold.

The font, of which we give a drawing, is superior to either of the other two in the deanery.

* St. Sennen was an Irish abbot, some say a bishop who accompanied St. Burian into Cornwall; his feast was on the Sunday nearest to St. Andrew's.

† Perhaps St. Livin the Irish bishop who preached the Christian faith in Belgium, and is said to have been martyred at Escha, near Hanthen, in the district of Alost, Nov. 12, A. D. 656. His feast day is kept in the parish on Oct. 15, perhaps the day of the translation of his relics.

We cannot close this article without acknowledging our special obligations to the Rev. John Buller, of St. Just, in Penwith, a gentleman of refined taste, an ardent lover of antiquity, and as ready, as he is able, to afford information.

Num. I.

Infeodacio Ethelstani Regis Anglorum ecclesie Sancte Beriane in Cornubia et dedicacio ejusdem ecclesie.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 25 b, 26.)

Willielmus [Brewer] miseracione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis universis Christi fidelibus presens autenticum inspecturis et audituris salutem graciam et benedictionem. Noverit devocio vestra quod nos gracia Dei adjuti dedicavimus presentem ecclesiam Sancte Beriane in Cornubia nostre diocesis ad honorem Dei et ad titulum gloriose virginis Marie genetricis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi principaliter et postmodum ad honorem Sancti Andree apostoli et Beati Thome martiris ac beati Nicholai confessoris necnon et Beate Beriane virginis et omnium sanctorum Dei mense Augusti videlicet vij° kalendis Septembris anno Incarnacionis Domini M°CC° XXXviij°. De misericordia autem Dei et beate Marie et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli auctoritate confisi concessimus singulis qui eidem dedicacioni interfuerint studio pietatis ccc dies indulgencie super hiis de quibus legitime sunt confessi et eciam illis qui ipsam ecclesiam visitarint infra octavas dedicacionis ejusdem. Statuimus quoque ut ipsa dedicacio futuris temporibus annis singulis in ecclesia ipsa et tota ejus parochia die sui anniversarii solempniter celebretur et indulsimus triginta dies remissionis predicto similiter modo visitaturis ecclesiam ipsam in festo et infra octavas anniversarii sui. Notificamus quoque universis et singulis nos dedicasse sicut predictum est eandem ecclesiam ad confirmacionem proteccionem et ad defensionem sanctuarii sui et libertatis ab annis antiquis concesse sibi a felicis et clare recordacionis Ethelstano rege Anglorum et tenorem concessionis ipsius, sicut in ecclesia ipsa scriptum vidimus, presenti autentico de verbo ad verbum fecimus ad firmitatem et fidem perpetuam annotari. Tenor igitur talis est. || REGNANTE Domino nostro Jhesu Christo, mundi hujus labentibus properanter temporibus regna que fluunt cum regibus velocissimo trahentibus curru licet firmata priori statu labi nulli sapienti ignotum est et gaudia hic pallentis vite desiderantur. Quapropter Ego Ethelstanus rex Anglorum ceterarumque gencium in circuitu persistencium gubernator et rector, pro petitione nobilium meorum, dedi quandam particulam terre mee in loco qui dicitur ecclesia Sancte Beriane, id est unam mansam in septem loca divisam, in honorem Dei et Beate Beriane pro redempcione anime mee et pro longevitate dierum meorum in eternam hereditatem largitus sum cum omnibus ad se pertinentibus campis pratis pascuis rivulis piscariis ea videlicet condicione ut libera sit illa prefata terra ab omni mundiali censu nisi oracione quam clerici mihi promiserunt, id est, c. missas et c. psalteria et cotidie oraciones. Si quis vero donacionis hujus destructor existere conatus fuerit deleatur nomen ejus de libro vivencium et cum justis non scribatur. Qui vero fautor et observator, addat ei Deus dies in regione vivorum. Acta est hec prefata donacio anno ab Incarnacione Domini nostri Jhesu Christi D CCCC^mo XLiij° xix° Cicli vij° Indictione II Concurrente VII° Epacta XII mei Imperii VI^to. Cicli Lunaris V^to xj Luna pridie nonas Octobris in villa que dicitur Kyngeston *. Istis terminis ambitur predicta tellus, id est, a fonte usque ad fossam, et a fossa que tendit circa Rescelcromlegh, usque ad Yolbrunnemian, et inde usque ad Fimbol, et inde usque ad Ponsprontiryon et inde usque ad Mahenhalen, et inde usque ad Pelnagerens, et inde usque ad Mankependoim ascendens contra montem usque ad Polmadice, et inde circa fossam ad Kacregan, et inde per rectitudinem vie usque ad rivulum, ascendens

* There is manifest error in these dates, which it is not easy to correct.

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contra rivulum usque ad fontem, postea ad villam que dicitur Bodenewel, tres arpennas. Incipit quoque terminus villule a Benberd ascendens contra rivulum usque ad Melynon, et inde usque ad Maentol in Lentrisidyn ascendens per rectitudinem vie contra montem per mediam Bossegham, et inde per rectitudinem fosse usque ad Fonghed descendens inter duas fossas usque ad rivulum et inde usque ad mare descendens. Inpendre unam arpennam; in Bokankeed, iij arpennas; in Botilwoelon ij arpennas; in Treikyn ij arpennas; in Bosselynyn i arpennam; in Treuenen i arpennam. Ego Ethelstanus Rex tocius Britannie hoc cirographum cum signo sancte Crucis corroboravi. Ego Hulshilmus Archiepiscopus consensi et subscripsi. Ego Ethelfel Archiepiscopus affirmavi et subscripsi. Ego Radulfus Archiepiscopus annui et subscripsi. Ego Donanus Episcopus subscripsi. Ego Ethelstanus Dux testis. Ego Elsth Dux testis. Ego Beordolf Dux testis. Ego Hulfrit Dux testis. Ego Helfrit Dux testis. Ego Oddo distifer [discifer?] testis. Ego Hulfil in Trimfine testis. Ego Helpine distifer testis. Ego magister Elfnod testis. Ego Hulfar magister testis. Ego Elfnod magister testis. Ego Elfrid magister testis. Ego Beomod magister testis. Ego Edulfus magister testis. Ego Geordaf Ethelmarch testis.—Si quis igitur, quod avertat Deus, predicte nostre dedicacionis protectionis et confirmacionis sanctuarii et libertatis presenti autentico inserte fuerit invasor, nisi resipuerit, indignationem Dei et Beate Marie ac omnium sanctorum se noverit incursurum ac nostre et Exoniensis ecclesie sentencie et ulcioni per districtionem ecclesiasticam subjacebit usque ad condignam satisfactionem. Omnes autem illi qui predicta omnia firmiter et fideliter observaverint et juverint statum ac libertatem et sanctuarium antedictum ecclesie sepedicte studio pietatis aducti gratia et protectione Dei et Beate Marie et eorum quorum honori dedicata est ecclesia, necnon omnium sanctorum ac nostris et Exoniensis et omnium ecclesiarum Dei oracionibus vitam cum sanctis optinere mereantur eternam. Nos autem ad innovacionem et perpetuam memoriam et ne privilegium et scriptum sanctuarii ac libertatis predicte ab antiquo confectum deperire posset propter vetustatem, presens memoriale autenticum in missali et autenticis libris sepedicte ecclesie precepimus annotari ut maneant et valeant et sint in testimonium veritatis cum Dei et beate Marie ac nostra benedictione. Amen.

Num. II.

Carta comitis Cornubiæ.

(Folio 26 ejusdem Registri.)

Edmundus Comes Cornubie omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei et pro salute anime nostre et anime Domini Ricardi Romanorum Regis, genitoris nostri, necnon et anime Domini Henrici Regis Anglie avunculi nostri et omnium antecessorum et heredum nostrorum dedisse concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Deo et beate Marie et beato Andree apostolo ac venerabili patri Domino Waltero Roffensi episcopo et ecclesie sue Roffensi advocacionem ecclesie Sancte Beriane in Cornubia, una cum advocacionibus capellarum et prebendarum suarum et aliis omnibus ad dictam advocacionem spectantibus quocumque jure vel nomine censeri possint, habendum et tenendum eidem episcopo et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue predicte de nobis et heredibus nostris in liberam et puram elemosinam imperpetuum. Quare volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predictus episcopus et successores sui et ecclesia sua Roffensis habeant et teneant predictam advocacionem ecclesie Sancte Beriane in Cornubie bene et in pace cum advocacionibus capellarum et prebendarum suarum et aliis omnibus ad dictam advocacionem spectantibus in liberam et puram elemosinam imperpetuum sicut predictum est. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi. Hiis testibus, dominis Thoma Archidiacono, Galfrido Russell, Roberto Malet, Roberto de Aumary, Waltero de la Puille, Reginaldo de Bodellis, militibus. Michaele de Norhampton, Magistro Waltero de la Mare, Rogero de Drayton, Rogero de Wallyngforde, et aliis.

Num. III.

Finalis concordia inter Episcopum Roffensem et Comitem Cornubiæ.

(Folio 26 ejusdem Registri.)

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia Domini Regis apud Westmonasterium in octabis purificationis beate Marie anno Regni Regis Edwardi filii Regis Henrici quintodecimo coram Thoma de Weylaunde Johanne de Lovecot Willielmo de Brumton Rogero de Leycester et Elia de Bokyngham justiciariis et aliis Domini Regis fidelibus tunc ibidem presentibus inter Thomam Roffensem episcopum petentem et Edmundum comitem Cornubie deforciantem de advocacione ecclesie Sancte Beriane cum pertinentiis unde placitum fuit inter eos in eadem curia, scilicet, quod predictus episcopus recognovit predictam advocacionem predicte ecclesie cum pertinentiis esse jus ipsius comitis et illam remisit et quietem clamavit de se et successoribus suis predicto comiti et heredibus suis imperpetuum Et pro hac recognicione remissione quieta clamancia fine et concordia idem comes dedit et concessit predicto episcopo et ecclesie sue Sancti Andree Roffensis unam rodam prati in Henleye simul cum advocacione ecclesie ejusdem ville cum pertinentiis in comitatu Oxonie et advocacionem ecclesie de Mixebury cum pertinenciis in eodem comitatu et advocacionem ecclesie de Brundissh cum pertinentiis in comitatu Suffolch, habendum et tenendum eidem episcopo et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue predicte in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum. Et predictus comes et heredes sui warantizabunt eidem episcopo et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue predicte pratum et advocaciones predictarum ecclesiarum cum pertinenciis contra omnes homines imperpetuum.

Num. IV.

De Capella Sanctæ Berianæ.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 28.)

Edwardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Johanni eadem gracia episcopo Exonie salutem. Ex parte decani libere capelle nostre Sancte Beriane in Cornubia accipimus quod, licet predecessores vestri episcopi Exonie a tempore quo non extat memoria ministris dicte capelle nostre et alios libertatis ejusdem qui ordinandi fuerint ordinare et parvulos confirmare ac crisma ministris capelle predicte mittere consueverunt, vos tamen hujusmodi ministros aut alios libertatis predicte ordinandos ordinare, parvulos confirmare, seu crisma ministris ejusdem capelle mittere, recusatis, in ipsius decani et ministrorum dicte capelle nostre et aliorum libertatis ejusdem depressionem et periculum animarum manifesta, de quo quamplurimum movemur: Vos igitur rogamus quod ea que ad officium vestrum in hac parte incumbunt facienda prout retroactis temporibus per dictos predecessores vestros fieri consuevit faciatis, ne materiem ad vos ex causis premissis habeamus graviter capiendi. Et si causa subfuerit quare id facere minime debeatis, tunc vos de causa illa in cancellariam nostram citra diem Dominicam in medio quadragesime proxime future sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte reddatis cerciores, hoc breve nobis remittentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium xviij Die Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo sexto, regni vero nostri Francie tercio decimo *.

Quod quidem breve sic fuit retornatum. Venerabili in

* This writ, in the nature of a mandamus, was produced by Noy, attorney-general, in a case in B. R. 17 Jas. I. (Palmer's Report, p. 51, and again cited in Amhurst's case, 23 and 24 Car. II.,) 1 Ventris's Reports, p. 188.) It is remarkable that there is an abstract of the writ in Harl. MSS. No. 980, p. 212, preceded by a copy of Noy's will. By extracts from a chronicle of St. Berian, contained in Harl. MSS. No. 17048, p. 343, and Lansdown MSS. No. 966, it should seem that the chrism had in like manner been denied by Bishop Walter in 1310. In those MSS, and in Harl. MSS. No. 6600, the various proceedings in the reigns of Ed. II. and III. are set forth at some length.

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Christo patri et domino Domino Johanni Dei gracia Wygorniensi episcopo Johannes miseracione Divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem cum reverencia et honore. Breve Regis sub magno sigillo suo de Cancellaria recepimus quod infra presens retornum sicut idem requirit breve, vobis remittimus interclusum. Quicquid per occupatores et detentores decanatus ecclesie parochialis Sancte Beriane in Cornubia nostre diocesis majestati regie sit suggestum, facti tamen veritas sic se habet ut per multas antiquas et modernas evidencias satis liquet. Omni tempore ex quo Exoniensis ecclesia fuit cathedralis et per beatum Edwardum Confessorem episcopalis ibi posita fuit sedes, dicta parochialis ecclesia Sancte Beriane cum clero et populo ejusdem prout alie ecclesie parochiales Exoniensis diocesis subjecta fuit pacifice ecclesie Exonie et ipsius episcopis in omnibus pleno jure; ac quociens et quando decanatus dicte ecclesie Sancte Beriane vacavit, nobiles viri Comites Cornubie temporibus suis usque ad tempora bone memorie Domini Edwardi avi Domini nostri nunc regis et ante ipsos comites religiosi viri Prior et Conventus Roffensis, a quibus inclitus vir Dominus quondam Ricardus Rex Alemannie et Comes Cornubie jus patronatus ejusdem ecclesie pro patronatu duarum aliarum ecclesiarum juxta Castrum de Wallyngford permutacionis titulo adquisivit, decanos instituendos in eodem Exoniensibus episcopis qui pro tempore fuerunt presentarunt, decanusque dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit ad prebendas seu porcionem dictis Exoniensibus episcopis similiter presentavit. Qui omnes et singuli tam decani quam prebendarii seu porcionarii postquam fuerunt per episcopos instituti canonicam eis obedienciam prestiterunt, prout hec omnia ac eciam dies, anni, et loca in quibus, necnon nomina partium de quibus et per quas facta erant per registra antiqua predecessorum nostrorum usque ad tempora domini quondam Thome Exoniensis episcopi qui infra quinqueginta annos decessit ostendi poterunt dilucide et probari. Verum quia defuncto domino quondam Edmundo Comite Cornubie sine herede, comitatus ipse in manus predicti Domini quondam Edwardi avi dicti Domini nostri regis per viam cecidit escaete, idem Edwardus rex dictum decanatum Sancte Beriane vacantem contulit cuidam Domino Willielmo de Hameldon cancellario suo, decano Eboraci. Qui videns se de jure communi non posse talia beneficia simul licite retinere suggessit regi quod dicta ecclesia Sancte Beriane fuit libera capella Regis et sic secundum eum fuit prout et alie capelle regie sine cura, fundans se solum super hoc quod in libro qui vocatur Domesday dicitur contineri, Beriana libera cum tot hidis, &c. Que libertas prefatam parochialem et curatam ecclesiam non ut capellam regiam concernit sed de tali loco libertate fugitivorum, qualem ob reverenciam quorumdam sanctorum aliquibus locis et eorum incolis, utputa Beverlaco et Ripon reges et domini ex devocione antiquitus concesserunt. Cum itaque predictus episcopus Thomas jus suum et ecclesie sue per dictam fraudulentam suggestionem cerneret graviter esse lesum, ipse contra dictum Willielmum de Hameldon in curia regia movit litem, que pendebat toto suo tempore indecisa. Et licet bone memorie dominus ultimus Walterus episcopus Exonie successor ipsius Thome dictam litem usque ad reddicionem judicii perduxit cum Domina tamen Isabella qui cuidam Johanni de Maunt clerico suo predictum contulit decanatum litem ipsam non permisit in curia regis per eundem terminari *. Sicque cum evidenti multarum animarum periculo ac nostro et dicte nostre Exoniensis ecclesie prejudicio totum adhuc remanet negocium in suspenso. Quominus igitur predecessores nostri Exonienses episcopi decanum porcionarios ac eciam parochianos memorate ecclesie Sancte Beriane olim dum eos ut patres suos et prelatos ecclesiamque nostram Exoniensam matrem suam debite agnoverunt affectione paterna fuerunt in omnibus prosecuti, nos tamen modernis occupatoribus decanatus ac prebendarum seu porcionum predictarum et parochianis illius ecclesie qui omnes ab obediencia et subjectione dicte nostre Exoniensis ecclesie et nostra per tales vias devias velud scismatici sunt retornati, ex quo eos non possint ad ovile nostrum reducere, non tenemur prout est juste non possemus dum in tanta sunt rebellione pertinaciter persistentes quecumque eis sacramenta ecclesiastica ministrare. Qui tamen si conversi fuerint vel redire promisserint ad pastorem et episcopum animarum suarum et fiant unum ovile et unus pastor eos cum aliis ovibus nobis commissis juxta sinum pastoris graciam curabimus et pascemus. Altissimus paternitatem vestram conservet per tempora feliciter duratura. Datum apud Chuddelegh xiij° die mensis Marcii Anno Domini Millesimo CCC^mo LII Et consecracionis nostre xxv°. Item subscripto.

* Bishop Walter states the proceedings in this case of John Maunt (or Manton), in a petition to the king in parliament, 18 Ed. II., 1 Rot. Parl. p. 421.

Num. V.

Literæ Principis de Capella S. Berianæ.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 28, b.)

[This correspondence between the Black Prince and the bishop is preceded in the register by the following observations:—Johannes Exoniensis manu propria. Utinam domini nostri Rex et Princeps et eorum fideles omnes scirent circumstancias hujus negocii, quia tunc clare viderent et judicarent quod plus expediret pro multiplicibus periculis cavendis eos subesse episcopis quam ita sine regimine deperire. Quis enim de tam enormibus peccatis et excessibus citra sedem apostolicam absolvere posset? Taceo propter verecundiam que dicantur: De manifestis tamen dicere licet. Cum ipsi sint in cauda mundi quasi fere bestie constituti contrahunt matrimonia in omni gradu prohibito et divorciantur in omni gradu licito; sentencias canonum incidunt et nunquam resurgunt.]

Reverent Piere en Dieu. Come nous eiems entenduz qe comment la et franche chapele notre trescher Seigneur et Piere le Roi le notre de Seinte Beriane en Cornewiall qui est dens votre diocese assise, soit par le Roi Athelston notre progenitour plus de quatre centz et quarrante et oct anns passez foundee, et si franchement dowee que ele aad eeu et use de tout temps dount memoire ne court toute seculere justice et jurisdiccion de seinte esglise come appurtenante aycele, vous neparqunt desirauntz la dite jurisdiction et la institution et induction de ceuz queuz notre dit treschere seigneur et nous y ferrons deans et plusours autres choses en autre manere que unques ne soleient estre a vous acrocher en prejudice de notre treschere seigneur susdit et de nous, et en emblemissement de la dite franchise quele meismes notre trescher seigneur et nous sums tenuz amentineir, nauez volu solonc ceo que vous estes tenuz doner as clerkes de la jurisdiction susdite ordres de seinte eglise, ne les enfaunz confermer, ne crisme y envoier, ne autres choses que a votre office attienent a la dite chapele faire, ne ministrer, coment que la manoir de Cotyngbek & autres terres esteient, a ceo qui est dit, as evesques du dit lieu par nos progenitours doneez et grauntees pour toute telle admistracion a ceux de la dite jurisdiction faire eviz auex a toutes les foiz que vo^9 nuls ordres deviez faire publicment defendu souz peyne de excomengement que nul de cele jurisdiction vo approche a nul ordre de seinte eglise de vo^9 receivre, de queus, si ensy soit, no^9 ent marueillons durement moult: Si vo^9 reuisons qe vo^9 desore en bone manere et saun3 empeschement soeffrez la dite chapele avoir et esjoyer sa franchise et sa jurisdiction queles ele ad de si long temps eeu et usee sicome raison est, et facez desore administrer a ycele choses que busoignent et attienent a votre office, ou autrement vo signifier expressement, par vos lettres et le portour de cestes, certeines & joustes causes pour queles vous cestes choses ne voillez ou ne deyvez faire, et si vo^9 cleymes avoir les dites choses, a donques per quel title, car auxibien notre dite treschere seigneur come no^9 volons en toutes maneres ent estre acerter sique nous poussons outre faire ceo que fait affaire en la busoigne. Don souz notre privie seal a Westminstre le xxiij jour de Fevrier.

Tresnoble, treshonore, et tresame seigneur. Jeo rescieu voz letres le jour de seynt Gregoire darreyn passe touchantes le dene et lesglise curee de seynte Berione en Cornewaille par lesz queles il me semble bien que saune totes fortz votre bone seigneurie que len vo^9 aad meyns veritablement enforme de les condicions de la dite Esglise. Qar, treschier seigneur, certeynement, come autrefoitz sovent

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vo^{9} ay dit et escript, lesz Countes de Cornwaill pour tut lour temps tantqe votre besael monsire Edward que Dieu assoille, et devant eux les Priours et le Covent de Roucestr des queux le counte Richard, qui fust roi de Alemayne, pourchasa lavoweson per eschange de deux autres esglises pres votre chastel de Walyngford, presenterent tut temps a levesqus Dexcestr, puisqe le see de Evesq3 fust la mys par Seynt Edward le Confessour, a le denee de Seynte Berione; et les deens auxint presenterent a levesques a les porcions appenndantes et en defaute de eux levesques par devolucion les donerent tantque al temps notre predecessour Thomas qui morust dedeynz cesq cynkante anns, come piert per les auncyens regystres de noz predecessours en les queuz est contenu queles persones et qant furent presenteez par le dit roi de Alemayne, et lour nouns, lieus, anns, et temps. Et puis la mort le counte Edmond qant le Countee de Cornewaill vynt par eschete a la Corone pour defaute de heyr, le Roi Edward primer apres le Conquest, layel notre seigneur le Roi quiore est, donaa meisme le deene qant il voyda a un Sir William de Hameldon son chaunceler et le deen de Everwyk, qui avoit par tote Angleterre berbiz sanz nombre. Et pour ceo qui il voilleyt retener ove le deene de Everwyk le deene de Seynte Berione, qui fust curee, controva il & feynt une cause que le deene de Seynte Berione fust chapelle du Roi sanz cure come autres sont, par reson que len trova escript en Domesday *Beriana libera cum tot hidis &c.* mes ne mye capella mes tiele come la franchise de Seynt Johanne de Beverle. Et de cel temps comensa le plee entre levesques Thomas et Sir William de Hameldon. Et puis en le temps levesq3 Wauter fust continue le plee en la court le Roi qui ore est tantque a iuggement doner pour levesques. Et poureceo que ma dame la Royne Isabelle, come len bien saet, fust coronee devans le proscheyn Wauter mon predecessour et avoit donee le deene a un son clerk mestre Johan Maunte ele ne soffryt nye que le juggement poreit passer pour levesques. Et treschier Seigneure, sauve touz jours vostre bone grace, tantque a temps votre uncle monsire John len trovee que les Countes de Cornwaill firent homage pour ascunes terres a levesques Dexcestr. Et en meisme leglise de Seynte Berione est escript en lur veyl myssal coment levesque Dexcestr Willeam le dedya et excomenga touz ceaux qui feissent encountre la franchise Seynte Berione, et la prist especialment en la protection de la esglise Dexceatr. Et, mon treshonere seigneur, mout me mervaille que len vous aad enfourme que le Roi Adelstan founda cele chapelle, qar si len regarde bien les cronicles len trovera que ne tient rien en Cornwaill ne outre la ryvere de Thamer, et pourceo fist il enclore la vylle Dexcestre et fist le chastel. Et apres tantque le Roi de Denemarch Knoth conquit et tynt par force, et Hardeknouth son fitz apres luy par trente anns et pluis, le roilme Dengleterre, furent diverses sees des evesques en Cornwaille et Devenschir, queux apres furent unys et joyntz par Seynt Edward qui fist et chanja primes lesglise Dexestre de un abaye de moignes en esglise cathedrale lan del incarnacion Jhesu Christ mille et cynkante, come piert par veux muniementz et legendes et cronicles a Excestre et en moutz dautres lieus en Engleterre. Sur quieles choses nous serroms prestz denfourmer votre Seignourie et votre bon Conseil quant vous plerra: parqei ieo prie a votre tres deboneire seignourie, come sovent ay fait que, vous me deyngnez oyer pour lamour et le honeur de Dieu et seynte esglise a descharger ma conscience et la votre. Qar sils ne soient subgitz a notre eglise et de notre faude, no^{9} ne les pooms ne ne devoms ministrer les sacraments ne ne les assouldre come appent a notre office. Quiele chose est plus encountre eux que contre nous, pour ceo que cest notre travail et salvacion de lur almes, qui, come len dit, sont en treshorribles pecches de queux nul, sauve evesque de la court de Rome, les puist assouldre; mes si len no^{9} soffree avoir le droit de notre esglise, nous serroms tousjours prestz de faire tot ceo que a nous appent a salvacion de lur almes et la notre. Et autrement nous summes excuses et hors de peril, et chescun autre veyt bien qil soit auxint. Qar nous ne pooms mye contre noz souvereyns, mes soulement dyre verite.

Num. VI.

Fulminacio sentencie contra aliquos apud Sanctam Berianam.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 78.)

Pridie nonas Novembris 1328, apud montem Sancti Michaelis in Cornubia, dominus episcopus in persona propria una cum fratre Petro de Karavilla priore dicti loci Sancti Michaelis, magistro Ricardo de Belloprato canonico Glasnensi, dominis Nicholao de Ake, Willelmo de Wolseye, Johanne de Aston, ipsius domini episcopi capellanis, et Johanne de Elmor, canonico Lantonie prope Glovernam ordinis Sancti Augustini Wygorniensis diocesis sibi astantibus, stolis indutis et candelis accensis in manibus eorum, fulminavit in scriptis sentenciam excommunicacionis majoris in Johannem Kaer qui se dicit sacerdotem parochialem sancte Beriane eo quod ipse excommunicatus et scismaticus celebrat immo pocius profanat in presencia quorundam parochianorum Sancte Beriane predicte excommunicatorum et scismaticorum in loco profano ac eciam interdicto. Item in magistrum Ricardum de Penros alias per dominum excommunicatum et suos ministros pro tali denunciatum propter suas offensas et contumacias manifestas usurpando jurisdictionem domini in ipsius Ricardi et aliorum damnacionem. Item in Ricardum Vyvyan auctorem fautorem et incentorem multorum malorum et flagitiorum in parochia supradicta. Item omnes impedientes jurisdictionem domini ibidem et eorum fautores concilium vel auxilium prestantes eisdem. Item in omnes illos qui manus violentas injecerunt in magistrum Ricardum de Belloprato supradictum. Item in omnes communicantes cum predictis maxime in sacris, missis, et oracionibus in ipsa ecclesia Sancte Beriane per effusionem sanguinis polluta cum cemeterio polluto quam interdixit et interdictam pronunciavit tunc ibidem cum corporibus ab interdicto citra nunc vel imposterum sepeliendis in eisdem, nisi peniteant et ab erroribus suis predictis resipiscant et ad unitatem et subjeccionem Sancte Matris Ecclesie revertantur. Sic dicendo et candelas extinguendo "sicut ista luminaria in occulis nostris corporaliter extinguuntur ita in presencia Dei et beate Marie et beatorum angelorum et omnium sanctorum anime extinguantur et diabolo et ejus in angelis igne eterno puniende sine fine tradantur, nisi peniteant et resipiscant: fiàt fiàt, amen." Cujus sentencie fulminacione per quosdam parochianos dicte ecclesie audita et aliis comparochianis suis nunciata eodem eciam die, et in crastino quidam dictorum parochianorum videlicet, Vivianus Poher, Thomas Trewoef3 Ricardus de Rosmoderesse, Henricus de Boschawayn, Rogerus de Boschaweyn Woen, Hugo Tewoest, Willielmus de eâdem, Gocelinus de Trebuher, Willielmus Filius Agnetis, Benedictus le Brun, Johannes de Boschaweyn, Robertus Jahan, Willielmus Wysa, Johannes Loghon, Robertus Chona, Johannes Reddon, Florencia Treworgens, Ricardus Walter, venerunt ad dominum et recognoverunt ipsum patrem eorum spiritualem et prestito juramento de stando mandatis ecclesie optinuerunt beneficium absolucionis a sentencia excommunicacionis quam incurrerant communicando cum predictis excommunicatis, et aliis rebellibus parochie sepedicte. Jurarunt eciam se nullo tempore se unquam debere rebellare contra ecclesiam Exoniensem vel ejus episcopum seu aliquos vel aliquem rebellantes vel rebellantem contra ipsam vel episcopum ejusdem fovere aut ipsis rebellantibus favere quovismodo.

Num. VII.

Episcopus personaliter apud Sanctam Berianam exercet suam jurisdictionem ordinariam.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 202.)

Memorandum quod cum Dominus progressum suum faceret quasi per totam Cornubiam pro suo pontificali

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officio exercendo et eciam que ad id pertinent exequendo xij die mensis Julii anno Domini M°CCC^mo tricesimo sexto ad ecclesiam Sancte Beriane personaliter declinavit, presentibus ibidem cum eo nobilibus viris Domino Edwardo de Mortimer Johanne de Alneto et Radulpho Bloyhou, militibus, magistris Thoma de Nassyngton Exonie et Adam de Carleton Cornubie archidiaconis Willielmo de Nassyngton cancellario Domini Cathedralis Exoniensis et Ricardo de Gomersale collegiate beati Thome Glasney ecclesiarum canonicis et multis aliis capellanis de Capella Domini ceterisque suis familiaribus et domesticis et exteris in multitudine populosa. Volens quoque dictus dominus, antequam ibidem suum officium exerceret, scire voluntatem omnium parochianorum dicte ecclesie qui diu antea contra Deum et ecclesiam atque ipsum rebellarunt ab unitate ecclesie deviantes si ad gremium et unitatem ecclesie redire curantes suos recognoscerent in hac parte errores, organo vocis proprie a majoribus parochianis ipsius ecclesie, quorum nomina pro parte inferius continentur, id petierint, et ab aliis parochianis qui linguam duntaxat noverint Cornubicam * per magistrum Henricum Marseley rectorem ecclesie sancti Justi quem suum constituerunt in hac parte interpretem idem queri fecit. Habitis quoque inter dictos parochianos per aliquot intervallum super premissis tractatu et deliberacione, aliquali premissa protestacione quod nichil in prejudicium juris regii attemptaretur ibidem et per dominum admissa, ac eciam pro se per eundem dominum repetita: demum parochiani omnes predicti unanimiter consenserunt et firmiter promiserunt quod ab illa hora in antea dicto domini velud patri eorum spirituali et pastori ejusque successoribus et ministris in omnibus obedirent, et ita plene sibi sicut ceteri Christicole ejus subditi sibi obediunt seu subjiciuntur de jure vel consuetudine subjicerentur ipsi pariter et parerent. Ista autem promiserunt dicti parochiani majores in lingua Anglica et Gallica, alii vero qui linguam Cornubicam tantummodo noverint in Cornubica sicut dictus interpres ibidem tunc retulit dicto patri. Et nichilominus in signum obediencie et possessionis dicti parochiani omnes et singuli nullo penitus reclamante coram dicto patre ibidem genuflectendo humiliter ipsius ante pedes supra tenuerunt manus sursum et elevarunt, premissa juxta modum prescriptum firmissime promittentes, fatentes se ab unitate ecclesie diu et temere aberrasse. Unde dictus pater zelans salutem animarum suarum cantato primitus ympno illo *Veni Creator Spiritus*, &c. dictisque quibusdam ordinacionibus dictos parochianos ad eorum postulationem instantem absolvit a certis sentenciis quibus fuerant auctoritate ordinaria involuti, et successive ibidem puplice predicavit supra sumpto themate de Epistola Petri ibi *Eratis sicut oves errantes conversi ad pastorem episcopum animarum vestrarum.* Prosecutus est thema hujusmodi juxta modum quem presentibus inserere longum foret, et, sermone hujusmodi ipso completo, in lingua Cornubica parochianis illius lingue duntaxat fecit per dictum interpretem recitari. Et subsequenter in dicta ecclesia multos de ipsa parochia oriundos ad primam tonsuram tonsoravit seu clericali caractere insignivit quorum nomina pro parte in registro de ordinibus† continentur, puerosque quoque innumerabiles de ipsa parochia lata utique et diffusa in fronte crismavit, juramentum obediencie canonice a presbiteris in dicta ecclesia divina celebrantibus recepit et fecit recipi corporale et multos actus alios tam ad legem jurisdictionis quam diocesanam spectantes ibidem exercuit et perfecit. Presentibus personis superius expressis et magistris dominis Elyam, Nicholao Aunger ‡, notariis publicis et Willielmo Donne clerico. Teste, &c.

Nomina vero parochianorum de quibus supra sit mencio sunt hec:

Willielmus Vyvyan	Willielmus de Solwene
Joccus Treboer	Rogerus Boscasewowen
Henricus de Pengersek	Benedictus le Brun
Ricardus Rosmodereth	Thomas Trewitch
Joceus Penros	Robertus de Bodnewel
Rogerus Penros	Willielmus Boscawal.
Johannes Boscawen	

Nomina vero capellanorum de quibus supra:

Domini { Johannes Kayr, presbiter parochialis; Petrus Vicount; Thomas Parys; Ambrosius de Sancta Beriana; Henricus Trenaryan.

Num. VIII.

Juramentum Decani ecclesie Sancte Beriane.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 202, b.)·

Memorandum quod xvj° Die Augusti anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo tricesimo sexto Indiccione iiij^ta pontificatus domini Benedicti Pape xij anno secundo in camera venerabilis patris domini Johannis Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi manerii sui de Clyst Exoniensis diocesis discretus vir magister Johannes de Maunte decanus ecclesie sancte Beriane in Cornubia coram dicto patre in presencia domini Radulfi Bloyon militis et magistri Willielmi de Nassington canonici ecclesie Exoniensis personaliter constitutus non vi aut metu aliquo ut apparuit coactus sed voluntate spontanea et consciencia ut asseruit ductus tactis per eum sacrosanctis Dei Evangeliis corporale prestitit juramentum sub hac forma. "In Dei nomine amen. Ego Johannes de Maunte, decanus ecclesie Sancte Beriane, Exoniensis diocesis, ductus consciencia et ad emendacionem anime mee et parochianorum meorum dicte ecclesie, spondeo, polliceor et promitto vobis venerabili patri et domino domino Johanni Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo, vice vestra et successorum vestrorum stipulanti, quod super omnibus et singulis dubiis controversiis et querelis super jurisdictione ordinaria in dicta ecclesia et ejus occasione hactenus qualitercumque exortis, et que deinceps poterunt forsitan suboriri sine difficultate qualibet parere volo et parebo vestris persuasionibus consiliis et decretis dicti decanatus mei jure regio et corpore michi salvo, sic Deus me adjuvet et hec Sancta." N. Aunger.

Num. IX.

Absolucio Decani Sancte Beriane a sentencia excommunicacionis quam incurrit pro retardatione solutionis decime sexenalis.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 202, b.)

Item, eisdem die et loco idem magister Johannes de Maunte decanus supradictus prestito per eum ad Sancta Dei evangelia juramento corporali de parendo juri pro sua offensa quam contraxit necnon solvendo decimam quadrienalem in bonis et redditibus ecclesiasticis regni Anglie per sedem apostolicam novissime impositam personam suam contingentem termino ad hoc statuto a sentencia excommunicacionis majoris quam ea occasione incurrerat obtinuit se absolvi in forma juris et sequestrum in fructibus et proventibus dicti decanatus alias per dominum ex ea causa rite interpositum relaxari et obtinuit literas sub hac forma:

Johannes, &c. collector decime quadriennalis in bonis et redditibus ecclesiasticis regni Anglie novissime per sedem Apostolicam imposite a dicta sede in nostra civitate et diocesi specialiter deputatus universis quorum interest salutem graciam et benedictionem. Dilectum filium magistrum Johannem de Maunte decanum parochialis

* Dr. Whitaker, in "Cathedral of Cornwall," vol. ii. p. 37, maintains that the English language, unknown in Cornwall at the Reformation, was then forced upon them, and that "this act of tyranny was at once gross barbarity to the Cornish people, and a death-blow to the Cornish language;" and he contrasts the attention to humanity and religion shown towards the Welsh by their rulers on that occasion.

† Unfortunately this register does not exist; but we have his predecessor's (Walter Stapeldon) list, and of most of his successors, the Bishops of Exeter, until the Reformation.

‡ Nicholas Aunger, of Ermington, Clerk, was created public notary by Bp. Grandisson, March 7, 1331.

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ecclesie Sancte Beriane nostre diocesis a sentencia majoris excommunicacionis qua innodatus extiterat occasione dicte decime personam suam contingentis certo ad hoc statuto termino non solute denunciamus vobis per nos esse in forma juris absolutum. Ne igitur dicta absolucio valeat a quoquam in dubium revocari presentes inde fieri fecimus literas nostro sigillo communitas. Datum apud Clist sextodecimo die Augusti.

Num. X.

Pro Decano Sancte Beriane.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 202, b.)

Johannes miseracione divina, &c. Dilecto filio Magistro Henrico Marsely rectori ecclesie Sancti Justi in Penwith nostre diocesis salutem, &c. Dilectum filium magistrum Johannem de Maunte rectorem ecclesie Sancte Beriane dicte nostre diocesis a sentencia excommunicacionis majoris qua innodatus extiterat occasione decime quadriennalis in bonis et redditibus ecclesiasticis per sedem apostolicam novissime imposite statuto ad hoc termino pro summa personam suam contingente non solute, auctoritate dicte sedis absolvimus humiliter postulantem et in hiis que ad legem cure animarum et perceptionem proventuum decanatus dicte ecclesie non tamen jurisdictionis ibidem pertinent, dimisimus penitus absolutum. Ideoque mandamus quatenus eum vel procuratorem suum pro eo dumtaxat premissa hujus exequi et eis uti absque contradictionis obstaculo permittatis. Datum ut supra.

Num. XI.

Caveatis pro Libera Capella Sancte Buriane in Cornubia.

(Bishop Turberville's Register, fol. 6, b.)

Undecimo Die mensis Februarii Anno Domini, 1555, quidam Willielmus Gere de Marchaseyowe in Cornubia, Exoniensis diocesis, exhibuit et presentavit michi Thome Bordfille, registrario reverendi patris domini Jacobi Exoniensis episcopi, quandam advocacionem in quadam pargameni pecia conscriptam, et magno sigillo Anglie appendente sigillatam, cujus quidam advocacionis tenor sequitur et est talis. Henricus octavus Dei gracia Anglie Francie rex fidei defensor Dominus Hibernie et in terra supremum caput ecclesie Anglicane, dilectis nobis Willielmo Leth legum doctori, Radulpho Sadler et Willielmo Leth salutem. Sciatis nos ex speciali gracia nostra et mero motu nostro vobis communiter et divisim dedisse et concessisse ac per presens scriptum dare et concedere primam et proximam advocacionem nominacionem donacionem collacionem et liberam dispositionem et jus presentandi ad officium gardiani, prepositi, magistri sive custodis ecclesie collegiate sive capelle nostre regie Sancte Buriane virginis in Cornubia aliquam personam idoneam comiti (?) nostro ibidem, cum primo et proxime dictum officium per mortem resignacionem cessionem permutacionem privacionem dimissionem vel alio quocumque modo vacare contigerit pro unicâ et proximâ vacacionis ejusdem vice tantum.

Num. XII.

Certificate of survey of St. Beryan, 2 Ed. VI.

(Augmentation office.)

The certificat of Willm Godolfyn knyght John Graynfeld and Henry Chyverton esquyers, comissioners appoynted by vertue of the kyng's majesties comyssion to them and others directed, beryinge date the 14 of February in the 2 yere of the reigne of Edwarde the syxth by the grace of God kynge of England Fraunce and Irelond defendor of the faythe and in this churche of Englond and also of Irelond supreme hedde, to take the survey of all colledges chauntries free chapells and other lyke within the said countie of Cornewall as hereafter ensuyth.

Seynt Beryan. Memorandum, that there ys within ye saide parishe churche of howselinge people the nombre of xv hundred. A deanrye or rectorye in the parish churche there, the parson receyvynge the name of the dygnitie of a deane of Kynge Addelston.

Founded within the parishe churche of Beryan to the deane or rector of Beryan whyche hathe the cure of ye parishe churche of Beryan and of ij other parishe churches being chappells thereunto appendaunt, and ys chardged wythe thre parishe churches.

And there be erected in ye same parishe church iij prebendaryes to ayede the quyer and to do other ministracon in the same parishe churche of Beryan.

Also in the same parishe churche of Beryan ys founded a prest, wyche ys called ye kyng's prest.

Thomas Bayth, doctor of dyvinitie, parson or deane there of the said parishe churche of Seynt Beryan of the age of . . . . which hath . . . . as well of the spiralty as of the tempaltiēs belonging to the said deane, parson or rectorye yerely towards his charges £vii. xis. vd. ob. as aspereth by ye kyngs boke of the fyrst fruts, and hathe other promocōns to the yerely value of £cc. . . £vii. xis. vd. ob.

Willm Woodward, one of the said iij prebendaryes of thage of xliii yeres, hathe for his salarye yerely vii£. and none other promosions.

Lewes Jenkyn, another of the said prebendaryes of thage of xxiiij yeres, hathe for his salarye £vij. vjs. viijd. and hath none other promosion.

And Roger Wheller, the thyrde prebend of thage of xliii yeres, hathe for his salarye yerly xlivs. and hath none other lyvinge or promosion. In all . . £xvi. xs. viiid.

Phylype John, prest, whyche ys called the kyng's prest there, of thage of lx yeres, hath for his salary cs. and hath none other promosion . . . . . cs.

The lands tenements and other profytts, as well spiritual as temporall, be of ye yerely value of . £iiiixx. vs. id. ob.

Whereof in reprises yerely . . . . . xxvis. viiid.

And remant clere yerely, with £lxxix. iis. id. ob. the salary of the said encumbents, . . . £lxxviii. xviiis. vd. ob.

Ornaments, jewells or plate, for that yt was occupied, belong to the possession of the parishe churche of Beryan . . . . . } None.

The cherytable respect we ought to have to the relieff of Rychard Geyre, an auncyent gentylman, wich is nott able to helpe hymselff, enforceth us in this place to disclose that the said Rychard Geyre obteyned thadvouson and next avoydance of the said deanry or rectorye with his charge of £iiiixx. to his utter undoynge, yf by your good and godly means some recompence be not provided for hym in that behalfe.

Memorandum, that this parishe churche of Beryan standith at the very Land's end, and the other two churches, which be appendente to the same, stande and be dystaunte from the said parishe churche of Beryan eche of them two myles and more. Item the deane or parson fyndethe iiii prests within the said iii cures and ys charged with them at the leste yerely xv marks, and the said prebendaryes every of them charged with a clerke to serve in the said parishe church of Beryan, and to ayede the quyer there. Every of the said prebendaryes distrybut yerly to every of the said clerks xls.

Memorandum, that the deane and parson there hathe lett and demysed the premisses to one Davy Baugh by a dede beryng date the fyrst of Auguste in the xxvth yere of the reigne of the late kynge of famouse memory, kynge Henry theight, for terme of iiiixx yeres.

Item, that the patronage of the premisses ys nowe the duke of Suffolke's grace by reason of an eschaunge mad betwene the late kyng of famous memory, kynge Henry theight, and the right honerable Charles late duke of Suffolke.

(Signed) per me, Willm. Godolphyn
per me, Johannem Graynfild
per me, Hen. Chyverton.

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Num. XIII.

(Valor Ecclesiasticus Henrici Octavi, page 395.)

Decanatus de Penwith in Comitatu Cornubie et Diocesi Episcopi Exonie.

Boryan.

	£	s.	d.
Decanatus ibidem unde dominus Rex est fundator valet in redditu et firma tam liberorum tenencium quam convencionariorum cum 2s. de perquisitis curie ibidem per annum . . .	9	15	11
Decima inde . .	–	19	7¼
Rectoria ibidem valet tam in decimis majoribus quam minoribus cum rectoria de Sennan que appropriatur predicto decano ultra 3s. annuatim solutos pro sinodatico, 13s. 4. solutos Jacobo Gentill officiali suo, 1£. solutos Roberto Vyvian senescallo terre, 13s. 4. pro feodo . . . ballivi ibidem, et 4s. in perpetuis elemosinis annuatim distributis pauperibus die obitus regis Adelstonii	48	12	–
Decima inde . .	4	17	2½
Prebenda Trethyne valet tam in decimis majoribus quam minoribus cum agistamento glebali ibidem per annum	7	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	14	–
Prebenda Respernall valet tam in decimis majoribus quam minoribus cum agistamento glebali ibidem per annum	7	6	8
Decima inde . .	–	14	8
Parva Prebenda valet tam in decimis majoribus quam minoribus cum agistamento glebali ibidem per annum	2	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	4	–
Cantaria ibidem unde capellanus domini Regis est cantarista valet per annum	5	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	10	–

In the ecclesiastical survey of the diocese, as returned to the Crown by Bishop Vesey, November 9, 1536, we read as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Decanatus sive capella regia de Beryan, unde Dominus Rex est fundator, ubi Thomas Bagh est decanus et rector	48	8	2½
Decima inde . .	4	17	2½
Prebenda ibidem de Tretheny, Johannes Bysse	7	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	14	–
Prebenda de Resperwell, Johannes Westcott	7	6	8
Decima inde . .	–	14	8
Parva Prebenda ibidem, Johannis Longe	2	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	4	–
Cantaria ibidem, Benedictus Phellype	5	–	–
Decima inde . .	–	10	–

This college shared in the general suppression; and we find in Willis's History of Abbeys, vol. ii. p. 52, the following notice:

S. Burian's College.

Pensions paid, an. 1553, to David (Thomas?) Bauge, Dean, £25. 17. 4.; William Woodward, £5; Philip John, £4 10; Lewis Jenkins, £2; Robert Whitster, £2.

[Among the records of the Augmentation office is an indenture dated September 31, 30 Henry VIII., containing a grant in fee, under the great seal, by that king to Charles, duke of Suffolk, of (among other premises) the advowson, patronage, presentation, right of presentment and free election, of the college of St. Buryn, in the county of Cornwall, to hold of the king by the hundredth part of a knight's fee. After the passing of the statute 1 Ed. VI. c. 14, for vesting chantry guild and collegiate lands in the king, a commission was issued February 14, 2 Ed. VI., to Sir William Godolphyn and two others, to make a survey of "all colleges, chauntries, free chapels, and the like," in Cornwall. The return or certificate made by them will be found in the Appendix, No. XII. so far as concerns this deanery. At this time the duke of Suffolk was still the patron, but had sold the next avoidance to an "ancient gentleman," Richard Geyre, whose claim to compensation was urged by the commissioners. In 3 Ed. VI., by successive letters patent, dated July 21 and 28, the king granted to Sir Thomas Pomeroy and his brother Hugh, in fee, the lands and tenements belonging to the "late" college and its three prebends, which lands, &c. are described as situate in the parish of St. Burian, and in Buslevyn, Millynalfey, or Myllinalsty, Bussanguithe, Selevan (St. Levan), and Sevyn (Sennen?), to hold in free socage, and not in capite, as of the manor of Stokenham, in the county of Devon. On June 25, 15 Eliz., the queen, by letters patent, reciting the detention and concealment of the deanery, and that Richard Sinhowse, gent., had undertaken to recover it, granted to him "decanatum collegiatæ ecclesiæ, liberæ capellæ, sive rectoriæ de Buryan et duarum capellarum eidem adjacentium," with all messuages, tin-works, &c. within the premises, with all tithes and oblations lately demised or granted to David Baughe, and the tithes belonging to the three prebends, excepting trees and minerals other than tin, for a term of twenty-one years, at the rent of £45 2s. 0½d. for the deanery and its two chapels, £6 12s. 8d. for the tithes of each of the prebends of Respanell and Trethin respectively, and £2 1s. for those of Parva prebenda.

Various suits and informations appear to have grown out of the above grants, of which the records of the court of Exchequer, in 38 and 39 Eliz., afford evidence, at which time William Forth, clerk, was in possession, as incumbent of the "parsonage of St. Burian," of the "two other parochial churches, and the three prebends, with cure of souls belonging to them." The subsequent proceedings in the cause of Fairchild v. Gayre, reported in Coke's Commentary, f. 344, a., and 2 Croke's Reports, 63, have been already adverted to in the text.

This deanery has, we have seen, been a very fertile subject of litigation, the principal grounds of which have been its claim to exemption, its patronage, and the peculiar nature of the benefice. Its claims to be a free chapel receive additional illustration from the following records: Charter Roll, 15 Joh. (p. 196, printed ed.); Claus. Roll, 30 Ed. I. (cited in Prynne's Exact History, &c. p. 933); and the extracts from a chronicle of St. Berian among Harl. MSS. No. 17048, No. 6600; and Lansdown MSS. No. 966. If the point had not been completely at rest, it would have been difficult at the present day to ground an exemption on the vague words of liberty contained in Domesday, or in the supposed charter of Athelstan; and the Claus. Roll, 1 Joh. (p. 444, printed ed.) seems to prove that John did not claim it as a free chapel. On the other hand, Bishop Grandisson certainly displayed great boldness when he denied (see Num. v. p. 11) the existence, or the genuineness, of a charter of Athelstane, the terms of which are much less adverse to his own views than he seems to have been aware of. It cannot be doubted that the charter, whether genuine or not, was framed in favour of the church, and in exclusion of those *temporal* grievances and charges which frequently pressed upon it with a heavy weight. It is remarkable that this deanery has, to a certain extent, survived the statute 1 Ed. VI., which is expressed in terms sufficiently large to have operated its complete extinction, as in the case of Carantock, in the same county. It has, however, lost all its lands; the prebends are merged in the deanery, and the deanery itself is, in substance, only a rectory, including three parishes, which have long been served by curates appointed by the dean.—S.]

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Bodmin,

IN THE DEANERY OF TRIGG MINOR.

N Bishop Grandisson's Register, vol. iii. fol. 165, is entered an inquisition concerning St. Petrock's priory at Bodmin, taken at Lostwithiel, March 18, 1348-9, before John Dabernoun, keeper of the fees of Edward, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, and Earl of Chester, by virtue of a writ addressed by the prince to the said keeper. The jury found that the priory of Bodmin was an ancient religious house, founded from time immemorial by one of the kings of England, whose name was unknown to them*; that from time beyond the memory of man, the Bishop of Exeter, for the time being, held the patronage of the same priory, with its custody in time of vacancy; that the prior of Bodmin and his convent held no lands or tenements in chief of the said Prince Edward; that the whole of the manor of Realton, and the Bailiwick of the hundred of Pydreshire †, belonging to the same manor, and the manors of Pendevy, Raunledek and Kels, with the town of Bodmin and the town of Petrockstow (Padstow), and all other their lands and tenements, were held in free, pure, and perpetual almoigne. Also, that no king, earl, or any one who had the state of king in the county of Cornwall, took or had any government or profit during the vacancy of the said priory; and that John (de Kylkhampton), prior of the house aforesaid, died on the Friday next after the feast of St. Peter in Cathedrâ then last past.

Bishop Tanner informs us that the charters and inquisitions relating to the county of Cornwall were formerly deposited in this Augustinian priory. Of the extent of its literary treasures we know little; but we must notice its valuable MS. copy of the four Gospels, supposed to be written in the ninth century. The volume is a quarto, of an oblong form, and very neatly written. It was purchased by Mr. Rodd, the London bookseller, at the sale of the Wheatley Park library, near Uxbridge, and was disposed of by him to the Bristol Museum (No. 9381) for thirty guineas. After the Gospels follow forty-six entries of manumissions of serfs or villains.

Bp. Grandisson required that the canons should devote a considerable portion of time daily to studies in their cloister. See Num. IV. Appendix.

William Warelwast, who governed the see of Exeter from 1107 to 1136, refounded this priory, and settled in it regular canons of the Augustinian order ‡. Under his auspices, Algarus, a nobleman, is said, by Leland, to have erected the conventual church (Collect. i. 76), and assisted in the endowment of the establishment (De Script. Britan. p. 61). One shilling was to be doled out weekly to the poor for the benefit of the founder's soul; a custom observed until the dissolution of the priory. In its temporal and spiritual welfare his successors in the see of Exeter invariably manifested a special interest.

The body of St. Petrock § reposed in a beautiful shrine, "in pulchro scrinio," before the chapel of St. Mary, at the east end of the conventual church, as we learn from William of Worcester and Leland; but the tomb was probably rifled before the middle of the sixteenth century, and not a vestige of it remains at present.

From a passage in Bishop Stafford's Register, vol. ii. fol. 72, and from another in Bp. Lacy's, vol. iii. fol. 464, it might be inferred that the conventual church was distinct from the parish church; but we imagine that the choir from the rood-loft to the eastern end, including the Lady's chapel, was appropriated to the prior and convent; and the nave was used by the parishioners. It is still the finest and largest church in Cornwall, measuring 151 feet in length by 63 in breadth. The massive walls of the tower once supported a spire 150 feet high, which was destroyed by lightning on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 9, 1699. The present roof of the church was completed in 1472. The seating, after the manner of Plympton St. Mary's, was contracted for Dec. 9, 1491, and was to be completed by Michaelmas, 1495. There were to be two middle ranges of twelve feet and a half in length, and two side ranges of seven feet in length; and the pulpit was to be made like the one at Moreton Hampstead.

The following chapels and hospitals appear to have existed in Bodmin.—S. Thomas, "in cemeterio ecclesie parochialis Sancti Petroci" (Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 70, March 8, 1378).—S. Laurence: of this house even Tanner knew little more than Leland, who calls it "a poor hospital or lazar-house beyond the bridge about a mile, dedicated to S. Laurence." Bishop Stafford on October 11, 1395, granted an indulgence "ad sustentacionem pauperum leprosorum Sancti Laurencii juxta Bodminiam." Again, in Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 125, March 5, 1435, is a similar indulgence to S. Laurence. It was refounded by Queen Elizabeth in 1582, who recites in her charter that there had for a long time been a great company of lazar people in it, known by the name of a prior, brethren, and sisters. Under a decree of Chancery the lands are now settled in trust towards the support of the Cornwall infirmary; but lepers are admitted.—Two other hospitals at Bodmin, dedicated to S. Anthony and S. George, are mentioned in the will of Thomas Killegrew, bearing date 1500, in the Prerogative Office. S. George's was licensed by Bishop Stafford May 21, 1405, and by Bishop Lacy, September 30, 1432: S. Margaret's is also often mentioned in the episcopal registers. The site of the priory was granted by King Henry VIII. to the well known Thomas Sternhold, whose children, Thomas and Judith, seem to have conveyed it to the Rashleighs. It is now occupied by the house and pleasure grounds of the family of Gilbert.

The present register of baptisms in the parish church commences 2 April; that of burials 20 April, 1558; that of marriages 22 April, 1559. The register was begun by one of the ex-canons, viz. John Dagle, one of the pensioned religious, who was admitted vicar ‖, November 21, 1550,

* King Athelstan is reputed to have been the founder, in 936. The lands which the canons of St. Petrock held in the time of St. Edward the Confessor are set forth in the Exeter Domesday, folios 183—187; but of a considerable share they were deprived by the Earl of Mortain. The earliest grant distinctly noticed is one of King Aedred, referred to in a charter of 57 Henry III. (See Dugd. Monast. last ed.) The earliest charter extant is 1 John, Post No. 1. The convent claimed its franchises by prescription in 30 Ed. I. (Rot. Quo Warr. p. 110.)

† At the time of the creation of the Duchy of Cornwall (March 16, anno 11 Edw. III. 1337) the prior of Bodmin was bailiff in fee of the hundred of Pydre. See the Captio Seisinæ among the Exchequer records.

‡ Their founder, St. Augustine, died Bishop of Hippo Regius on Aug. 28, 430. His order of regular canons dates its origin after his promotion to the episcopacy, about the year 396, and that of his hermits about eight years earlier.

§ The saint, according to the best authorities, was a native of Wales, crossed over to Padstow in the year 518, and afterwards settled at Bodmin, where he died in 564. Before he came to Cornwall he had spent twenty years in Ireland in sacred studies, especially the Holy Scriptures. His feast was kept June 4. See Lanigan's Eccl. Hist. of Ireland, vol. i. p. 492.

‖ The subsequent series of the vicars of Bodmin may be interesting to our readers:

Stephen Lyons, Vicar of Borrington, succeeded to the living Feb. 18, 1565-6, void by the death of John Dagle. Patron Queen Elizabeth.

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on the presentation of Richard Chamond, hâc vice, as executor of his father, Sir John Chamond, knight.

On the Saturday after the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady, 1269, Bishop Bronescombe assigned to the vicar of Bodmin, "liberacionem unius canonici in singulis liberacionibus cotidianis et sustentacionem unius pallefredi in feno et avena et quatuor marcas argenti annuatim, nec ulla onera vicarie agnoscet." (Register, fol. 42.) This was but a confirmation of his endowment, made August 28, 1261, when John Chapman was admitted and instituted vicar.

From Bishop Vessey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105, b, we learn that the customary payment made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of the priory of Bodmin was, "pro rectoria de Bodmin, 4*s*."

Priors of St. Mary and St. Petrock.

William witnessed a deed of Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter, between 1138 and 1155; and we meet with his name again in 1171.

Roger was prior of Bodmin when Martin, one of his canons, secretly conveyed away the body of St. Petrock to the convent of St. Mevennus*, in Bretagne, in January, 1177; but on June 19, the same year, the prior obtained its restoration.

Baldwin was prior about the year 1240.

Richard occurs in a deed preserved in Bishop Bronescombe's register, bearing date Sunday after Christmas day, 1269, respecting Roger de Valletort's grant of the manor of Gargaule and the advowsons of St. Newlin and St. Alun to the see of Exeter: also in another, dated Michaelmas, 1277.

Gervasius, or *Germanus*, an excellent prior, who resigned in May, 1310, from age and infirmity. (Stapeldon's Register, fol. 51.) He was allowed on his retirement "capellam Sancti Margarete†, cum dominicis et omnibus obvencionibus ejusdem," the portion of two canons for his table and an annuity of six marks, and a grave canon was assigned to him as a companion.

John de Kylkhampton was confirmed as his successor on 20th of May, 1310. (Stapeldon's Register, fol. 51.) This prior met Bishop Stapeldon near the east part of Lostwithiel Bridge on the Saturday after St. Leonard's feast, 1314, and stated that about two years before, one of his canons, Odo Denisel, in an affray had wounded a secular clergyman even to the effusion of blood; that though the conventual church and cemetery had, in consequence, been desecrated, yet the community had gone on with the usual services and interments as if nothing had happened, and he now implored the bishop to reconcile the premises. The bishop appointed Sunday, the 16th, for the ceremony, arrived on the 15th, and, proceeding at once to the chapter-house, summoned the community before him, and marked his displeasure of their proceedings by inflicting a penalty of twenty pounds, payable on demand. (Reg. fol. 99.) Later in life this prior, from want of sense or vigilance, suffered the convent discipline to be greatly relaxed, and the community to be burthened with enormous expenses and debts. This drew from Bp. Grandisson a reprimand and injunction, mentioned in the Appendix.

From Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 140, we learn that this prior died of the plague, which swept off every member of his community, except two canons, viz. Roger de Honyton and William de Tregawythan. As neither of them was in a condition to accept superiority, Bishop Grandisson collated

Ogerius Bant, a canon of Launceston, appointed "die quâ cantatur officium Lætare Jerusalem" (the Fourth Sunday in Lent), March 22, 1348-9. (Register, vol. i. p. 140; vol. ii. p. 75‡.) In the sequel, Ogerius incurred suspension; but Bishop Grandisson, on his proper submission, restored to him the seal of office on March 20, 1361-2.

William Cornellow, alias *Carmenow*, occurs as prior, May 29, 1373, and died, at an advanced age, November 10, 1403. In August, 1379, he was arrested by the king's serjeant-at-arms, for alleged offences against the peace. (Devon's Issue Rolls, p. 213.)

Alan Kenegy was appointed his successor Dec. 22, 1403. He resigned his office, Sept. 10, 1435, to bishop Lacy, by reason of blindness and feebleness, in St. Mary Magdalene's chapel within the priory.

William Vyvyan § succeeded on the 8th of October the same year (1435). During his superiority Robert Oliver signalised himself amongst the benefactors to Bodmin Priory. Besides giving in hand the sum of one hundred pounds, he was at the expense of five pounds for a new window, and its entire glazing, in the conventual church, and spent other five pounds in removing and setting up the rood there; he further contributed eight pounds and upwards for masses to be said during the term of four years, and bestowed a chalice, vestments, and other ornaments for the altar under the north side of the rood-loft where those masses were to be celebrated, as also a bell to ring for such masses. The document, dated April 24, 1451, may be seen in Bishop Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 445. In folio 462 of the same volume the convent is said to have been formerly remarkable for its regular observance, its hospitality, and its charity to the poor. This prior must have died late in 1461, or early in 1462.

Thomas occurs prior, in a Deed dated June 28, 1462; secondly, in fol. 51 of Nevyll's Reg., July 12, 1462; again, in an inquisition respecting St. Endelient Vicarage, Oct. 13, 1462. On Nov. 8, 1463 he addressed a letter to Bishop Nevyll, engaging to maintain John Polslak for the remainder of his days, who was anxious to resign his living of St. Cuthbert from increasing infirmity and extreme old age. On this statement the bishop accepted the resignation. (Nevyll's Reg., fol. 21.) This prior is further mentioned in fol. 77 of Bothe's Reg., in a grant, dated Oct. 7, 1474, of a pension of four marks to Thos. Eyre, senior, and Leo, his son, "de et in dominio seu manerio nostro de Pendevy," in Eglosheil parish.

John Wylliam occurs as defendant in the Stannary

William Forthe, admitted April 2, 1566, on Lyon's death. Pat. Queen Elizabeth.

John Bishopp, admitted Jan. 1, 1571-2. Pat. Q. Elizabeth. On whose death

John Baylie succeeded, March 8, 1574. Pat. ditto.

John Saunders was admitted June 23, 1612, on Baylie's death, on the presentation, hâc vice, of John Saunders, senior, by grant of Edmund Prideaux, of Netherton, Esq.

William Drake, admitted Feb. 23, 1635-6, on Saunders' death. Pat. Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. This vicar lived to see the restoration of monarchy.

John Winnell, whose institution is not given; but on whose cession

Humfrid Bettie succeeded, Nov. 7, 1663. Pat. Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart.

Jasper Wood, admitted October 3, 1679, on Bettie's death. Pat. ditto. Ob. A. D. 1716, æt. 63.

Henry Hake, admitted September 19, 1716. Pat. Sir Edmund Prideaux, Bart.

Samuel Key, admitted May 4, 1722, on Hake's cession. Pat. ditto.

Matthew Mundy, June 28, 1732, on Key's death. Pat. Sir John Prideaux, Bart.

Charles Davis, instituted Dec. 14, 1734, on Mundy's cession. Pat. ditto.

Anthony Hosken, Nov. 4, 1735, on Davis' death. Pat. ditto. Ob. Nov. 21, 1766, æt. 55.

Edmund Powell, May 9, 1767. Pat. Lady Anne Prideaux, Widow.

John Pomerey, July 20, 1778, on Powell's death. Pat. Sir William Prideaux, Bart. This respected vicar died in the desk of his church, whilst preparing to officiate before the judges of assize, Aug. 17, 1813, æt. 61.

Robert Dillon, Oct. 8, 1813. Pat. Francis Lord Dunstanville and Basset. About the year 1783 the advowson was sold by the Court of Chancery, on behalf of the Prideaux family, to Mr. Radcliffe, who sold it to John Wallis, Esq. (father of the present Vicar) who shortly after his purchase parted with it to the above-mentioned nobleman.

John Wallis, Nov. 17, 1817, on Dillon's resignation for Gulval vicarage. Pat. Lord Dunstanville and Basset.

To this able scholar and respected incumbent we have to offer our best thanks for his valuable hints and information.

* He is often called St. Meen, and was a native of South Wales, and was appointed by his relation and master, St. Sampson, to be Abbot of St. John Baptist's Monastery (afterwards called St. Meen's), in the diocese of St. Malo, A. D. 550. He died about 617. Alban Butler, in his Lives of the Saints (June 21), says, "St. Meen is invoked in the English litany of the seventh century, and in the old Missal used in England before the conquest."

† This chapel is mentioned again in Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 146.

‡ The late editors of the Monasticon Anglicanum must therefore be incorrect in stating that Geraldus de Asserio was prior on April 29, 1322.

§ For an account of this ancient Roman family, see Whitaker's Hist. of Cornwall, vol. i. p. 42.

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Court, held at Lostwithiel, Sept. 30, 1480. (Appendix to the Report of Vice *v.* Anson, p. 70, ed. 1843.) We meet him again in Feb. 1503.

William Jones, whose admission is not recorded, died prior in the spring of 1508.

Thomas Vivyan, the sub-prior, was elected prior April 13, 1508, and confirmed at Clyst. This prior and convent, on November 5, 1516, obtained the institution of Thomas Vivyan, junior, (probably nephew to the prior, though some say brother) to the vicarage of Bodmin. Shortly afterwards, he was consecrated bishop of Megara*, to act as suffragan to Bishop Oldam, and in that capacity he held an ordination in Exeter cathedral on May 30, 1518. He consecrated, June 16, 1519, capellam Sancte Christine de Stowe infra parochiam de Kilkehampton. His signature occurs to an award made at Bodmin, Sept. 24, 1519, "p me Thomam Megarensem Epm̃." The seal appendant represents him in a supplicating posture before the Virgin-mother and Divine Infant, and bears the inscription, SIGILLm THOME MEGARENSIS.

In the first volume of Vesey's Register may be seen the lists of many ordinations which he held in Bodmin conventual church†. To support his episcopal dignity he was preferred to the rectory of Withiel, the vicarage of Eglosheil, and a prebend of the church of Endelient. For the account of Rialton-house, in the parish of St. Columb Minor, which he rebuilt, see Lysons' Cornwall, part i. p. 244. He died on Pentecost Sunday, June 1, 1533, and according to Leland, (vol. iii. of his Itinerary) was buried "before the high altar of the priory, in a high tumbe of a very darkesche gray marble with this inscription, Hic tumulatur venerandus pater Thomas Vivyan Megarensis episcopus, hujusque domus prior, qui obiit Anno Domini MDXXXIII. primo Die Junii, cujus anime propicietur Deus, Amen." This date of his death is confirmed, fol. 67, vol. i. of Veysey's Reg. The tomb was removed in 1819 to the north aisle.

The letter to Mr. Lok, complaining of his canons, p. 464, vol. ii. of the Monasticon Anglicanum, is incorrectly ascribed to the suffragan bishop. It was written by the last prior, Thomas Wandsworth, May 25, 1536.

John Symons was confirmed his successor in the Lady's chapel, within the conventual church, on July 6, 1533, but resigned in the following spring on a pension of forty pounds per annum.

Thomas Wandsworth was confirmed his successor May 10, 1534, who eventually surrendered his convent, with eight of his canons, on Feb. 27, 1538. The following pensions were granted (2 Dugd. Monast. 464, ed. 1819):

	£	s.	d.
The prior	66	13	4
Richard Oliver, the sub-prior	8	0	0
Richard Luer, blind and one hundred years old, was discharged from his home, but with a salary of ten pounds and six dozen of wood, to be received yearly during life	10	0	0
Benette Smythe	6	0	0
Thomas Rosemonde	6	0	0
John Wylcoke	5	6	8
Thomas Marshall	5	6	8
John Dagle, who gave up his pension for the vicarage of Bodmin in 1550,	5	6	8
Michell Flemyng	2	0	0
John Beste	2	0	0
Thomas Fawlyns, blind and aged	2	0	0
Sum total of pensions	£118	13	4

The "demayne londes" of the priory at the time of its surrender amounted to 110 acres, 3 roods, and 20 poles. See Bodmin Register, p. 42, by Rev. John Wallis, in which work several interesting documents respecting the priory, found among the corporation records, are printed. From Camden we learn, that towards the end of Queen Elizabeth's reign N. Prideaux, a gentleman of ancient name and family, erected a castellated mansion on its site.

The conventual seal presents two elaborate canopies; the right niche is occupied by the figure of the blessed Virgin, standing, with the Divine Infant in her right arm. The legend under her feet is S. MARIE. The left niche is occupied by St. Petrock with his right hand raised in the act of benediction. His left holds his crosier. Beneath them is a square recess, within which is a shield charged with fish, (dolphins?) allusive to the arms of bishop Bartholomew, one of the founders.

"Sigillū . Coie . Prioratus . Sancte . Marie . et . Sancti Petroci . de . Bodmyn."

The priors of Bodmin had a chapel of St. Nicholas at Pendevy, in Eglosheil parish. (See Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 69.)

The Prior and Convent of Bodmin possessed, as early as November, 1272, the moiety of St. Endelian's‡ church, in the deanery of Trigg Minor. "Prior et Conventus Bodmin ecclesie Sancte Endeliane medietatis sunt veri patroni." (Bronescombe's Register, fol. 51.) This moiety included the rectory and a prebend. The other moiety, consisting of two prebends, seems to have belonged to the Marny and Tregoz families. One of them, called Trehaverock, is described (Grandisson, vol. iii. fol. 47, May 12, 1342) as "Porcio non curata." In this parish of Endelian the Restarek family were allowed to have chapels, December 16, 1429, within their residences, "de Restarek et Boddeman." (Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 82.) In the Valor Ecclesiasticus of Henry VIII. the rectory is valued at £10, and each of the prebends at £5.

St. Tethe is the adjoining parish to St. Endelian. To the vicarage of Tethe (called "Sancte Tethe," Bronescombe's Register, 90) the prior and convent of Bodmin presented on May 4, 1259. (Bronescombe's Register, fol. 6.) Shortly afterwards two prebends were added, to one of which Bishop Brantyngham collated in 1380. (See Register, vol. ii. fol. 60.) The rectory belongs to the cathedral church of Exeter. The vicarage of St. Tethe in the above mentioned Valor is rated at £12, and each of the two prebends at £6 10*s*.

THE FRANCISCAN CONVENT OF ST. NICHOLAS at Bodmin, within the custody or guardianship of Bristol§,

* It still remains a see in Partibus Infidelium. The following is the best list that can be offered of the sees to which Vicars Apostolic and Coadjutor Bishops are usually nominated:—

Abdera, Abidos, Abina, Acanthus, Acon, Adramitum, Adraso, Adrana, Agathopolis, Agna, Alberta, Aleppo, Altena (Archbp.), Amat, Amasina (Archbp.), Amoria, Amycla, Anastatiopolis, Antendona, Antinoe, Apollonia, Arata, Arath, Ariopolis, Aria, Ascalon, Atalia, Aulona, Augustopolis, Aulonea, Aurielopolis, Avara, Azotus. Basilopolis, Bedua, Birtha, Bethlehem, Bethsaida, Bidna, Bodena, Bolina, Bugia. Calarmata, Calama, Calcida, Calidonia, Callinica, Callipolis, Canaria, Cambysopolis, Canopus, Capsa, Cardica, Carparia, Carra, Cariopolis, Canata, Carista, Carolinopolis, Castoria, Cassia, Castabala, Centuriæ, Ceramis, Cæsarea-Hiero, Chalcedon, Cidonia, Cinna, Claudiopolis, Columbica, Comana, Cornanen, Cortina, Crisopolis, Cybistra. Debra, Delcon, Derbe, Dioclesianopolis, Dione, Drasa, Drusipara, Dulma. Ellenopolis, Eleutheropolis, Eleusis, Eno, Eretria, Esbolia, Euria, Europum, Evara. Fessa, Flaviopolis, Fessula, Fussulamem. Gerasa, Germanicia, Gerapolis (Archbp.), Gerrensis, Gortina, Gratianapolis. Halia, Halicarnassus, Hebron, Heliopolis, Hippo. Icosia, Ipsopolis, Irina, Isauropolis. Jassa, Jericho, Joppa, Juliopolis. Legione, Leuca, Leontopolis, Leros, Leucosia, Limyra, Lorima, Lydda, Lystra. Madaura, Maggida, Malla, Marcopolis, Maronia, Mauricastro, Maxula, Megara, Melipotamus, Metellopolis, Miletopolis, Milta, Milevi, Mira. Niba, Nicosia, (Archbp.) Nissa, Nilopolis. Olena, Olympus, Oriensis, Ortosia. Palæopolis, Pella, Petra, Philadelphia, Philippi (Archbp.), Philomelia, Polemonia, Pompeiopolis, Ptolemais, Prusa. Rama, Resina, Rodiopolis, Rosa, Rosse, Ruspa. Samaria, Samosata, Saldes, Sarepta, Sardis (Archbp.), Satala, Sebaste, Sidnei, Sidon, Siga, Sinita, Smyrna, Spiga. Tabarca, Tanæ, Taumaca, Telmessa, Tenagra, Themiscira, Thespiæ, Tiberias, Tiberiopolis, Terapolis (Archbp.), Trachonitum, Traga, Tricala, Tricomia, Tripolis, Trachonitis, Troy, Tyre (Archbp.) Uranopolis, Usula. Vera. Zama, Zela.

In the episcopal registers of Exeter we meet also with the following Irish and other bishoprics: Akadensis, Altensis, Ardakadensis. Bedensis. Catenensis, Connerensis, Cumenagensis, Cunachdonensis. Eunachduriensis. Lymbricensis. Soltomensis, Solubriensis. Tynensis.

† It is believed, that the last ordination, held here, was on the 16th of March, 1538-9, by William, Bishop of Hippo.

‡ St. Endelian is said to have been sister to St. Nectan, as also St. Tetha; but their acts have perished. The chapel of St. Electa, in St. Endelian's parish, occurs in Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 206.

§ This was one of the seven custodies into which the province of English friars was divided, and it contained ten convents,—one in each of the following places: Bristol, Bodmin, Exeter, Plymouth, Bridgewater, Dorchester, Gloucester, Hereford, Cardiff, and Carmarthen.

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was situate on the south side of the market-place. It was begun by a London merchant, John Fitzralph, and completed, June 19, 1239, by Richard Earl of Cornwall, brother to King Henry III. In the new church, dedicated by Bishop Grandisson in 1322, the obits of their benefactors, especially of Bishop Walter Bronescombe and certain members of the Peverelle, Arundell, Carminhoe, and Segrave families, were celebrated. "There lay Sir Hugh Peverelle and Sir Thos. Peverelle, benefactors to the house." (Leland's Itin. vol. iii. p. 2.) The only guardians of the convent whose names have been recovered, are those of *Adam* April 11, 1330, and *Richard Roscarn* Feb. 15, 1373. The site of the house was granted by Henry VIII., on Jan. 30, 1545, to William Abbott, Esq.*

Num. I.

Carta Regis Johannis.

(Rot. Cart. 1 Joh.; printed ed. p. 63.)

Sciatis nos . . . . . elemosinam ecclesie de Bomiñ et priori et canonicis . . . . . servientibus omnes terras suas et tenementa sua in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in viis et semitis . . . . . et piscariis, in molendinis et stagnis in portu et mercato in burgo et extra et in omnibus locis ita libere et honorifice bene et in pace quiete et integre tenenda sicut predicta ecclesia de Bomiñ unquam melius liberius quietius tenuit tempore Henrici regis proavi nostri et Henrici regis patris nostri cum socco et sacca toll et them et infangenethef et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et consuetudinibus et quietanciis suis cum quibus tempore predictorum regum tenuit. Concessimus et eisdem canonicis piscariam super Alañ habendam et tenendam sicut eis in comitatu Cornubie recognita fuit. Et prohibemus ne quis super hoc predictis canonicis vel rebus suis injuriam vel contumeliam inferat. Concessimus et reddidimus et confirmavimus eisdem canonicis boscum de Bodan cum pertinenciis habendum et tenendum de nobis et heredibus nostris in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam bene et in pace plenarie et integre pacifice et honorifice libere et quiete ab omni servicio et exactione. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti canonici habeant et teneant omnia predicta bene et in pace cum omnibus pertinenciis quetanciis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suprascriptis sicut eis concessimus et cartis nostris racionabilibus confirmavimus dum comes Moreť essemus. Testibus Willielmo comite Sarum, Alano filio comite, Johanne de Pratell. et cetera. Datum per manum nostram apud castrum de Viř. xiij die Decembris, anno regni nostri primo †.

Num. II.

Confirmacio de Gargaul ‡ et Ecclesiarum Sancti Niwiline et Aluni Episcopo Exonie.

(Bronescombe's Register, between folios 35 and 36.)

Universis has literas visuris vel audituris, Ricardus prior Bodmine et ejusdem loci Conventus salutem eternam in Domino. Noverit Universitas vestra nos pro nobis et successoribus nostris inperpetuum concessisse et ratam habuisse totam donacionem libertates et liberas consuetudines et omnia alia feoffamenta que Rogerus de Valle Torta filius domini Rogeri de Valle Torta et frater dominorum Reginaldi et Radulfi de Valle Torta, fecit et concessit venerabili patri nostro domino Waltero miseracione divina Exoniensi episcopo et ecclesie sue Exoniensi beatorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli et successoribus suis ejusdem ecclesie episcopis vel cuicumque sive quibuscumque in parte vel in toto dare vendere legare appropriare assignare vel aliquo alio modo alienare voluerit in quocumque statu sit sanus vel eger de toto manerio de Gargaule cum advocacionibus ecclesiarum Sancte Niwyline et Sancti Aluni et cum homagiis et serviciis omnium de eodem manerio tenencium tam liberorum quam aliorum et omnimodis aliis suis pertinenciis quocumque nomine censeantur tenendam et habendam dicto Waltero Exoniensi Episcopo et successoribus suis Exoniensis ecclesie episcopis vel cuicumque sive quibuscumque in parte vel in toto dare vendere legare appropriare assignare vel aliquo alio modo alienare voluerit in quocumque statu sit sanus vel eger, salvis nobis inde annuatim quatuor solidis annui redditus in festo Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi et salvo nobis relevio nostro in decessu episcoporum et aliorum tenentium quicumque fuerint pro omnimodis serviciis sectis auxiliis querelis demandis et exactionibus secularibus, ita tamen quod dicti prior et conventus non teneantur ad aliquam warantizacionem dicto episcopo Exonie seu ejus successoribus de dicto manerio de Gargaule faciendam, vel cuiqumque sive quibuscumque in parte vel in toto dare vendere legare appropriare seu assignare dictus episcopus seu ejus successores voluerint racione istius confirmacionis. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus literis sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis Testibus dominis Radulpho de Arundell. Alexandro de Okeston. Johanne Wyger. Renifredo de Arundell. Johanne de Treragu, militibus. Ricardo de Hydon. Olivero de Arundell. Rogero de Arcenekne. Johanne de Lanbruy. Ricardo Ayngel. Odone de Trenael. Andrea de Treloske. David de Servintona. Nicholao de Egloshayl. Thoma de Trelulla, clerico, et aliis. Datum apud Bodmine die Dominica proxima post nativitatem Domini anno gracie milesimo ducentesimo sexagesimo nono.

Num. III.

Licencia Priori et Conventui Bodminie pro uno corrodio vendito.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 220.)

Johannes, &c. dilectis filiis fratri Johanni priori et conventui prioratus Bodminie nostre diocesis salutem cum benediccione et gracia Salvatoris. Ex parte vestra est propositum coram nobis quod domus vestra capitularis et dormitorium vi flatu et impetu ventorum qui nuper durius et fortius solito contigerint et talia propter earundem domorum vetustatem nimiam ceciderunt, quodque propter presencium temporum qualitatem et maliciam ad erigendum et construendum dictas domos absque eo quod unam liberatam vendatis vobis non suppetunt facultates, quare nos cum instancia requisistis quatenus ad vendendum alicui persone idonee ad vitam suam unam liberatam seu corrodium in domo vestra licenciam ex causa premissa devocioni vestre concedere dignaremur, vestris igitur piis affectibus grato concurrentes assensu licenciam concedimus postulatam proviso quod pecunia ex vendicione dicti corrodii proventura in usum ereccionis et construccionis dictarum domorum et non ad opus aliud quodcumque integre et fideliter convertatur. Contrarium autem facientes majoris excommunicacionis sentenciam incurrere volumus eo ipso. Datum apud Chuddelegh, xiiij die Marcii, mcccxxxviii.

Num. IV.

Ordinacio Prioratus Bodmine, 20 April, 1347.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. i. p. 145, b.)

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino domino Johanni Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo sui humiles et devoti in Christo filii prior prioratus Bodmine et ejusdem loci conventus obedienciam tam debitam quam devotam cum honore. Mandatum vestrum reverendum die Dominico proximo ante festum Sancti Marci Evangeliste recepimus sub tenore verborum qui sequitur.

"Johannes, miseratione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis filiis, priori prioratus Bodmine et ejusdem loci conventui nostrorum patronatus et diocesis salutem gratiam et

* A large hall, used at assizes, and part of a gate-house, were standing until the recent erection of new courts.

† The original enrolment is partially defaced. It is confirmed on inspeximus (together with a charter of Earl Richard in favour of the borough) by a charter, 3 Ric. II. (Rot. Pat. part 2. mem. 25.)

‡ Cargol or Cargaul in the parish of Newlyn.

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benedictionem. Cura pastoralis officii quo vobis vestroque prout, et ceterorum nostri gregis regimini permittente Domino presidemus circa reformacionem et reparacionem eorum que vestre religionis decus dehonestant vestramque prosperitatem impediunt et quietem, tanto sollicitius vigilari nos angit quanto vos et dictum vestrum prioratum ad nostram sollicitudinem immediacius novimus pertinere. Nuper siquidem super statu vestro et prioratus vestri antedicti ex officii nostri debito per certos nostros commissarios diligentius inquirentes, nunc certa detegi vidimus et probari legitime coram eis quod idem prioratus vester per vestram ac ministrorum vestrorum incuriam et negligenciam aliasque insolencias inibi factas adeo est ere alieno pregravatus ipsiusque facultates in tantum dissipate pariter et consumpte quod nisi debita provisione celerius occurratur idem prioratus ad irreparabilis desolacionis deducetur dispendium et jacturam, nos igitur vos et prioratum vestrum antedictum a dictis debitis aliisque oneribus que vos premunt quantum, cum Deo possumus relevare et in statum debitum ac felicem reducere modis omnibus affectantes, infrascripta ad honorem Dei vestramque utilitatem per nos de peritorum consilio cum summa diligencia ordinata vobis mittimus per vos et vestrum singulos in virtute sancte obediencie ac sub majoris excommunicacionis sentencie pena firmiter observanda. In primis, ordinamus et districte precipimus ut divinum officium diurnum pariter et nocturnum in ipso prioratu vestro congruis et debitis horis ac cum devocione debita celebretur regularisque observancia tam in jejuniis vigiliis silencio et oracionibus quam aliis que ad vestram religionem secundum regulam beati Augustini pertinent a vobis omnibus observetur. Item sub pena excommunicationis districtius prohibemus ne aliquis vestrum cujuscumque sit condicionis vel status tunicis utatur botonatis capuciisve secularibus aut ocreis vel sotularibus rostratis seu alio quocumque consimili habitu indecenti per quem videamini ab honestate regularis observacionis in aliquo deviare. Inhibemus eciam sub eadem pena ne aliquis vestrum infra scepta prioratus vel extra ubicumque canes majores retineant vel juniores proprios vel alienos nisi forte tales sint qui custodie ostiorum pistrini, vel stabuli deputantur. Interdicimus eciam vobis et vestrum singulis sub pena supradicta ludum alearum tabularum et scaccariorum omnemque aliam occupacionem inutilem que dissolucionis valeat materiam generare. Item interdicimus omnino vobis quarumcumque consocia aut colloquia mulierum de quibus aliqua posset sinistra suspicio suboriri, districte precipiendo mandantes ut quociens et quando aliquem vestrum de die in ecclesia circa officium divinum aut in refectorio aut dormitorio temporibus ad id deputatis pro necessaria corporis refectione et recreacione occupari non contingerit in claustro ad libros cum confratribus sedeat et moretur*. Inhibemus eciam sicut prius ne garciones aut alii seculares occasione qualicumque in claustro stent vel sedeant aut refectorium intrent dum conventus se reficiat in majori prandio vel in cena nisi id ex certa causa de subprioris et seniorum qui pro tempore fuerint precesserit licencia specialis. Item ordinamus quod elemosine debite et consuete in ipso prioratu sine diminucione aliqua de cetero integraliter sub pena anathematis erogentur; quodque frater Vincencius Wasek, qui elemosinarie officium per sex annos tenuit, ut audivimus, et de receptis vel administratis per eum nunquam hucusque ut dicitur calculavit, citra festum Sancte Trinitatis proxime jam futurum coram dilectis filiis domino Johanne de Aldestowe rectore ecclesie Sancte Mabene nostre diocesis et fratre Rogero de Honyton vestro concanonico et confratre sub debito juramenti coram eisdem per dictum Vincencium corporaliter prestandi plene calculet de premissis. Item per omnia quoad calculum similem citra dictum festum Trinitatis coram Johanne de Aldestowe et confratre vestro antedicto exhibendum modo simili et reddendum de sacrista et aliis predicti prioratus officiariis qui bona ad ipsa officia pertinencia hactenus ministrarunt ordinamus et volumus observari. Item quia per simplicitatem supradicti prioris multa incommoda ipsi prioratui ante hec tempora novimus accidisse prout super hoc per confratrum et canonicorum deposicionem ac testimonium sumus plenius informati ipsum priorem qui se et statum suum in omnibus nostris ordinacioni submiserat atque laudo, ab administracione temporalium quorumcumque prioratus ejusdem ad tempus per nos alias limitandum suspendimus et totaliter amovemus eidem sub pena excommunicacionis majoris districtius inhibentes ne ad aliqua loca vel maneria dicti prioratus, loco Sancte Margarete quem pro competenti et honesta sui et familie sue mora interim deputamus duntaxat excepto, presumat quomodolibet se conferre nostra super hoc licencia primitus non obtenta. Item ut prius volumus et mandamus quatenus idem prior cum uno honesto canonico et conventu de vestro consensu unamini assumendo qui eidem habebit assistere de die continue et de nocte tribusque garcionibus sibi in agendis necessariis servituris infra quindecim dies a tempore receptionis presencium continue numerandos ad dictum locum Sancte Margarete transferre se studeat, ibidem extunc continue moraturus preterquam in festis prime et secunde dignitatis in quibus pro honore Dei et Religionis honestate ipsum volumus in ecclesia vestra conventuali suam presenciam exhibere et in illis festis tam ipsum quam dictum canonicum suum in refectorio reficere cum conventu. Ordinamus eciam quod idem prior pro seipso et canonico suo hujusmodi tantum de pane quantum quatuor canonici infra domum et de cervicia quantum tres, ac pro dictis garcionibus suis quinque panes nigros et duas lagenas cervicie percipiat omni die; pro ceteris vero ut puta vino carnibus piscibus et hujusmodi que sub cibi et potus generibus continentur, vestiario eciam tam pro seipso quam pro dicto canonico et garcionibus ac aliis necessariis quibuscumque, volumus et ordinamus quod idem prior omni mense kalendari viginti solidos percipiat sterlingorum. Item quia facultatibus dicti prioratus sic exhaustis usque ad tempus uberioris fortune hospitalitatem diucius oportet subtrahere in eodem, ordinamus ut omnis onerosa et inutilis familia, ut puta que circa admissionem et recreacionem talium hospitum fuerit hactenus occupata, necnon Ricardus de Carhorta, Ricardus Cocus, Johannes Symon, Nicholaus Nelond, Radulphus Barbour, et Rogerus Camull, quos onerosos vobis et inutiles fore didicimus, ab ipso prioratu infra octo dies a recepcione presencium penitus expellantur. Item ut prius ordinamus quod extunc nullus canonicorum de conventu liberacionem vini percipiat aliqualem, absque debitis vestris eminentibus integraliter persolutis, possitis absque mutuo vina emere et de proprio precium solvere pro eisdem. Item quia separate camere inter religiosos dissolucionis materiam solent parere quam frequenter, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris districtius inhibemus ne subprior qui nunc est aut qui pro tempore erit aliusve quicumque canonicus de conventu, deputandis per nos administracioni bonorum vestrorum communium duntaxat exceptis, cameram aut diverticulum aliquod habeat separatum, set juxta beati Augustini regulam quam professi estis vos omnes simul ut quilibet vestrum conversationis alterius testis esse valeat conversari et vivere volumus in communi. Ut autem pro tempore absencie prioris et ipso ab administracione bonorum vestrorum communium sic suspenso regularis ibidem observancia non pereat quovismodo, injungimus firmiter dilecto filio subpriori vestro qui pro tempore fuerit in periculo anime sue et sub obtestacione divini judicii ut commissa scienter ante hec tempora et omissa in ipso officio negligenter totis vicibus reformando sic de cetero vigilare studeat super gregem quod nedum a nobis sit provide merito commendandus, set eciam retribucionem eternam digne valeat promereri. Et quia ad regimen bonorum prioratus vestri, priore ut premittitur ab administracione suspenso, tales personas expedit assumere que sunt in exterioribus providi et interius dispensando discreti, prefatos dominos Johannem de Aldestowe et Rogerum de Honyton concanonicum et confratrem vestrum de fidelitate circumspectione et industria plurimum, commendatos, administratores et gubernatores providimus deputandos, ita quod ipsi et alii quos eorum periculo ad se assumere voluerint ad relevandum prioratum vestrum et extenuandum ejus debitum vigilanter insistant et in omnibus interioribus et exterioribus sedulam curam gerant, firma concepta fiducia quod sub eorum regimine idem prioratus salubriter dirigetur et a noxiis et pressuris quas sustinet respirabit. Et quid in premissis feceritis et duxeritis faciendum nos citra festum Sancti Barnabe reddatis certiores per literas vestras patentes harum seriem et diem receptionis presencium ac statum prioratus predicti dilucide

* Our readers are aware that the seventh canon of the Council of Clovesho, A.D. 747, enjoins that "per monasteria lectio sacrarum Scripturarum frequentetur."

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continentes sigillo vestro communi consignatas. Datum in manerio nostro de Clyst xx^mo die Aprilis anno Domini M°. CCC^mo quadragesimo septimo et consecracionis nostre vicesimo nono."

Obediencie astricti vestris ordinacioni et mandato premissis paremus in omnibus in presenti et in futurum, Deo cooperante, duximus parendum. Set quia domino Johanni de Aldestowe diu absenti et diversis negociis prepedito raciones officiariorum bona nostra attentius ministrancium audire non vacavit ac dominus Vincencius concanonicus et frater noster in scaccario Domini Regis calculatus de decima triennali illustri Regi nostro Anglie concessa occupatus et absens de administratis per eundem de bonis nostris calculari non potuit adeo quod de statu domus nostre ut nobis injungitur vestram reverendam Paternitatem in presenti certificare non valemus vestram benignam clemenciam humiliter postulamus ut super hiis et omnibus aliis nos quovismodo contingentibus habere velitis excusatos. Datum Bodminie in domo nostro capitulari sub sigillo nostro communi. Die Sabbati in festo translacionis Sancti Edmundi archiepiscopi anno Domini supradicto.

Num. V.

Ordinacio facta inter Priorem et Conventum Bodminie et Robertum Oliver super missa certa perpetuo servanda et obitu ipsius Roberti.

(Bp. Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 464.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Willielmus permissione divina prior prioratus Bodminie ordinis Sancti Augustini Exoniensis diocesis et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in eo quem peperit uterus virginalis. Cum nuper quedem concordia facta fuerit inter nos predictum Willielmum Priorem et Conventum ex parte una et Robertum Oliver ex parte altera per indenturas quarum tenor sequitur in hec verba. "Hec indentura facta inter Willielmum priorem domus et ecclesie Sancti Petroci Bodminie et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte una et Robertum Oliver ex parte altera, testatur quod predicti prior et ejusdem loci conventus pro diversis beneficiis per predictum Robertum perantea predictis domui et ecclesie factis et peractis ac specialiter et in specie pro quadam pecunie summa centum librarum legalis monete Anglicane in manibus persoluta atque constructura et factura unius fenestre ecclesie conventualis predicte cum vitriacione ejusdem ad valorem centum solidorum necnon romocione et fabricacione alte crucis ejusdem ecclesie conventualis ad valorem centum solidorum atque pro octo libris et ultra ejusdem monete legalis Anglicane solutis pro stipendio canonicorum domus predicte pro tempore quatuor annorum celebrancium missam infrascriptam per primos quatuor annos initii seu incepcionis hujus concordie una cum calice vestimentis et ceteris ornamentis altaris in quo hujusmodi missa celebratur et celebrari debet in futurum in ecclesia conventuali predicta ac quadam campana ad pulsandum ad eandem missam ultra predictas octo libras centum libras centum solidos et centum solidos supradictos concordati sunt modo et forma quibus sequitur videlicet quod predicti prior et conventus et successores sui invenient unum canonicum ejusdem domus sive capellanum idoneum in dicta ecclesia conventuali Sancti Petroci perpetuis futuris temporibus ad celebrandum cotidie unam missam excepto die Parasceves ad altare sub magna cruce ejusdem ecclesie ex parte boreali hora septima a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli in Septembri usque ad festum Annunciacionis beate Marie et hora quinta a dicto festo Annunciacionis beate Marie usque idem festum beati Michaelis Archangeli pro bono statu Edmundi Exoniensis episcopi et successorum suorum ac eciam pro bono statu dicti Roberti Oliver et eciam pro salute anime ejusdem Roberti postquam de hac luce migraverit, necnon pro salute anime domini Edmundi episcopi et dictorum successorum suorum cum ab hac luce migraverint ac eciam pro animabus parentum dicti Roberti et omnium benefactorum ejusdem de cetero imperpetuum. Et ulterius predicti prior et conventus et successores sui solvent seu solvi facient dicto canonico sive dicto capellano dictam missam per ebdomadam ut prefertur celebranti seu celebraturo ad finem cujuslibet ebdomade duodecim denarios. Et annuatim iidem prior et conventus et sui successores postquam idem Robertus ab hac luce subtractus et mortuus fuerit tenebunt et celebrabunt imperpetuum singulis annis futuris in ecclesia conventuali predicta anniversarium ipsius Roberti cum novem lecciones ad lectrum die Jovis proxima post festum omnium Sanctorum cum idem festum per anni cursum pervenerit Novertis nos predictum Willielmum priorem et ejusdem loci conventum pro nobis et successoribus nostris concessisse et per presentes concedimus predictis Edmundo Exoniensi episcopo et Roberto Oliver et successoribus dicti Edmundi Exoniensis episcopi quod si contingat aliquam missam ut superius limitatur de die in diem non celebrari quod extunc pro qualibet missa non celebrata ut prefertur assignata celebrari bene liceat dicto Edmundo Exoniensi episcopo et Roberto ac successoribus dicti Edmundi Exoniensis episcopi imperpetuum pro duodecim denariis nomine pene distringere imperpetuam in omnibus messuagiis terris et tenementis nostris de Pendevy et in manerio de Pendevy et districciones ea de causa sic captas irreplegiabiliter retineri quousque eisdem Edmundo Exoniensi episcopo ac Roberto et successoribus dicti Edmundi de arreragiis dictorum duodecim denariorum si que fuerint persolutis seu persolvendis plenarie satisfactum. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti presentis indenture tripartite penes predictum Willielmum priorem et conventum remanenti predictus Edmundus Exoniensis episcopus et predictus Robertus sigilla sua apposuerunt; alteri vero parti presentis indenture tripartite penes predictum Edmundum Exoniensem episcopum et Robertum remanenti predictus Willielmus prior et conventus sigillum suum commune apposuerunt seu apponi fecerunt. Datum xxiiij die mensis Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici Sexti xxix^no.

Num. VI.

Valor Ecclesiasticus Temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Return. 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

Prioratus De Bodmyn,

Unde Willielmus Warlwest quondam episcopus Exonie est fundator.

Spiritualia.

		£		
In comitatu Cornubie.				
Bodmin . .	Decime garbarum . . .	7	2	3
. . . . .	Decime personales . . .	6	4	1
. . . . .	Oblaciones ad Virginem Mariam	0	10	6
Mynfrey . .	Decime garbarum . . .	14	13	6
Cutberte . .	Decime garbarum . . .	17	10	0
Padistowe .	Decime garbarum . . .	14	9	6
. . . . .	Decime piscarie	4	0	0
. . . . .	Oblaciones	2	0	0
Lanhidiok .	Garbe	4	2	0
. . . . .	Oblaciones	0	2	2
. . . . .	Decime personales . . .	0	8	0
. . . . .	Aliis proficuis ibidem . .	1	0	0
		£72	2	0

Temporalia.

Bodmyn, Lanhiderok, Fosnewith et Bree .	Redditus et firme	74	15	7
Pendewy . . .	Redditus et firme	20	0	0
Bodynell . . .	Redditus et firme	7	0	8
Wythiell . . .	Redditus et firme	11	12	5
Rialton libera .	Redditus et firme	27	0	0
Rialton infra .	Redditus et firme	22	0	0
Retergh . . .	Redditus et firme	10	13	4
Elynglase . . .	Redditus et firme	14	10	0
Padistowe . . .	Redditus et firme	10	7	5
In comitatu Devonie				
Newton Petrok .	Redditus et firme	7	9	6
Holcomb . . .	Redditus et firme	5	1	0
		214	9	11
Vendicio bosci		3	0	0
Summa valoris tam spiritualium quam temporalium		289	11	11

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NUM. VII.

Computus Ministrorum Domini Regis Tempore Hen. VIII.

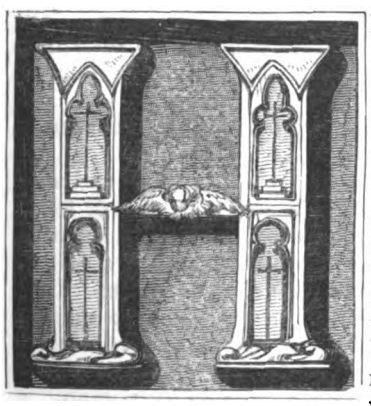
(Abstract of Roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Bodmyn Prioratus.

In Comitatu Cornubie		£	s.	d.
Bodmyn	Scitus cum terris dominicalibus, firme	9	17	10
Bodmyn manerium cum capella de Langhidrocke	Redditus liberorum tenencium	7	0	0
	Redditus tam custumariorum quam convencionariorum tenencium	15	19	0
Braye	Firma	1	6	8
Langcarre	Firma	0	0	1
Newnam	Firma	0	0	1
Langhydroke cum capella	Firma	1	0	0
Bodmyn terre dominicales	Firma	13	3	5
Bodmyn villa	Feodi firma	5	10	0
	Perquisita Curie	0	19	0
Pendeve	Redditus liberorum tenencium	4	4	10½
	Redditus tam custumariorum quam convencionariorum tenencium	25	2	8
	Perquisita Curie	0	8	0
Bodynyell manerium	Firma	5	0	0
Wythiell manerium	Firma	10	0	0
Rialton et Retargh maneria cum Hundredo de Petherscher alias Pethor	Redditus assise	83	1	7½
	Firma terre dominicalis	15	6	8
Elynglas et Kelsey maneria in quadam insula vocata the Gull rock,	Firma	18	17	0
Newton Petrocke et Holcombe	Firma	12	10	6
Paddestowe manerium cum membris ac certis terris in Lanlesyke	Firma	20	8	6½
Bodmyn Menstre et Paddestowe	Decime garbarum	54	0	0
Bodmyn Sancti Cuthberti	Decime garbarum	19	0	0
	Decime prædiales et minute	6	4	1
Trenow in Tyntagell	Porcio decime garbarum	0	6	8
Paddestow	Firme decime piscarie, &c.	10	0	0
Eglosayll	Pencio	2	0	0

Launceston, or Church of St. Stephen,

IN THE DEANERY OF TRIGG-MAJOR.



HERE was a college of secular canons before the conquest (Exeter Domesday, fol. 93 and 470), but it seems to have been inadequately provided for. Bishop Warelwast, having obtained a grant of their property from King Henry I., refunded it for canons professing the rule of St. Augustine*; and the convent was so highly befriended by Reginald, the natural son of the above-mentioned king, and by subsequent earls of Cornwall, that it became the wealthiest religious establishment in the county. From Bishop Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 467, we collect that the priory obtained celebrity for its hospitality to strangers, and benevolent attentions and charity to the poor—"hospitalitate commendabilis et pauperum recreatione et plurimarum elemosinarum largitione."

In the Appendix will be given the charter of the above-mentioned Reginald, Earl of Cornwall, in favour of Launceston priory. He takes the property and persons of the canons under his immediate protection, confirms all their privileges, and allows them a yearly pension of twenty shillings at Martinmas, to be paid them by the Governor of Launceston Castle.

Richard, Earl of Poictiers and Cornwall, and brother to King Henry III., befriended this establishment by writs of special protection. In 8 Edward II. the tenants of Liskeard petitioned the king, complaining that the bishop of Exeter had excommunicated them for nonpayment of the tithe of mills, in lieu of which the vicar had been paid a demi-mark, and the prior, as parson, 8s. yearly, under a composition made in the time of Richard, king of Germany; a commission of inquiry was issued, and the bishop was commanded to supersede his sentence ad interim.

* In the Lansdown MSS. 939, p. 21, is the following abridgment of the foundation deed: "Noscat presentis temporis ætas, quod Radulphus ecclesiæ S. Stephani de Lancestona decanus decanatum mihi Willielmo episcopo reddidit, et ego canonicis regularibus quos in eâdem constitui totam dedi. Testes sunt Osbertus abbas de Tavistoca, Galfridus prior Plymptoniæ, Wills de Argo archidiaconus Cornubiæ, Clarenbaldus capellanus regis, magister Odo, etc."

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(Rot. Parl. vol. i. p. 313.) In the year 1400, the parishioners of Liskeard, Linkinhorne, and Talland complained in parliament (3 Rot. Parl. 505) that the prior of Launceston had obtained a papal bull for the extinction of those vicarages, and the complete appropriation of the revenues, on the ground of poverty; whereas the convent had an income of £1000, which was enough for the fifteen canons; that the pope had revoked the bull on discovery of the facts, and that the prior had sent to Rome large sums to get the latter bull annulled. In answer to the petition the late statute, 4 Hen. IV. c. 12, is referred to as a sufficient remedy.

The parochial church of St. Stephen at Launceston was dedicated by Bishop Bronescombe on October 23, 1259. Perhaps it was rebuilt again; for Bishop Stafford transferred its wake from the Wednesday after the Assumption of our Lady, to October 20. (Register, vol. i. fol. 56, 57.) Bishop Grandisson, November 6, 1333, dedicated St. Thomas's Cemetery, "in Prioratu de Launceston." (Register, vol. ii. fol. 172.) The church of St. Thomas subsequently became parochial. For the composition between the prior and convent and its parishioners, dated November 9, 1506, we refer the reader to the Appendix *.

The mayor and burgesses of Launceston obtained Bishop Brantyngham's licence, June 12, 1380, to have service performed in a chapel dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen—"capella B. Marie Magdalene in burgo ville Laneston." (Vol. i. fol. 81.)

On June 16, 1440, as we find in Bishop Lacy's Register, fol. 213, that prelate granted an indulgence of forty days to all true penitents who should contribute assistance—"ad sustentationem ministrallorum (minstrells) Beate Marie Magdalene Launeston."

We learn from Vesey's Register (vol. ii. fol. 38) that on August 1, 1521, John Baker, prior of Launceston, and the convent, conveyed the fee of "Le Polholme gardyn," lying between the chapel of St. Mary Magdalen on the west part, and the town wall and the road leading to "Le Blindhole," and to another garden of the priory, on the east side, to Richard Mille, the then mayor, John Chamond and Henry Trecarrell, Esqrs., and the burgesses of Launceston. In return for this grant the mayor and corporation bound themselves to pay yearly at Michaelmas a consideration of six shillings and eightpence. The site was wanted for a cemetery, and the chapel, of elaborate workmanship, was actually now rebuilding; in the same register may be seen, "Compositio super consecracione capelle dive Marie Magdalene infra burgum de Downeheved juxta castrum de Launcestone et cemeterii ejusdem 18 Junii 1524." On the same day Bishop Vesey commissioned Thomas, Bishop of Megara, his coadjutor, to consecrate this chapel and cemetery—"infra burgum de Downe Hevede juxta castrum de Lawnceston." (Register, vol. ii. fol. 41.)

In Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 294, is an indulgence granted in favour of the chapel "Sancte Catharine juxta prioratum Launceston," October 20, 1447. The community had a chapel of St. John the Baptist "infra mansum de Tamer, in parochia de Woryngton." (Folio 288 ejusdem Registri.)

In Redmayne's Register, fol. 30, is the composition, about the year 1499, respecting St. Giles's chapel and St. Martin's chapel at Werrington, both dependent on St. Stephen's, Launceston; and in Bishop Oldham's, September, 1506, is the agreement "super consecracionem cemeterii capelle sancti Winwolai de Tremene," also a daughter-church. (Fol. 19, ad calcem Registri.)

A leper hospital, dedicated to St. Leonard, existed in Launceston at an early period; but the site was removed towards the middle of the thirteenth century to Gillemartin, at or near the junction of the rivers Kensey and Tamar. (See post, Num. III. V.) The Messrs. Lysons say (Cornwall, p. 191) that the income arising from certain fields, which belonged to this hospital, about £25 per annum, is now vested in the corporation, and applied to charitable uses.

No remains of the priory buildings are known to exist, unless the Norman arch, preserved at the White Hart inn, be part of them.

* Nicholas Condy, of Plymouth, Esq., has copied the fresco paintings of the crucifixion and the life of St. Roch on its walls.

At Newport, near Launceston, there was also an hospital for lazars, dedicated to St. Thomas, which was well endowed and governed in Mr. Carew's time.

Priors of Launceston.

Galfridus, prior, witnessed a deed in the year 1171.

Robert Fissacre. He was excommunicated by Bishop Bronescombe in September, 1258 (Register, fol. 7), "propter inobedientiam et multiplicem offensam," and the priors of Bodmin and Tywardreth had to publish the sentence in Launceston chapter-house; but he was absolved at Bodmin by the prelate a week later. He resigned from old age, and was carefully provided for during the rest of his days by the said bishop and his convent, on September 12, 1261. (See his Register, fols. 20, 21.) Before his resignation, the bishop, Sept. 9, 1260, had fixed that the vicar of Stratton should yearly pay, in lieu of tithes, twenty-five marks, "in conventuali ecclesiâ sancti Stephani de Launcetton." On October 17, 1261, the said bishop annulled the election both of Brother Laurence and of Richard de Uppeton, on the ground of informality, and undertook to provide a prior; but who was appointed we cannot discover.

Richard . . . . The date of his institution is not given, but he died prior in the vacancy of the see of Exeter between the death of Bp. Bytton and the accession of Bp. Stapeldon. For the election of a prior it was now necessary to obtain the licence of K. Edw. II. (Rot. Pat. 1 Ed. II. p. 2); and the convent unanimously chose

Roger de Horton, who was confirmed Richard's successor, May 3, 1308. (See Stapeldon's Register, fol. 33.) Perhaps this may be "the Prior Horeston, who had a fair tumbe on the south eisle of the priory church." (Leland's Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 116.) Growing blind and feeble, Bp. Stapeldon, on September 29, 1316, provided him with a coadjutor in a canon, viz.—

Ralph de Huggeworthi.

Adam de Knolle, who proved an unworthy superior. He resigned June 26, 1346. (See Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 122.)

Thomas de Burden succeeded July 13 following.

Roger Leye was prior on May 29, 1373. (See Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 36.)

Stephen Tredydan occurs prior, Oct. 27, 1379. (Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 75.) He died in office, Dec. 12, 1403. According to Leland (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 116), "he was richly tumbed." In his time, viz. June 18, 1401, the wake or dedication of his conventual church was transferred by Bishop Stafford from August 19 to October 22. (Register, vol. i. fol. 56, 57.) A few years before this prior's death, viz. in January, 1399, as we learn from Maddox (Firma Burgi, p. 112), he came with an armed force into Leskard, and rescued its vicar, Henry Frend, who was under arrest, and took and carried away a book called Cene (probably containing the service of Maundy Thursday), of the value of 13*s.* 4*d.*, and two towels, of the value of 6*s.* 8*d.*, the property of the parishioners. The inquisition sets out other misdemeanors. A distringas issued; but the crown subsequently granted a pardon, and no judgment followed.

Roger Combrigg succeeded, who died prior, Wednesday, June 18, 1410.

John Honyland succeeded on July 5, 1410, and died prior, Sept. 28, 1430. In Lacy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 9, we find that this prior had erected, in 1427, a chantry, "ad altare Sancte Margarite et Sancti Johannis de Brydlyngtona," within his priory. One of the community was "cotidie et continue in aurora," every week to officiate there. For such service he was to be allowed two marks from Lankynhorn vicarage, 23*s.* 4*d.* de firmâ capelle curate de Tamerton, et 6*s.* 8*d.* de firmâ capelle de Wryngton.

William Shyre succeeded; but, owing to some irregularity in his election, was not officially declared prior by Bp. Lacy until August 21, 1431.

William Hopkyn. His confirmation is not recorded. He died in office, Aug. 10, 1507. On July 15, 1506, he consented to the composition respecting St. Winwolan's chapel and the cemetery de Tremene. (See Oldham's Reg. fol. 17—21.)

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John Carlian, the subprior, was duly elected Sept. 10, 1507: nine canons voted on the occasion. In Bp. Oldham's Register, fol. 34, is his lordship's licence for this prior and his successors to wear amices of grey fur, "amisiam de gray," during divine service and processions, as the canons in Exeter Cathedral and other collegiate churches were accustomed to wear. The licence bears date Jan. 7, 1508-9.

John Baker occurs prior Aug. 1, 1521: he resigned within ten years later, when

John Sheyr succeeded, June 6, 1531. With eleven of his brethren he subscribed to the king's supremacy, Aug. 28, 1534; and on the dissolution of his house was gratified with a pension of £100, which he was still enjoying in 1553. To Stephen George, the sub-prior, had been assigned an annuity of £10; to John Hamme £6. 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to John Treddericke, Thomas Webbe, and John Fishe, £5. 6*s.* 8*d.* each.

The clear income of the priory amounted to £354. 0*s.* 11¼*d.* The seal of the house, attached to a deed in the middle of the 13th century, is circular, and presents a rude church with a central tower. The inscription is,

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K. Henry VIII. by act of parliament, A. R. 31 and 32, severed the honor and castle of Wallingford and its appurtenances from the duchy of Cornwall, and in lieu thereof annexed to the duchy many other manors and estates, amongst which are the following, sometime parcel of the priory of Launceston:

	£	*s.*	*d.*
The manors of Carnedon Prior, of the yearly value of	19	15	9
Clymesland Prior	7	15	10
Treworgy	8	19	7
Stratton	7	5	8
Bucklawren	21	14	8
Eastway	7	5	8
Bonialvay	7	15	0
Boyton	4	17	2
Also the manor of Bradford and barton of Bradridge.			

Queen Elizabeth, on May 16, 1600, for the consideration of £1738. 14*s.* 10*d.*, granted in reversion to Henry Best and Robert Hollande, of London, gentlemen, their heirs, successors, and assigns for ever, the rectory of St. Stephen de Launceston, and the chapel of St. Nicholas de Tresmere, and all the tithes of sheaf, grain, hay, wool, flax, hemp, lambs, and all the small tithes of every kind belonging to the same rectory and chapel, which her majesty had heretofore granted, viz. July 9, 1575, to Sir Gawen Carew, Knt., and Elizabeth his wife, for a term of sixty years.

By indenture dated Nov. 2, 1650, between Sir Richard Smithe, of London, Knt., John Connocke, cousin and next heir of Richard Connocke, Esq., then deceased, of the first part; John Rowe and Humphry Arundell of Lamerton, co. Devon, gents., the two surviving executors of the said Richard Connocke, of the second part; and Sir Francis Drake, of Buckland Monachorum, co. Devon, Bart. (nephew of the celebrated Sir Francis Drake, Knt.), of the third part:—reciting that K. James I., on Dec. 21, 1614, had granted to this Richard Connocke and his heirs all that the house and scite of the late dissolved priory of Launceston, with the rights, members, and appurtenances thereof, the barton and grange of Newhouse, and the two water-mills; and also reciting certain mortgage and other transactions therein set forth, the said Sir Richard Smithe for the sum of £2900, to him paid by the said Sir Francis Drake, with the consent and allowance of John Rowe and Humphry Arundell aforesaid, granted, aliened, bargained, sold and confirmed to the said Sir Francis Drake, his heirs and assigns for ever, the said recited premises, and divers other lands, woods, meadows, and pastures belonging to the scite and precincts of the said priory, part of the manor of Launceston, and within the towns, parishes, fields, and hamlets of Launceston, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Thomas, and St. Stephen, in the county of Cornwall.

Num. I.

Carta Reginaldi Comitis.

(Bronescombe, Regist. fol. 13.)

Reginaldus Henrici Regis filius, Comes Cornubie, omnibus hominibus suis Francis, Anglis, et Walensibus salutem. Sciatis me ecclesiam de Lanstone cum omnibus suis pertinenciis tam ecclesiasticis quam laicis, et canonicos ibidem in honorem Dei et beati prothomartyris Stephani ministrantes, et pro statu tranquilitate et pace Henrici Regis Anglie simul et regni et pro salute anime Henrici Regis patris mei et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum Deum assidue interpellantes, sub protectione Dei et domini Henrici Regis Anglie et meâ suscepisse. Quare volo et concedo et hac carta mea confirmo quod predicti canonici habeant et teneant memoratam ecclesiam de Lanstone et omnes terras et tenuras suas in Cornubiâ quas rationabiliter habent vel adquirere poterunt imposterum ita libere et quiete, pacifice et honorifice sicut unquam ipsi vel antecessores sui liberius et melius tenuerunt, scilicet cum soch et sach, tol et theam et infangenthef et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus sibi et hominibus suis de sectis scyrarum et hundredorum placitis et querelis, clynewardis* et omnibus aliis auxiliis et omni seculari servicio et exactione et omnibus aliis occasionibus et consuetudinibus secularibus, sicut puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Preterea ad noticiam omnium volo pervenire quod B. prior de Lanstone in pleno comitatu coram me apud castellum de Dunehevede†, preposito et burgensibus ejusdem ville presentibus, sufficienter et legitime disrationavit quod tempore quo comes Moreton mercatum diei dominice de villa sancti Stephani de Lanstone ad novam villam castelli de Dunhevet transtulit, canonici de Lanstone de assensu et voluntate memorati comitis de Moreton retinebant sibi et burgo suo de Lanstone et burgensibus in ea manentibus omnes libertates ad liberum burgum spectantes cum eadem integritate quas ab antiquo habuerunt, preter mercatum diei dominice tantummodo unum; et ipsi canonici habent de preposito castelli XXs annuatim ad festum sancti Martini; et quod easdem libertates integre et quiete et sine contradictione toto tempore Henrici Regis Anglie patris mei habuerunt et tenuerunt. Quapropter ego omnes libertates ad liberum burgum spectantes memoratis canonicis et ville sue de Lanstone et hominibus in ea focum et locum habentibus cum memoratis XX solidis annui census concessi et hac carta mea confirmavi. Testibus Roberto Dunstanvill, Ricardo de Baddun, Bernardo vicecomite Cornubie, Roberto filio Anketil, Hugone de Dunstanvill, Jordano de Trekarl, preposito, Mordont Sprakelyn.

Num. II.

Carta Ricardi Comitis.

(Ex eodem Registro.)

Ricardus Comes Pictavie et Cornubie omnibus baronibus suis militibus et omnibus libere tenentibus in comitatu salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesie sancti Stephani de Lanstone et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus pro statu et pace Domini Henrici Regis Anglie fratris nostri simul et regni et pro salute anime Domini Johannis Regis Anglie patris nostri et pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum ut habeant omnes ecclesias suas et omnia ecclesiastica beneficia et possideant cum omnibus pertinenciis suis integre libere et pacifice que habent ex donacionibus regum, comitum, baronum et aliorum bonorum virorum, terras et suas omnes, et tenementa sua omnia que habent in burgo vel extra burgum cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis que habent vel habuerunt ab antiquo sicut carta donatorum testatur vel in futurum racionabiliter acquirere poterunt libere quiete et plenarie

* Probably *clyvewardis*, as in Num. VII. post, i. e. cliff-guard.

† Dunhevede.—This word, denoting the summit of a hill, occurs in other parts of the country. Bishop Stapeldon, in folio 59 of his Register, dates a letter, on January 31, 1310-11, from "Dounheved juxta Schaftesburi" (now Donhead).

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et hominia tam in ecclesiis quam in capellis terris rebus et possessionibus et omnibus pertinentiis suis memoratis canonicis et successoribus suis concessimus habenda et possidenda in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere honorifice et quiete ab omni seculari servicio et similiter et de omnibus consuetudinibus secularibus et occasionibus omnimodis in perpetuum, et ne quis ponat predictos canonicos in placitum de aliquo tenemento suo nisi coram nobis ipsis vel coram ballivis nostris de Cornubia. Hiis testibus, Andrea de Thanceans, Ricardo de Turre, Henrico Teutonico, Henrico de Franchenne, Ricardo de Punchardun, Ivone fratre comitis, Herberto de Novila, Alano Hurri, Henrico de Bodrigan, Radulpho Bloyo, Simone de Brekelay.

(The following charter to the borough is recorded in the same register.)

Num. III.

Carta Ricardi comitis burgo de Dunhevet concessa.

[Rot. Pat. 6 Ric. II. per Inspeximus.]

Ricardus comes Pictavie et Cornubie omnibus fidelibus, etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos concessimus dedimus et carta nostra etc. quod burgum nostrum de Dunhevet liberum sit et burgenses nostri de eodem burgo et omnes homines ad libertates dicti burgi pertinentes ubicunque fuerint, et quod quieti sint per totam terram nostram de puntage astallage suillage et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus. Concessimus etiam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris habere electionem de prepositis suis et respondere de firma ipsius burgi ad Pascham et ad festum Sancti Michaelis annuatim nobis vel ballivis nostris, scilicet, de C solidis, et prioratui sancti Stephani de Lanstone de sexaginta quinque solidis et decem denariis, et leprosis sancti Leonardi de Lanston de C solidis de elemosina nostra. Ita tamen quod si prepositi per eos electi in aliquo evidenter deliquerint vel presumpserint, hoc ipsum secundum delictum et presumptionem illam emendabunt. Concessimus eciam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod non placitent nisi infra burgum suum prenominatum de placitis vel rebus quibuscumque pertinentibus ad burgum suum nisi de placitis ad coronam Domini Regis pertinentibus. Concessimus etiam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris habere octo comitatus per annum in burgo nostro prenominato incipiendo a proximo comitatu post clausum Pasche usque ad finem octo comitatuum proximè sequentium. Concessimus eciam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris ut habeant et teneant unam placeam in eodem burgo ad quandam aulam gillatoriam erigendam, tenendum de nobis et heredibus nostris ubi decentius et honorabilius providerint per unam libram piperis annuatim reddendam in festo sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio querela et exactione. Concessimus eciam pro heredibus nostris et nobis ipsis et heredibus suis, quando aliquis ballivorum nostrorum prisam fecerit de cervisia in castellum .... quod non tenetur habere nisi primam bikam de uno obolo minus quam alibi vendita fuerit secundum quod assisa facta fuerit per burgenses. Si autem plus quam unam bikam habere vel capere voluerit, mercabitur singulas et quantum ceperit sicut alibi poterunt venundari*. Concessimus etiam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis vel heredibus nostris quod nullus vicecomes vel alius ballivus noster trahet eos in placitum nisi juste et racionabiliter et sine incausatione. Concessimus eciam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod nullus vicecomes vel alius ballivus noster emat vel capiat pro voluntate sua aliquod in prenominato burgo nisi de bona voluntate et spontaneo consensu venditoris ipsius mercature. Concessimus eciam ipsis et heredibus suis pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod non gildent cum comitatu de aliquo servicio vel tallagio et labore, et quod non talliantur per nos vel heredes nostros nisi ad tempus quando Dominus Rex omnes burgos suos per Angliam talliaverit. Et ut concessio hec, etc.

* The *captor cerevisiæ*, or ale-taker, was an officer well-known in royal establishments. The prise of beer for the use of the castle of Bristol was worth £5 yearly. Madox Baronia, p. 19, 20. See Magna Carta, c. 19, and stat. 3 Edw. I. c. 7.

Num. IV.

Carta Regis Henrici III. donatorum concessiones recitans et confirmans.

[Cart. 13 Hen. III. m. 10. Dugd. Mon. Angl. vol. vi. p. 211.]

Henricus Rex Anglie, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam Domini Johannis Regis patris nostri in hec verba. Johannes Dei gracia Rex Anglie etc. salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse dedisse et hac presenti carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesie S. Stephani de Lanstaveton et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus pro salute anime nostre et pro anima Henrici Regis patris nostri et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum viginti solidatas terre in manerio nostro de Climeston et preterea viginti nummatas terre in eodem manerio, scilicet dimidiam acram quam Eggerus de Holrode tenet. He autem sunt mete terrarum illarum, scilicet a termino terre Radulphi Piltenam sicut rivus descendit in magnam aquam de Eny et usque ad terminum terre predicti Eggeri de Holrode ex parte orientis et meridiei. Item ex parte occidentis et septentrionis a Wideslade sicut rivus currit et descendit in magnam aquam de Eny in terram de Climeston et terram de Treuris. Et preter hoc dimidiam acram terre in Norton quam Warinus tenet. Confirmamus eciam eisdem canonicis omnia subscripta sicut eis racionabiliter data sunt, scilicet ex dono Richardi de Raddon unam virgatam terre que vocatur Trewenta quietam et liberam ab omni servicio preter quindecim denarios quos reddere debet ad Ridlacton de quadam consuetudine que vocatur motiled†, et ex dono Roberti filii Alketilli concessu comitis Reginaldi domini sui terram que vocatur Trenchicot, et ex dono Comitis Reginaldi partem Hamelini presbiteri de capella de castello cum omnibus libertatibus et rebus parti illi pertinentibus, et quadraginta solidos per annum de firma de castello de Donheved, et ecclesiam sancti Andree de Stratton cum pertinentiis suis, et unam carucatam terre de Dominico manerii de Stratton juxta alteram terram ejusdem ecclesie cum quadam area Salinarii Ebfordie, salva dignitate capelle nostre de castello de Lanstaveton, et molendinum quod est sub castello de Donheved cum eisdem pertinentiis et consuetudinibus quas habebat dum erat in manu Comitis Reginaldi, et terram de Karnedon que est membrum de Ridlacton. Ita quidem quod de reliqua parte ipsius manerii de Ridlacton perficiatur eis tantum quod bene et plenarie habeant centum solidatas terre sicut comes Baldewinus de Redevers eis concessit et assignavit et carta sua confirmavit; et ex dono Osberti de Bikesleya viginti solidatas terre in manerio de Treuris, scilicet villam que vocatur Tregof et terram que fuit Luffe et terram Warini juxta pontem, et unam acram in villa que vocatur Carsbroc cum hominibus et omnibus que ad prefatas terras pertinent, et partem nemoris apud orientem sicut via dividit usque ad aquam, et ex dono Bernardi clerici duas acras terre quas tres homines tenent et reddunt Deo et ecclesie sancti Stephani inde quinque solidos annuatim que sunt subtus viam Trebursi, et ex dono Willielmi de Henemerdon totam terram de Pech. Hec quidem omnia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis concessimus eis et confirmavimus dum essemus Comes Moreton sicut ea racionabiliter possident et sicut carte donatorum suorum testantur etc. Datum per manum H. Cantuariensis archiepiscopi cancellarii nostri vigesimo octavo die Junii apud Aurivallem anno regni nostri primo. NOS igitur has donaciones &c. confirmamus etc. Insuper concedimus et confirmamus eisdem canonicis et eorum successoribus pro nobis et heredibus nostris donacionem quam Reginaldus Regis filius Consul Cornubie eis fecit in incrementum ecclesie sue de Lanstaveton de ecclesia de Leskeret et de ecclesia de Lankinhorn in die translacionis reliquiarum et canonicorum ipsius ecclesie de villa de Lanstaveton ad vadum, sicut carta ipsius Reginaldi Regis filii quam inde habent racionabiliter testatur. His testibus H. de Burgo Comite Kancii Justiciario Anglie, Philippo de Albimaro, Thoma Basset, Willielmo Basset, etc.

† This payment of *modlet* is still made, and is paid at the Duchy Assession court by the reeve of Rillaton to the lord of the manor of Liskeard.

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Num. V.

Protectio pro Prioratu.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 13.)

Ricardus Comes Cornubie et Pictavie vicecomiti et omnibus ballivis Cornubie salutem. Sciatis quod prioratus de Lanston et prior et canonici ejusdem prioratus et omnes eorum homines ecclesie tenure et possessiones sunt sub manutenemento et protectione nostra. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod prioratum illum et priorem et canonicos omnes dicti prioratus et omnia sua tam ecclesiastica beneficia quam laica tenementa tanquam dominica nostra propria custodiatis et manuteneatis et defendatis nullam eis injuriam vel molestiam inferentes nec ab aliquo eis inferri permittentes, et si quis eis in aliquo foris facere presumpserit plenariam eis inde justiciam sine dilacione faciatis in omnibus conservantes libertates omnimodas juxta formam cartarum suarum quas habent de predecessoribus nostris et de nobis.

Num. VI.

Carta prioris pro leprosis de Gillmartin.

(Ex originali apud Launceston.)

Omnibus hominibus hanc presentem cartam inspecturis et audituris Robertus Dei permissione prior Lanceuetona et conventus ejusdem loci salutem in Domino. Noverint omnes homines nos dedisse et concessisse et hac nostra presenti carta confirmasse communi assensu et consensu tocius conventus nostri et voluntate Domini nostri Comitis Ricardi Cornubie pro nobis et pro successoribus nostris totam terram de Gillemartin cum capella ejusdem loci cum oblacionibus et cum omnibus bonis dicte capelle advenientibus cum domibus et cum pratis et cum omnibus pertinenciis aliis et libertatibus leprosis de Gillemartin de Lanceuetona in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro excambio quod nobis fecerunt de suo tenemento quod habuerunt in Lanceuetona de quo comes Brianus Cornubie ipsos quondam feffavit, scilicet illam terram quam Philippus quondam tenuit habendam et tenendam sibi et suis successoribus libere quiete pacifice et integre, sicut aliqua terra vel elemosina melius et liberius possit dari et concedi et confirmari in puram et perpetuam elemosinam sicut mete ibidem insinuantur, scilicet, sicut aqua de Kensi descendit in fluvium Tambie et sic ascendendo per aquam de Kensi usque ad fossam in de Wittemore, et juxta illud predictum fossatum usque ad fontem qui est in capite chaucie ita quod habeant rivulum illius fontis ad suas officinas, et in longum juxta chauciam usque ad murum cimiterii predicte capelle, et in versus boream usque ad terram parci et cum eodem parco, scilicet illud parcum quod Willielmus filius Walteri quondam tenuit, et inde desuper Meddelonde sicut meta insinuat desuper Holemede, et de Holemede usque ad rivulum de Colevorde Lake et sic descendendo per rivulum de Colevorde Lake usque ad Tambiam et inde descendendo in longum Tambia usque ad Kensi. Preterea concessimus pro nobis et pro successoribus nostris predictis leprosis quod capella de sancto Leonardo quam predicti leprosi habuerunt in Lanstaueton sit radicitus prostrata et quod nunquam de cetero capella de Sancto Leonardo vel de aliquo alio Sancto vel Sanctâ in loco ubi capella prior de Sancto Leonardo sita fuit vel prope illum locum erigatur unde nocumentum predictis leprosis oriatur. Et concessimus quod predicti leprosi habeant in Gillemartin capellanum residentem qui eisdem serviat. Et concessimus eisdem decimas omnimodas sue domus et ejusdem loci. Et concessimus eisdem et remisimus duodecim solidos et novem denarios ad sustentandum se et suum capellanum ibidem, quos duodecim solidos et novem denarios predicti leprosi solebant ferre elemosinario nostro annuatim pro capellano habendo. Set tamen capellanus quem predicti leprosi ibidem habeant obediens erit matrici ecclesie de Lanceuetona ita quod capellanus Lanceuetona tenetur consulere predictis leprosis in quadragesima et recipere oblacionem suam de confessione si ibi veniet. Et capellanus Lanceuetone tenetur quater annuatim celebrare in capella de Gillemartin scilicet ad Natale et ad Pasca et ad festum Omnium Sanctorum et ad festum Sancti Leonardi. Ita quod quilibet frater leprosus tenetur offerre quadrantem ad festum Omnium Sanctorum et ad quodlibet alium festum trium predictorum unum obolum; et si predicti leprosi velint admittere aliquem leprosum inter se, tenentur monstrare priori Lanceuetona, et quando eligant priorem sue domus. Et ego predictus prior Lanceuetona et conventus ejusdem loci et successores nostri non possumus exigere aliquam consuetudinem vel redditum vel servicium a predictis leprosis vel de sua capella de Gilmartin cum oblacionibus advenientibus vel de predicta terra sua de Gilmartin vel de prato ejusdem loci cum pertinenciis suis nisi ea que continentur in hac carta; et tenemur bis annuatim liberare breve nostro sigillo signatum ad abbatem Fordie per predictos leprosos propter redditum eorundem leprosorum, scilicet ad nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste et ad natale Domini. Et tenemur leprosis predictis cotidie liberare unum album panem vel suo nuncio de frumento sicut aliquis canonicus habeat de prioratu Lanceuetona pro anima Comitis Reginaldi. Et prior et conventus Lanceuetona tenentur warantizare predictam capellam cum oblacionibus et cum pertinenciis suis et predictam terram et pratum de Gillemartin cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predictis leprosis et successoribus suis contra omnes homines et feminas. Quod ut ratum et perpetuum sit nostro communi sigillo nostre domus confirmavimus. Hiis testibus: nobili viro Comite Ricardo Cornubie, filio Regis Johannis. Domino Ricardo Exoniensi episcopo. Domino Johanne tunc archidiacono Cornubie. Domino Johanne de Lamford tunc seneschallo Cornubie. Domino Reginaldo de Botreaux. Domino Gervasio de Horniocote. Domino Rogero de Freslosc. Domino Willielmo Wise. Hamelino Miles tunc majore burgi de Dunhefed. Olivero Corc et Johanne Tinctore tunc prepositis. Henrico de Trevelle, et multis aliis. [The seal is appendant.]

Num. VII.

Placita de libertatibus inter priorem de Lanceveton et burgenses de Dunheved. 30 Ed. I.*

(Ex originali apud Launceston.)

Ricardus Dei gracia Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus quandam certificacionem continentem quas libertates quondam burgenses burgi de Lanceueton coram Johanne de Berewyk et sociis suis justiciariis Domini Edwardi filii Henrici quondam regis Anglie progenitoris nostri itinerantibus in comitatu Cornubie apud Lanceueton per breve ipsius progenitoris nostri anno regni sui tricesimo clamaverunt habere in burgo de Lanceueton in comitatu predicto nobis in cancellariam nostram per thesaurarium et camerarios nostros de mandato nostro missam in hec verba.—Placita de juratoribus et assisis coram Johanne de Berewyk Willielmo de Burneton Henrico Spygurnel Johanne Randolf et Henrico de Staunton justiciariis itinerantibus apud Launceueton in comitatu Cornubie in octabis sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici tricessimo, scilicet de libertatibus, dicunt quod burgenses istius burgi clamant habere emendam assisie panis et cervisie pillory et tumberel in burgo isto, nesciunt quo warranto; ideo preceptum est vice comiti quod venire faciat eos. Postea predicti burgenses veniunt et dicunt quod ipsi et omnes burgenses istius burgi habuere predictas libertates et eis plene usi sunt sine interrupcione vel occupacione facienda super dominum regem a tempore quo non extat memoria, et hoc petunt quod inquiratur per patriam. Et juratores hundredi de Est Wyveshire simul cum militibus ad hoc electis dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predicti burgenses habuere in burgo predicto emendam assisie panis et cervisie pillory tumberel et quod ipsi et omnes burgenses antecessores eorum habuerunt predictas libertates et eis usi sunt a tempore quo non extat memoria; ideo predicti burgenses quoad hoc sine die salvo jure domini regis &c. Juratores presentant quod burgenses Dunheved tenent burgum istum in capite de domino rege ad feodi firmam reddendo

* The same pleadings are abridged in the Quo Warranto Rolls, see p. 110, printed ed.

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inde per annum centum solidos et unam libram piperis domino regi, et similiter reddendo domino regi septem solidos et sex denarios de escaetis que acciderunt tempore Ricardi quondam comitis Cornubie. Iidem juratores presentant quod cum Reginaldus de Mortayn quondam comes Cornubie perquisivisset de quodam priore de Launceuetona predecessore prioris nunc quasdem libertates quas iidem prior et canonici ecclesie sancti Stephani de Lanceueton, videlicet emendam assisie panis et cervisie fracte in villa de Lanceuetona, tunc temporis habuere, et dedisset eisdem priori et canonicis pro eisdem libertatibus habendis sexaginta quinque solidos decem denarios percipiendos de burgensibus suis de Dunheved de certa firma et assignasset eosdem burgenses et successores suos ad eosdem sexaginta quinque solidos et decem denarios dictis priori et conventui annuatim solvendos, de quibus ab eodem tempore semper usque nunc eisdem priori et conventui annuatim extiterit plenarie satisfactum per ipsos, dictus prior et conventus de novo post ultimum iter hic appropriaverunt sibi emendam assisie panis et cervisie in villa de Lanceuetona et eas modo clamant contra factum suum quod fecerunt predicto Reginaldo comite, et nichilominus percipiunt predictos sexaginta quinque solidos et decem denarios de eisdem burgensibus, ad dampnum domini regis et burgensium suorum, &c. Ideo preceptum est vicecomiti quod venire faciat predictum priorem, etc. Postea venit dictus prior et quoad predictas emendas dicit quod dominus Rex est in sesina de medietate proficui de predictis emendis provenientis et dicit quod ipse clamat aliam medietatem et quoad illum medietatem dicit quod predecessores sui eandem libertatem habuerunt ante tempus predicti Reginaldi comitis, ipsam libertatem semper hoc usque continuando. Dicit enim quod tempore predicti Reginaldi comitis quidam R. prior de Lanceuetona predecessor suus sufficienter et legitime disracionavit coram predicto comite omnes libertates quas predecessores sui antea habuerunt, videlicet sok et sak tol et thym et infangthef cum omnibus aliis libertatibus, et quod ipse et homines sui quieti essent de sectis schirarum et hundredi placitis et querelis clivewardis et omnibus auxiliis et omni servicio seculari, excepto mercato diei dominice tantummodo quod ipsi antea habuere, quod quidem mercatum comes Moreton predecessor predicti comitis transtulit de villa de Lanceueton usque ad burgum de Dunheved, pro quo mercato dictus comes assignavit dicto priori et conventui et eorum successoribus viginti solidos annuatim percipiendos de prepositura castelli de Dunheved. Dicit eciam quod idem Reginaldus comes pro quadam turri que fuit eorundem prioris et conventus, quam fecit prosterni, dedit eisdem priori et conventui in puram et perpetuam elemosinam quadraginta solidos percipiendos annuatim ex firma sua de castello de Dunheved, salvo eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis redditu viginti solidorum quos habent annuatim de prepositura castelli predicti pro mercato predicto per cartas ejusdem Reginaldi comitis quas profert que hoc idem testantur; profert eciam quandam cartam Ricardi quondam comitis Pictavie et Cornubie in qua continetur quod idem Ricardus dedit intuitu caritatis priori de Lanceuetona et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam v*s.* x*d.* redditus ad luminare beate Marie percipiendos annuatim de burgensibus de Dunheved et obligavit se et heredes suos ad warantizandum, etc. Unde dicit quod ipse non percipit predictos LXv*s.* x*d.* pro predictis emendis remittendis ut supra presentatum est. Et petit judicium, &c. Et quia compertum est quod predicti burgenses non solvunt predictum redditum de LXv*s.* x*d.* predictis priori et canonicis pro predictis emendis, set pro mercato transposito et elemosinis datis et quod predicti prior et predecessores sui predictas emendas habuerunt a tempore predicto usque nunc, videlicet de medietate exitus emendarum predictarum; et hoc per juratores ad hoc electos una cum juratoribus hundredi de Estweveleshire in quo predicta villa de Launceueton est concessum est quod predictus prior inde sine die salvo jure domini regis, etc.—Nos autem certificacionem predictam ad requisicionem nunc burgensium burgi predicti duximus exemplificandam per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium primo die Maii anno regni nostro sexto.

Num. VIII.

Compositio inter Priorem et Conventum de Launceston et parochianos Sancti Thome.

(Bishop Oldam's Register, fol. 53, b.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas nostras visuris vel audituris Hugo [Oldam] permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum inter pastorales curas quibus divina disponente clemencia prepositi sumus ea debeat esse precipua ut sublatis omnium contencionum acerbitate et discordiarum a subditis suis molestia, tranquillitatis concordiaque jucunditas pacis et unionis dulcedo inter eosdem vigeat floreat et invalescat, experiencia enim efficacie rerum magistra videmus, pacis auctorem nisi pacis tempore bene non coli, dissenciones autem improbis artibus aditum, pravis moribus ansam, parare, rancoris causarum odia generare, jurgia lites contencionesque graves excitari, suborta igitur nuper dissencionis cujusdam materia inter religiosos viros priorem et conventum prioratus de Launceston nostre Exoniensis diocesis, rectores proprietarios ecclesie parochialis sancti Stephani in Midelhill in prefato oppido Launceston ex una, et inhabitantes juxta capellam sancti Thome martyris ab eadem dependentem partibus ex altera, de et super divino servicio sacramentisque et sacramentalibus prefatis inhabitantibus in dicta capella per idoneum presbiterum congruis temporibus sumptibus atque expressis antedictorum religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus celebrando ac administrando, necnon super quibusdam aliis rebus ad idem spectantibus, nos Hugo episcopus antedictus boni pastoris laudabili more gregis a Domino nobis commissi incommodis ac dissidiis occurrere eaque pastoralis solicitudinis studio prorsus evellere ac omnimodo submovere cupientes, de expressis consensu et assensu predictorum prioris et conventus, necnon Johannis Shere, Johannis Richard, Johannis Grenow, iconomorum seu custodum bonorum in stauro capelle sancti Thome martyris antedicte, Johannis Mayow, Stephani Gary, Roberti Coke, Nicholai Helier ceterorumque inhabitancium apud sepenarratam capellam majorem partem ibidem faciencium qui se ordinacioni directioni disposicioni de cetero atque statuto nostris circa prefatam discordiam ut premittitur pure sponte et simpliciter submiserunt, diligenti et matura cum juris peritis deliberacione super premissis habita ad tollendam omnem litis materiam in futurum, statuimus ordinamus disposuimus ac eciam decernimus per presentes prout statuimus ordinamus disponimus ac decernimus modo et forma sequenti. In primis, quod memoratus prior et conventus sumptibus atque expensis suis invenient idoneum presbiterum regularem vel secularem qui in prefata capella sancti Thome martyris singulis diebus dominicis aliisque festivis jam preceptis et admissis antedictis inhabitantibus totum divinum servicium celebrabit ut ceteri habent parochiani, sacraque et sacramentalia eisdem necessitate exigenti administrabit. Item quod prememorati inhabitantes in festis Nativitatis Domini veniant annuatim ad ecclesiam conventualem prerecitati prioris ad audiendum ibidem, et non in dicta capella, suas matutinas. Item quod antedicti inhabitantes juxta capellam sepius narratam invenient reparabunt et manutenebunt omnes libros vestes ceteraque omnia ornamenta divino servicio necessaria, suis propriis sumptibus et expensis. Item quod dicti religiosi viri prior et conventus suis sumptibus vinum et panem consecracioni ac celebracioni missarum necessaria, necnon cereum benedictum ac oleum sanctum dictis inhabitantibus invenient fonti baptismali ac pixidem hostie cum vino sacramenti in ecclesia conventuali dicti prioratus mansuram. Item prelibati inhabitantes dicte capelle suis sumptibus et expensis edificabunt reparabunt et manutenebunt parietes fenestras tectum dicte capelle necnon clausuram sive vallum cemiterii prenarrate capelle. Item quod duo principales iconomorum sive gardianorum dicte capelle sancti Thome martyris seu alter eorum temporibus suis existentibus et futuris offerent seu offeret annuatim in signum subjectionis ac recogniscionis matricis ecclesie unum cereum unius libre in festo sancti Stephani martyris, viz. in crastino Nativitatis Domini ad summum

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altare matricis ecclesie sancti Stephani martyris in Middelhill vicissim ac alternatim viz. in festo sancti Stephani proximo post datum presencium futuro in prelibata matrice ecclesia sancti Stephani in Middlehill ut predicitur, altero autem anno eodem festo in summo altari ecclesie conventualis, et sic deinceps alternatim ac vicissim de anno in annum. Item quod inhabitantes predicti seu duo principales iconomi seu gardiani dicte capelle singulis annis in festo translacionis sancti Thome martyris offerent ad summum altare dicte capelle sancti Thome martyris curate ibidem duos solidos legalis monete. Item quod aquebaiulus seu clericus memorate capelle per priorem eligendus cubabit seu dormiet in certa camera turris ecclesie conventualis ad quam est facilis cuicumque aditus ut sic clericus si opus erit excitatus vadat porro suscitatum curatum capelle ut surgat administraturus sacramenta quibus erunt necessaria. Sed ne vel levitate quod alterutrius partis vel invidentis animarum saluti maligni spiritus subdola suggestio hec nostra statuta ordinaciones seu decreta quandocumque violari contingat vobis priori et conventui antedictis in virtute obediencie mandamus quatenus eadem et singulos eorundem articulos inviolabiliter observetis; inhabitantes vero prefate capelle si ea vel partem ullam eorum infringere ut prefertur presumpserint, omni commodo habendo ac audiendo divina in prefata capella nunc pro tunc et tunc pro nunc privari et privamus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum Exonie nono die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto et nostre consecracionis anno secundo.

Num. IX.

Valor Ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII. pages 402-3. Decanatus de Trigg Major.

Prioratus de Launceston

Unde Willielmus Warwest quondam episcopus Exonie est fundator.

Spiritualia.

Valor firmarum decimarum garbarum scituatarum et jacentium in diversis villis et parochiis dicto prioratui pertinentium, viz.—

Leskerd 20£.
Tallon 9£.
Worryngton et Seynt Gelys £13. 6. 8.
Egloskery 11£.
Boyton £6. 13. 4.
Stratton and Poghill 16£.
Tamerton £7. 13. 4.
Seynt Genys 8£.
Lawanek 10£.
Lanaste 5£.
Lankynghorne 18£.
Mary Maydaleyn £2. 13. 4.
Seynt Thomas £6. 6. 8.
Tynyhorne et Cokkewarnell 6s. 8.
Barton de Worryngton £1. 1. 4.
Seynt Gelys 8s.
Sancti Thome 2£.
Seynt Stephyns £8. 6. 8.
Tresm' £2. 5. 8.
Seynt Julytte 6£.

In toto . . . £154 11 8

Valor pencionum exeuncium de diversis ecclesiis dicto prioratui pertinentibus, viz.—

Beworthy 10s.
Ashebury 2s.
Marie Magdalene 1£.
Tamerton £1. 6. 8.
Egloskery £1. 6. 8.
Dewstowe 5s.
Luffingcotte 2s.
Seynt Gelys 2s.
Tresm' 1s. 8.
South Sydenham 1s.

In toto . . . £4 17 –

Temporalia.

Valor redditus et firme terrarum et tenementorum tam liberorum tenencium quam convencionariorum dicto prioratui pertinentium et in diversis dominiis et maneriis scituatorum et jacentium ut sequitur, viz.—

Launceston et burg' cum 10£. de perquisitis curiarum, communibus annis	£101 6 8
Bradeford cum 2s. de perquisitis curiarum.	£5 11 3½
Carnedon Prior cum 6s. de perquisitis curiarum.	£13 8 –¾
Clymmeslond Prior cum 3s. 4. de perquisitis curiarum . .	£7 1 4¼
Treworgy cum 3s. 4. de perquisitis curiarum	£7 8 6
Stratton . . . . cum 2s. de perquisitis curiarum	£7 2 6
Tottesdon cum 1s. de perquisitis curiarum	£4 1 –
Byestway cum 4s. de perquisitis curiarum	£7 10 –
Boyton cum 2s. de perquisitis curiarum	£8 2 –
Buckelawre cum 1s. 4. de perquisitis curiarum.	£18 4 6
Buek 15s. 1d.	
Bonalva cum 1s. 4. de perquisitis curiarum	£7 10 11
Halghland cum 6s. 8. de perquisitis curiarum	£3 15 2¼
Bradrygge £8 10 8½.	
Trewosell £2. 13. 4.	
et officium camerarii ibidem	£26 – 5
In toto . .	£229 2 6¼

Vendicio bosci.

Valor proficuum proveniencium sive crescencium de vendicione bosci et subbosci de predictis maneriis sic assissatus per commissionarios	£ 4	– –
Summa valoris tam spiritualium quam temporalium prioratus predicti . . .	392	11 2¼

De quibus,

Reprise deducte, viz. in

Redditu resoluto.

Domino de Trebigh pro redditu de Riggrovemylle per annum 3s. Domino Regi pro assissa panis et cervisie in Newport infra manerium de Launceston per annum 8s. Eidem Domino Regi de decennaria de Braderigge 2s. et pro sustentacione cujusdam luminis in capella beate Marie ex concessione Ricardi quondam comitis Cornubie per annum 5s.	–	18 –

Feoda seneschalli, receptoris, auditoris, et ballivi, annuatim soluta.

Johanni Chamond militi, capitali seneschallo domus predicte £2. 13. 4. Johanni Wyse receptori et ballivo de Launceston lond per annum £3. 6. 8. Johanni Phelipps ballivo manerii de Haghland 13s. 4. Willielmo Dynham et Thome Cokk auditoribus domus predicte per annum 6£. Johanni Kympthorn subseneschallo domus 2£. Eidem Johanni Kympthorn ballivo de Treworgy 13s. 4. Eidem Johanni Kympthorn ballivo de Trewofell 6s. 8. Roberto Glanfeld ballivo de Braderygge £1. 6. 8. Henrico Shire ballivo burgi de Newport Pounde £1. 4. 4. Et Aque bajulo parochie de Launceston predicte per compositionem 6s. 8. In toto .	18	11 –

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Annuitates et perpetue penciones solute.

	£		
Abbati de Tavestoke pro pencione de Worryngton £2. 10.			
Priori sancti Germani pro pencione de Mawdaleyn 13*s.* 4.			
Capellano celebranti in capellâ infra castrum de Downeheved ex concessione Stephani quondam regis Anglie 5£.	10	16	8
Et cuidam capellano ad celebrandam missam bis in qualibet septimanâ apud Penhele pro anima fundatoris, per annum £2. 13. 4. In toto			

Perpetuis elemosinis annuatim distributis.

Pauperibus distributis tam in cena Domini quam qualibet die Veneris tempore Quadragesime.			
Pro anima fundatoris predicti £4. 2. 2.			
Pauperibus in hospitali Sancti Leonardi pro anima dicti fundatoris 6*s.* 8.	7	8	10
Prisonariis in castro domini regis de Launceston, ex fundacione fundatoris predicti £1.			
Pauperibus die obitus predicti fundatoris 1£.			
Et pauperibus pro elemosyna annuatim distributâ pro anima ejusdem fundatoris 1£.			

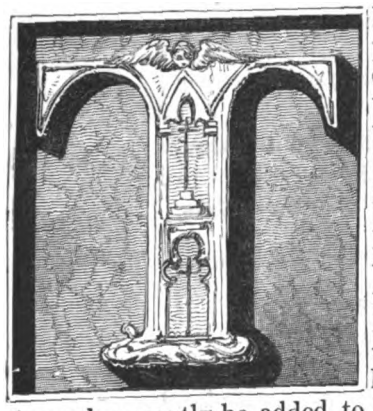
Sinodatica et procurationes annuatim solute.

	£		
Archidiacono pro sinodatico et procuratione per annum	–	15	9
	£38	10	3
Et valet clare ultra reprisas predictas per annum	354	–	11¼
Decima inde . .	35	8	1¼

[From Bishop Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105, b, we learn that the following customary payments were made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of Launceston priory, "De priore de Launceston pro rectoria de Julytt 5*s.*; de eodem pro rectoria de Egloskery 7*s.* 5½."]

St. Michael's Mount,

IN CORNWALL, AND THE DEANERY OF PENWITH.



THE custumale of Otterton priory, fol. 58, as well as the deeds appended to this article, prove satisfactorily that Robert, Earl of Mortain (Moritonium, in the diocese of Avranches), who bore the banner of St. Michael in the Norman army, confirmed * to the abbey of St. Michael in his native diocese, St. Michael's Mount in Cornwall, with half an hide of land and a market there; that subsequently he added to his donation three acres of land; that his endowment was sanctioned by his half brother King William the Conqueror, by Queen Matilda, and their three sons, Robert, William, and Henry, by the Countess Matilda, wife of the said Earl of Mortain, and their son William; that Leofric, Bishop of Exeter, exempted this religious cell from all episcopal subjection; and that the church, which crowned the summit of the mount, was consecrated by William Warelwast, Bishop of Exeter, in 1135. With the approbation of the last mentioned prelate, Bernard, the eleventh abbot of St. Michael's in Normandy, settled here thirteen brethren, "in honorem Christi Jhesu et apostolorum ejus." One was appointed prior, but was bound to visit in person or proxy the mother house every year, and to pay sixteen marks of silver as an acknowledgment of dependence.

From being a mere cell with a prior moveable ad nutum this house subsequently obtained a distinct corporate character, and had a convent, a seal, and a perpetual prior. As such it was considered exempt from seizure under the different acts for taking possession of alien priories in the reigns of Henry IV. and V. (See Rymer's Fœdera, vol. iv. p. 59. Rot. Parl. 1 Hen. V. &c.) It was in fact transferred by Henry V. to the new monastery of Sion under authority of parliament, with the sanction of ecclesiastical confirmation. Conflicting grants of this property were afterwards made both to Sion house and to King's college, Cambridge; but the college relinquished its claim, and from the reign of Henry VI. to that of Henry VIII. the ecclesiastical history of the mount is identified with that of the monastery of Sion†. (See Rot. Parl. 1 Hen. V.; 2 and 20 Hen. VI.; 1 Ed. IV.) The advowson of the priory belonged to the duchy, and was valued at 100 marks per ann. in 2 Ric. II. (See Inq. post mortem.)

The Cornish mount, like its counterpart in Normandy, had a garrison in the time of King Richard I., and in the early part of the fifteenth century it is styled a fortalitium. (4 Rym. 59.)

William of Worcester, in his Itinerary, 1478, states the dimensions of St. Michael's church to be thirty steps, or sixty feet, long by twelve steps broad. The dimensions of the new chapel, "nove capelle edificate," he computes at forty feet in length, and twenty in breadth: and he adds, that between St. Michael's Mount and the Scilly Islands were formerly meadow and arable land and masses of forest, and that 140 intervening churches had perished by the encroachment of the sea.

Bishop Lacy, on August 10, 1425, considering the great losses of vessels and of lives during the storms in Mount's Bay, encouraged the faithful to complete the stone causeway between Marazion and St. Michael's Mount.

The "villani de Markasyon," on March 22, 1309, obtained Bp. Stapeldon's licence to have divine service performed Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, "in capellâ Sce Ermetis infra limites parochie Sci Hilarii." (Reg. fol. 39.)

In fol. 88 of the said bishop's register, may be seen the taxation of St. Hilary, dated Wednesday before St. Peter in cathedra (January), 1313. After reciting Bp. Walter Bronescombe's taxation, made Aug. 24, 1261, which assigned to the vicar the tithe of hay and all the obventions of the altar, the tithe of fish coming "ex batellis parochianorum," also the mortuaries, ex "decessu paro-

* The grant seems to have been, in part, confirmatory of the previous one by Edward the Confessor. See Num. I. post.

† There is no ground for the assertion repeated in Nichols' Alien Priories, vol. i. page 148, and other works, that "Earl Robert placed here Cistertian monks of the Gilbertine order, by whose rules nuns were admitted to live with them."

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chianorum de Markesion de parvo mercato de Trewarnene et Brevamick (decimis ex nutrimentis animalium prioris de Monte Sancti Michaelis et decimis de insulâ Sancti Michaelis exituris duntaxat exceptis)." Bp. Stapeldon, taking into consideration the dangers arising from the tide between St. Michael's Mount and Markasion, directs in future that the bodies of persons dying at Markasion be buried in the cemetery of St. Hilary, unless some from devotion should express a wish in their last will to be interred at the mount; but that in such case the vicar of St. Hilary should receive all the offerings for the bodies so removed, "ita tamen quod prior Sti Michaelis semper percipiat mortuaria de decedentibus in villâ de Markasion, sicut antea percipere consuevit."

In the will of Sir John Arundell, knt., dated April 18, 1433, and proved before Bp. Lacy at Chudleigh, June 7, in that year, we observe the following items: "Lego lumini Sancti Michaelis in Monte xiii^{s}. et iv^{d}. Item lego operi cancellarie ibidem faciende xij^{s}. et iv^{d}." Can the light here meant be the mutilated hexagonal lantern, now called the chair *?

Priors.

Radulphus de Cartaret, admitted December 21, 1266.

Richard Perer, collated by Bishop Bronescombe, 11 April 1275, to this priory, "qui tanto tempore vacavit." (Reg. fol. 71.)

Gaufridus de Gernon, alias *Forum*, instituted July 8, 1283 †. After governing the house thirty-three years, he resigned office, when

Peter de Cara Villa, or *Carville*, was confirmed prior September 12, 1316. Bishop Grandisson, on September 12, 1334, certified to King Edward III. that this prior and his monks held "in proprios usus," the parish churches of St. Hilary and Moresk, and received ten marks per annum from Udno (Perranuthnoe). (Register, vol. ii. fol. 184.) On May 7, 1336, Bishop Grandisson's official visited this priory. He reported that the revenues amounted to one hundred pounds a year, besides oblations, and the debts to one hundred shillings; that this prior Peter had farmed the estates to several persons, "pro vili precio in grave dispendium domus sue," and had then lent out goods to the value of eighteen marks, without daring to demand restitution; and that a cousin of this prior had been suffered to dilapidate the property.

The following survey made about this time upon the seizure of alien priories is extant in the Tower, and will be interesting to some of our readers.

Extenta facta inter Willielmum de Hardeshull clericum et Johannem Hamely vicecomitem Cornubie 24 die Julii, A.D. 1337.

Bona et catalla inventa in prioratu Montis Sancti Michaelis in ecclesia. j calix ponderis xx^{s}. x^{d}. sterlingorum. Item j vestimentum cum ij pannis de serico pretii xxvj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item j missale pretii xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item in custodia prioris et monachorum ij vestes debiles cum vj manutergiis pretii xx^{s}. Item j calix ponderis xvj^{s}. j^{d}. Item j portiforium debile pretii vj^{s}. viij^{d}. que eisdem priori et monachis liberantur custodienda per visum vicecomitis. Item in camera prioris iij pelves cum j lavatorio pretii iij^{s}. v^{d}j. Item iiij ciste cum quodam forcerio pretii vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item viij coclearea argentea ponderis viij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item ij ciphi de mazero pretii x^{s}. Item j ciphus argenteus cum j coopertorio argenteo ponderis xx^{s}. x^{d}. Item j ciphus argenteus ponderis xviij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item j ciphus argenteus cum coopertorio ponderis xxxj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item argentum fractum ponderis iiij^{s}. vj^{d}. Item quedam imago argentea ponderis xj^{d}. obolum. Item j firmaculum argenteum ponderis vj^{d}. Item quedam imago Sancti Michaelis pretii xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item ij ciphi de mazero veteres et fracti pretii v^{s}. Item j turribulum argenteum ponderis xxxv^{s}. viij^{d}. Item j turribulum argenteum vetus ponderis xxj^{s}. Item v parve olle de stagno veteres pretii xij^{d}. Item iiij olle eneæ pretii vj^{s}. viij^{d}. . . . . Item . . patelle debiles pretii ij^{s}. Item xv disci et xv salsaria debilia pretii xv^{d}. Item j crater cum aliis utensilibus ferreis pretii xxiij^{d}. Item in stauro iij afferi pretii x^{s}. Item vasa lignea pretii vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item decime ecclesie de Moresk taxantur ad xv^{li}. Item decime ecclesie Sancti Hilarii cum decima capelle Sancti Michaelis xxiij^{li}. vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item redditus ipsius prioris in villa de Treverabo cum pertinentiis xxij^{li}. Item redditus ejusdem prioris in Penwyth xxix^{s}. vij^{d}. obolum. Item decima piscarie ibidem et oblationes que varie et casualiter fiunt remanent in custodia vicecomitis ad respondendum juxta summam quam . . . . .

Summa Lxxxij^{li}. iij^{s}. xi^{d}.

Nicholas Isabel, instituted September 24, 1342, on Peter de Carville's cession.

John Hardy succeeded October 3, 1349. This prior was indicted at Launceston, in 1356, for having sent secret letters, two years before, with a sum in gold and silver amounting to £60, into Normandy to the king's enemies, and harbouring two men from that country for two weeks at Trevaberou (Treverabo). He proved his innocence of the charges, and was acquitted. (Pat. 30 Ed. III. p. 3, m. 22.)

John de Volant, admitted April 24, 1362, on Hardy's death. We learn from Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 7, that this prior, with but two monks, resided in the house; that his church of St. Michael's Mount was valued in 24 marks and 3*s*. 9*d*. per annum; that St. Hilary's church, of the yearly value of five marks and a half, and Moresk church, of the yearly value of twenty marks and 6*s*. 6*d*., belonged to the convent.

Richard Harepath—on whose translation to St. German's (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 91)

Richard Auncell succeeded on the presentation of King Richard II. December 7, 1385. His brass seal, representing the patron saint of the priory transfixing the dragon, was not long since discovered in Exeter, and is now at Prior Park, near Bath.

William Lambert, a monk of Tutbury, on Auncell's death succeeded October 21, 1412, on the presentation of King Henry IV.; and was probably the last prior. It is very remarkable that Bishop Stafford in his return to the king's writ (Register, vol. ii. fol. 338) had overlooked in the registers of his predecessors the Priors Nicholas Isabel and Richard Herepath. When Prior Lambert's superiority expired, we believe that the principal ecclesiastical person at the mount was a chaplain, appointed by the patron. One of these, William Morton, must have been a person of influence and benevolence, as appears from the patent roll, 6 Henry VI. 1427, p. 1. m. 22. which recites that William Morton, of Mount St. Michael, chaplain, "capellanus," had stated, in a petition to the king, that between Lizard Point and the Land's End is situated Mount Bay, within which there is no safe port for ships of eighty tons burthen; that very many vessels at sea come into the said bay, either forced by stress of weather, or brought into it by the remissness and negligence of the mariners, and for the want of a sufficient port and a safer place, the ships and the men and cargo are endangered and destroyed within the bay, to the no small loss and injury of the king and of his people trading on those coasts: That whereas the said William, from a religious motive, and having a compassion for the people whose goods and merchandize are often endangered for want of a port, had commenced there a stone quay or jetty, which, if completed, would, by God's favour, be a convenient port, capable of receiving and securing 200 ships of whatever burthen, though driven into the bay by tempestuous weather or other causes, and whereas the commencement of this quay had put him to great costs, and much greater costs must be incurred in finishing and completing the same; and whereas the said William and

* A similar light-house existed in the votive chapel of St. Nicholas, "supra portum maris apud Ilfracombe." See mention of this chapel in Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 134, 187; and in Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 13, April 14, 1522, it is stated that, "in capellâ Sancti Nicholai super portum ville de Ilfracombe fundatâ luminare quoddam singulis annis per totam hiemem nocturnis temporibus in summitate dicte capelle ardens velut stella nocte choruscans invenitur," and that it eminently contributed during storms and tempests to guide vessels into a place of safety. As the means of the inhabitants were unable to maintain the expence of providing the lights, the bishop offered to all true penitents an indulgence of forty days, "qui ad dicti luminis sustentationem manus porrexerint adjutrices."

† This prior, by a deed dated 1287, with the assent of his three commonks, granted land in Tremenhir Woles to Michael de Tremenhir Woles. The original is still in the possession of the ancient family of Tremenheere. The surname of the prior is spelt differently.

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the people of the adjacent parts could not support such charges without the king's assistance, he therefore prayed his gracious aid in this behalf; whereupon the king, sincerely affecting the safety and quiet of his people, and wishing further to answer to the desires of the said William in this work of piety, with the advice and consent of the lords spiritual and temporal then assembled in parliament, granted to the said William and the governors of the work of the quay aforesaid, during the next seven years, the power of levying on every vessel of 120 tons burthen and more, coming near the mount and anchoring there, 12 pence; and on every vessel between 120 tons and 60 tons burthen, 8 pence; and on every vessel under 60 tons burthen, 4 pence, as often as they shall come near the mount; and from every boat of any foreign fisherman, fishing for hake in the season within the said bay, 12 pence, or the value thereof in the said fish: provided that the moneys so levied were applied and faithfully expended about the construction and finishing of the said quay for the relief and safety of the men, ships, goods, and merchandise arriving at the said bay, upon view of four of the most substantial persons, to wit, merchants of Marghasieu* and fishermen belonging to the said quay, to be chosen by the other merchants and fishermen of the said town and quay.

How or when the church of St. Michael became an archpresbytery we cannot discover; but that the Rev. John Arscott, on November 16, 1537, was its archpriest is evident from the following dispensation entered in Bishop Turberville's Register, fol. 7. "Thomas [Cranmer], miseracione divina Cantuariensis episcopus, tocius Anglie primas et metropolitanus, ab infrascripta auctoritate parliamenti legitime fulcitus, dilecto nobis in Christo Johanni Arscott, archipresbitero ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Monte Tumba Exoniensis diocesis, artium liberalium magistro, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Cupientes te, quem propria virtutum merita multipliciter recommendant, horum intuitu meritorum favore prosequi gracioso, tecum, ut si officio archipresbiteratus dicte ecclesiæ, quod obtines, animarum cura non immineat, aut fructus redditus et proventus ejusdem ad valorem annuum octo librarum, deductis ipsius consuetis oneribus, sese non extendunt, una cum eodem officio archipresbiteratus, quodcumque aliud curatum vel alias incompatibile beneficium ecclesiasticum seculari clerico assignari solitum, qualiscumque nature nominisve aut qualitatis ab episcopali dignitate fuerit, recipere et quoad vixeris retinere, illudque simpliciter, vel ex causa permutacionis, quando tibi placuerit, dimittere, ac loco illius dimissi aliud simile vel dissimile beneficium ecclesiasticum, ut premittitur, qualificatum similiter recipere, et unacum prefato officio archipresbiteratus, quoad vixeris, retinere libere et licite valeas et possis, auctoritate predicta dispensamus, contrariis constitucionibus in aliquo non obstantibus. Volentes nihilominus, quod ne littere nostre tibi non proficiant, donec et quousque per literas patentes regie Majestatis, juxta provisionem statuti inde nuper in dicto parliamento editi, debite fuerint confirmati. Datum in manerio nostro de Lambehith sub nostro sigillo ad facultates, xvi^to^ die mensis Novembris," &c.

After the final dissolution of Sion monastery in 1539, the crown continued to lease the priory lands to several persons until the year 1611, when James I. granted it to Robert Cecyll, Earl of Salisbury. William, Lord Salisbury, February 27, 1640, conveyed the fee to Francis Basset, of Tehidy, Esq., whose son, John Basset, sold the same to John St. Aubyn, of Clowance, Esq.

The register of the priory was, in Tanner's time, in the possession of William, Earl of Salisbury, and is understood to be now in the possession of his descendant, the Marquess of Salisbury.

The following series of the abbots of the monastery of St. Michael in periculo maris†, before the suppression of this priory, is taken from the Gallia Christiana, as illustrated with the notes of that eminent and venerable antiquary, Mons. de Gerville, of Valognes, and is partially collated with the Otterton Cartulary.

Mainard I. appointed abbot in 966; died in 991.

Mainard II., nephew to the above, succeeded, and died in 1109.

Hildebert I. was the next abbot, and died 8 years later.

Hildebert II. succeeded in 1017, and died in 1023.

Theodoric governed the house for 10 years, and died in 1033.

Suppo, an Italian monk, was confirmed abbot in 1033. During his presidency it was that St. Edward the Confessor "dedit sancto Michaeli alterum Sanctum Michaelem juxta mare in agro Cornubiensi."—Gallia Christiana, vol. xi. This abbot must have resigned office shortly after; and, retiring to his native country, died in 1061.

Radulfus de Beaumont was certainly abbot in 1048, and died ten years later.

Ranulfus ——; he gave in his resignation in 1106, when *Roger* was preferred by King Henry I. This abbot resigned in 1123.

Richard de Mere was a subscribing witness to King Henry I.'s foundation deed of Reading abbey in 1125. He was afterwards displaced.

Bernard succeeded Richard, and assisted at the consecration of the priory church of St. Michael in Cornwall, 1135. This abbot died in 1149.

Gaufridus was the next abbot: the period of his government was short, and considerable confusion and delay took place in providing a successor, until

Robert de Torigny, "dictus de monte," was appointed by general assent in 1154. He became a great favourite of King Henry II., was an excellent scholar and encourager of learning, and to him the abbey and convent were indebted for the preservation of their most valuable charters and MSS. He died anno 1186. During his abbacy, in 1155, Pope Adrian confirmed the abbey in all its possessions by a bull, specifying those which lay in England. (See the bull in Dugd. Monast. vol. vi. fol. 991.)

Martin succeeded, and died late in 1191.

Jordan followed, and died in 1212.

Radulfus des Isles was the next abbot: ob. 1231.

* Marazion, vulgo, Market Jew.

† This magnificent abbey, built on an insulated rock of granite in the midst of the sandy bay of Cancale, bears in its general features a striking resemblance to its daughter priory in Cornwall, and it is probable that the resemblance of the two rocks suggested the donation by Edward the Confessor. It is obvious that his charter, witnessed by Norman bishops and nobles, was intended to convey the Cornish mount to the Norman abbey, and not (as is sometimes represented) to found an independent monastery in Cornwall. Hence the earlier appropriations and grants after the conquest are to the abbey, and not to the priory; and the grants are not made directly to the Cornish priory until the separation of Normandy from the English crown. From that time the priory assumed a conventual and corporate character; and though it was still regarded as alien, and as such put under custody during war, its dependance on the principal abbey was too slight to afford ground for the permanent seizure and alienation of its revenues until the endowment of the new convent of Sion. Some account of the Norman abbey in the latter part of the last century is contained in Wraxall's Tour in France, and a more recent one has been given by M. Maximilian Raoul, who has subjoined a catalogue of the MSS. lately belonging to its library. Both mounts appear from the earliest period to have been fortifications as well as religious houses, and to have contained garrisons as well as conventual buildings. It is remarkable, too, that the same tradition of extensive lands and forests, submerged by the sea, is current of both. When the Cornish mount ceased to be a cell, it continued to be a fortress; and the grants by which it is held to this day contain covenants for the maintenance of its military defence. Milton, therefore, uses an expression which is literally correct, when he speaks, in Lycidas, of

> "The fable of Bellerus old,
> Where the great vision of the guarded mount
> Looks toward Namoncos and Bayona's hold."

It was on the ground of a failure to perform this service that Charles I. was advised to confiscate, as forfeited, the manor of Trerabo and other possessions of the earl of Salisbury, who had made himself obnoxious by his adherence to the parliamentary party during the civil war. (MSS. in the possession of the late Sir John St. Aubyn, bart.) The remains of the ancient priory buildings are neither extensive, nor of a very interesting character. The most prominent is the chapel, probably the larger one of the two described by William of Worcester, in which a small lateral crypt is the only representative of the gloomy souterrains and cachots of its Norman prototype. The natural features of the English rock are, however, very striking. It may be worth while to observe, that when St. Michael "in procellâ," or "in periculo maris," is named in the old records, the foreign house is meant. But St. Michael "in Tumbâ," or "Monte Tumbâ," is a name occasionally applied to both houses. (Neustria Pia, p. 371; Will. Wyrcestre, p. 101; Wardrobe Accounts, Temp. Ed. I. p. 24.)—S.

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Thomas de Chambres, who governed the monastery for a short period.

Radulfus de Villedieu succeeded in 1235. Ob. 1237.

Richard III. (Turstin). Ob. 12 July, 1264.

Nicholas (Alexander), died after seven years filling office.

Nicholas Franciscus (Farnigot), elected abbot in 1271: ob. 12 March, 1279.

Ranulfus II., de Bonsueyo, held office for a few months only.

John was elected abbot in the course of the year 1280: the date of his death is 13 July, 1298.

William (du Chateau) elected in 1299. Ob. 1314.

John de la Portâ succeeded, and died in 1334, or the year after.

Nicholas II. (Le Vitrier). Ob. 30 Oct. 1362.

Gaufridus II. (De Servon) in the beginning of the following year, and died in 1385.

Peter (le Roy). Of this exemplary abbot we read, "Bibliothecam plurimis libris dotavit, chartas et registra monasterii transcripsit, et chartularia confecit." He died in Feb. 1410.

Robert Jolivet (le Breton) succeeded in 1411, and governed the house at the dissolution of our priory of St. Michael's Mount.

Num. I.

Carta Edwardi regis Anglorum pro abbatiâ sancti Michaelis*.

(Ex autographo apud S. Michaelem in Normannia.)

In nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis, ego Edwardus Dei gratia Anglorum rex, dare volens pretium redemptionis animæ meæ, vel parentum meorum, sub consensu et testimonio bonorum virorum, tradidi sancto Michaeli archangelo in usum fratrum Deo servientium in eodem loco sanctum Michaelem qui est juxta mare, cum omnibus appendenciis, villis scilicet, castellis, agris et cæteris attinentibus. Addidi etiam totam terram de Vennefire†, cum oppidis, villis, agris, pratis, terris cultis et incultis, et cum horum redditibus. Adjunxi quoque datis portum addere qui vocatur Ruminella cum omnibus quæ ad eum pertinent, hoc est molendinis et piscatoriis et cum omni territorio illius culto et inculto, et eorum redditibus. Si quis autem his donis conatus fuerit ponere calumpniam anathema factus, iram Dei incurrat perpetuam. Utque nostræ donationis auctoritas verius firmiusque teneatur in posterum, manu meâ firmando subterscripsi, quod et plures fecere testium.

Signum regis Edwardi ✠. Signum Roberti archiepiscopi Rothomagensis ✠. Hereberti episcopi Lexoviensis. Roberti episcopi Constantiensis. Signum Radulphi ✠. Signum Vinfredi ✠. Nigelli vicecomitis. Anschitilli Choschet. Turstini.

Num. II.

Exeter Domesday, fol. 72 (printed edition, fol. 65).

"In hundredo Conarditonæ habet sanctus Michael duas hidas quæ nunquam reddiderunt gildum."

(Fol. 508, and in the printed edition, 471.)

"Sanctus Michael habet unam mansionem quam vocatur Treiwal de qua abstulit comes de Moritonio unam hidam que erat in dominicatu sancti die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et valet per annum viginti solidos et quando comes occupavit valebat tantundem." (In p. 189, there is a fuller statement of the property.)

* This, and the charters No. III. V. VI. and VII. are printed from the Monasticon Anglic. vol. vi. The cartulary used by Dugdale in Num. V. VI. and VII. is, or lately was, still in existence, as we have above stated. The cartulary and other MSS. of the *abbey* are in the public library at Avranches.

† "Vennesire," in the cartulary at Avranches.

Num. III.

Carta Roberti, Comitis, pro monachis S. Michaelis.

In nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, amen. Ego Robertus Dei gratiâ Moritonii comes, igne divini amoris succensus, notifico omnibus sanctæ ecclesiæ matris nostræ filiis, habens in bello sancti Michaelis vexillum, quoniam pro animæ meæ salute atque meæ conjugis, seu pro salute, prosperitate, incolumitate Gulielmi gloriosissimi regis, atque pro adipiscendo vitæ æternæ premio, do et concedo montem sancti Michaelis de Cornubia Deo et monachis ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis de Periculo Maris servientibus, cum dimidiâ terræ hidâ, ita solutam et quietam ac liberam, ut ego tenebam, ab omnibus consuetudinibus querelis et placitis; et constituo etiam ut ipsi monachi, concedente domino meo rege, ibidem mercatum die quintæ feriæ habeant. Postea autem, ut certissimè comperi beati Michaelis meritis monachorumque suffragiis michi a Deo ex propriâ conjuge meâ filio concesso, auxi donum ipsi beato militiæ celestis Principi, dedi et dono in Amaneth tres acras terræ, Trevelaboth videlicet, Lismanoch, Trequaners, Carmailoc‡, annuente piissimo domino meo Gulielmo rege cum Mathilde reginâ atque nobilibus illorum filiis Roberto comite, Gulielmo Rufo, Henrico adhuc puero, ita quietam ac liberam de omnibus placitis querelis atque forisfactis, ut de nullâ re regiæ justitiæ monachi respondebunt, nisi de solo homicidio. Hanc autem donationem feci ego Robertus comes Moritonii, quam concesserunt gloriosus rex Anglorum Willielmus atque regina et filii eorum, sub testimonio istorum.

Signum Willielmi regis ✠. Signum reginæ Mathildis ✠. Roberti comitis ✠. Willielmi Rufi filii regis ✠. Henrici pueri ✠. Roberti comitis Moritonii ✠. Matildis Comitissæ ✠. Willielmi filii eorum ✠. Signum Willielmi filii Osberni ✠. Signum Rogeri de Monte-gomeri ✠. Tossetini vicecomitis ✠. Guarini ✠. Turulfi ✠.

Firmata atque roborata est hec carta, anno millessimo octuagesimo quinto ab incarnatione Domini indictione decimâ quarta, concurrente tertiâ, lunâ octavâ, apud Pevenesel.

Signum Liurici Essecestriæ episcopi ✠.

Ego quidem Liuricus Dei dono Essecestriæ episcopus, jussione et exhortatione domini mei reverentissimi Gregorii (VI.) papæ regisque nostri et reginæ omniumque optimatum totius regni Angliæ exhortatus ut ecclesiam beati Michaelis archangeli de Cornubia, utpote quæ officio et ministerio angelico creditur atque comprobatur consecrari ac sanctificari, quatenus eam ab omni episcopali jure, potestate, seu subjectione liberarem atque exuerem, quod et facere totius cleri nostri consensu et hortatu non distuli, libero igitur eam et exuo ab omni episcopali dominatione, subjectione, inquietudine, et omnibus illis qui illam ecclesiam suis cum beneficiis et elemosinis expetierint, et visitaverint, tertiam partem penitentiarum condonamus. Et ut hoc inconcussum et immobile et etiam inviolabile fine tenus permaneat, ex authoritate Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti omnibus nostris successoribus interdicimus ne aliquid contra hoc decretum usurpare præsumant.

Signum ejusdem Liurici Essecestricæ episcopi ✠. (See also W. of Wyrcestre's Itin. p. 101.)

Num. IV.

Alia carta ejusdem Comitis Roberti.

(Ex Cartularia Abbatiæ S. Michaelis, fol. 30.)

Ego Rotbertus comes Moritonensis et Almodis comitissa mea uxor damus Deo et S. Michaeli et monachis

‡ In the Otterton custumal the names are Tremain, Listyavehet Treganeis, Trehoraboht, Carmaheleck. See also the charter of Edmund, post, Num. VI. In the Avranches' cartulary, also, the names are slightly varied. They can now only be partially identified.

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Ludahanum manerium Ricardi Turulfi filii quod est juxta montem. Et damus illi illud quod Bloic[9] habebat in Treiuhalo manerio, et ferias ambas de monte. Istud dat comes Deo et S. Michaeli pro anima, et pro anima Willmi Anglorum regis, et pro anima Willmi regis ejus filii et pro suimet anima, et pro anima mulieris suæ defunctæ Mathildis, et pro viventi Almodi, et pro pueris eorum. Caritatem istam concessit Robertus filius comitis Moretonii, ille quem de Almodi comitissâ habuit, et Willms ejus alter filius concessit ita si de Almodi supradicta non remaneret heres et ad istum Willmum reveniret terra quod concederet. Istius caritatis istiusque conventionis existunt testes a parti comitissæ . . . . De conventione ista et caritate fecit Rogerius abbas et monachi caritatem comiti LX librarum cenomannensium. Hoc factum fuit vivente Roberto comite Normanniæ et Willmo rege Anglorum, regis Willmi filio *.

Num. V.

Carta Alani comitis Britanniæ.

(Ex registro prioratus olim penes Will. Comitem Sarum, fol. 5, a.)

Alanus Dei gratiâ comes Britanniæ et Cornubiæ et Richemuntis omnibus fidelibus suis et filiis sanctæ ecclesiæ per Cornubiam constitutis salutem. Sciatis, quod ego dedi et concessi in perpetuam possessionem Deo et ecclesiæ sancti Michaelis de Monte in mari, pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris et filiorum meorum, et pro redemptione animæ Brientii avunculi mei de cujus hæreditate terram Cornubiæ possideo, et aliorum antecessorum meorum, et parentum meorum, et pro stabilitate domini mei regis Stephani, et filiorum, et uxoris suæ, illos x^s. quos habui de redditu singulis annis de feriâ Merdresem, et quicquid plus proficui cum ad opus meum pertinere videbitur, si in futuro creverit, totum eidem dono ecclesiæ ita liberum et quietum in omni re sicut ego vel aliquis antecessorum meorum possidemus. Et ut hæc donatio mea in perpetuum maneat, sigilli mei impressione subscriptorum testimonio corroboravi, anno incarnationis Domini MCXL. conquisitionis meæ, quo ego Alanus comes scripsi. ✠ Ego Conanus capellanus comitis. ✠ Ego Ricardus de Luci. ✠ Ego Racorus de Valle Torta. ✠ Ego Willielmus de Tribus Minutis. ✠ Ego Rualdus conestabularius. ✠ Ego Gaufridus de Corrun, homo comitis. ✠ Ego Hugo de Terrvana. Apud Bomne† peracta fœliciter. Quicumque eidem ecclesiæ pro Deo benefecit, bene concedo. Testibus eisdem.

Num. VI.

Carta Ricardi regis Romanorum de feriis de Marhasgon.

(Ibid. fol. 6, a.)

Ricardus Dei gratiâ Romanorum rex, semper augustus, episcopis, abbatibus, prioribus, comitibus, baronibus, omnibusque liberè tenentibus et aliis fidelibus suis in comitatu Cornubiæ salutem, et omne bonum. Noverit universitas vestra nos per præsentem confirmationem nostram concessisse et confirmasse priori Montis beati Michaelis in Cornubiâ et successoribus suis, quod tres ferias et tria mercata, quæ ex concessione prædecessorum nostrorum regum Angliæ, viz. mediæ quadragesimæ die et in crastino; vigilia beati Michaelis die et in crastino, vigilia beati Michaelis in monte Tumba die et in crastino in Marghasbigan alieno solo hactenus habuerunt, habeant de cætero in solo suo proprio in Marchadyon ‡ juxta grangiam suam et imperpetuum possideant, ita quod feria et mercata prædicta secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Angliæ in nullius feriæ vel mercati dampnum cedat vel nocumentum. In cujus rei testimonium præsentem confirmationem sigillo regie majestatis nostræ duximus confirmandam. Hiis testibus, dominis Henrico Teutonico, Hugone de Boyvile, Stephano Haym, magistro Ada de Belestede, Johanne Beaupre, et aliis.

Num. VII.

Carta Edmundi Comitis Cornubie, donationes Ricardi patris sui recitans et confirmans.

(Ibid. f. 3, b.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum perveniret, Edmundus clare memoriæ Ricardi regis Alemanniæ filius, et comes Cornubiæ, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos inspexisse cartam predicti patris nostri, quam fecit priori et monachis sancti Michaelis in Cornubiâ in hæc verba.—Omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Ricardus comes Pictaviæ et Cornubiæ salutem. Noveritis me dedisse, et præsenti carta meâ confirmasse, pro me et hæredibus meis, priori et monachis sancti Michaelis in Cornubia ibidem Deo servientibus, pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum, totam terram in morâ meâ de Goenhib hiis metis inclusam; videlicet à divisâ que se extendit à villâ de Roswik ad terram de Trurabo §; et ita usque ad viam propè Crucaresken; et inde usque ad Bonesdu; et de Bonesdu usque ad Ponsdonfili; et inde usque ad Grelenbesels usque ad magnam viam Grudgdrahenot; et inde usque ad Grugkennywol; et inde sicut divisa se extendit inter Crunent et Polkere; habendum et tenendum sibi in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, quietam et solutam ab omni servicio seculari, et ad majorem securitatem præsentem cartam sigilli mei impressione feci roborari. Hiis testibus venerabili viro A. abbate Belli-loci regis, Andreâ de Cancellis, Widone de sancto Amando, Johanne filio Thomæ, Petro Brettone, Ricardo de Poncherdone, Roberto de Eschalers et aliis.

Inspeximus etiam aliam cartam prædicti patris nostri in hæc verba.—Omnibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, Ricardus comes Pictaviæ et Cornubiæ salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse et concessisse, et hac præsenti cartâ meâ confirmasse, intuitu caritatis, pro me et hæredibus meis, priori de Monte sancti Michaelis in Cornubia, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam decem solidatas redditus quos Willielmus de Walebreaus mihi annuatim reddere consuevit pro nundinis sancti Jacobi extra eundem montem, habendum eisdem priori et monachis libere et pacifice, et percipiendum de eodem Willielmo de Walesbreaus et hæredibus suis annuatim, sicut illos percipere consuevit. Et quia volo quod hæc mea donatio perpetuæ firmitatis robur obtineat, præsens scriptum sigillo meo signatum produxi in testimonium. Hiis testibus, dominis Andreâ de Cardinam, Willielmo de . . . . Andreâ de Cancellis, Waltero de Turri, Waltero de Therbyn tunc temporis vicecomite Cornubiæ, Odone Taerbyn filio suo et aliis.

Nos autem prædictas donationes, concessiones, et confirmationes ratas et gratas habentes, eas pro nobis et hæredibus nostris quantum in nobis est concedimus et confirmamus, sicut prædictæ cartæ prefati patris nostri rationabiliter testantur. Preterea concedimus et præsenti scripto nostro confirmamus Deo et beatæ Mariæ et sancto Michaeli, ac priori et monachis Montis sancti Michaelis,

* *Ludahanum* in this charter seems to be identical with *Luduham*, mentioned among the earl's possessions in Domesday. That the priory had lands in Ludgvan is clear from the deed referred to in note p. 29, for Tremenheere lies in that parish. *Treiwal* is mentioned in Domesday.

† Probably Bodmin, of which one of the oldest forms in records is "Bomine."

‡ Called "Marghasion," in Placita de Quo Warranto, 30 Ed. I., when the prior pleaded, and was allowed, a prescriptive right to amends of bread and beer, and three fairs in that manor. The manor is also called in title deeds and records Markesion, Markesiow, Marghasiew, Maryasion, and Marazion. The name of Marketjew seems to be a corruption. It has been supposed to be derived from the Thursday market (Marché de Jeudi), which the town enjoyed by grant from Earl Robert. (See Leland, Itin. v. 7. p. 117.)

§ The manor of Trerabo, in St. Keverne, belonged to the priory, and this grant seems to have conveyed part of the adjacent moor, now called Goonilly. Some only of the names can be identified.

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in Cornubia, quantum in nobis est, quod habeant et teneant montem sancti Michaelis, cum dictâ hidâ terræ cum suis pertinentiis, ita soluta et quieta ac libera ab omnibus consuetudinibus, querelis et placitis, sicut recolendæ memoriæ Robertus comes Moritoniæ unquam ea tenuit; et quod habeant et teneant tres acras terræ in Manael, Trurabo, Lesmanaek, Trerravers, Carnalel, ita quiete et libere ab omnibus placitis et querelis atque forisfactis sicut præfatus Robertus comes Moritoniæ illam unquam tenuit, cum suis omnibus pertinentiis. Concessimus eisdem priori et monachis, quod cum domus sua prædicti montis per cessionem vel decessum prioris, qui pro tempore fuerit, ad custodiam nostram fuerit devoluta, omnes exitus de toto tempore vacationis ipsius prioratus integrè reserventur futuro priori liberandos in utilitatem prædicti prioratus convertendos sine ullo impedimento nostri vel hæredum nostrorum, salvis tamen custodi nostro dicti prioratus rationabilibus sustentationibus suis tempore vacationis, sicut hominem petitem decet*. In cujus rei testimonium præsenti scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Hiis testibus, dominis Willielmo de Camvile, Henrico le Tyes, Willielmo de Botreaux, Willielmo de Bereford, Reginaldo de Botreaux, Thoma Kent, Ricardo de Hiwys, et aliis. Data apud Rostormel xxx. die Decembris, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici xix.

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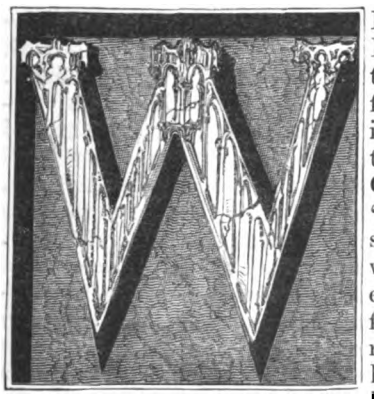
Indulgentia contribuentibus ad causeam construendam concessa.

[Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 43.]

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo per quem fit remissio peccatorum. Obsequium Deo gratum tociens impendere opinamur quociens mentes fidelium ad caritatis opera allectivis indulgenciarum muneribus propensius excitamus; cum itaque in loco in Cornubia que vocatur Mowntys Bay nostre diocesis per procellas et tempestates omni anno quamplures naves et navicule pro defectu causee periclitantur et quod dolendum est homines naufragio et morte ibidem in mediis fluctibus involvuntur et pereunt, prout ex fide dignâ relatione informamur unde homines et incole de Marghasyowe juxta predictum Montem sancti Michaelis commorantes zelo caritatis ac pietatis moti jam noviter inceperunt unam causeam auxilio Dei ex lapidibus construere infra quam naves omni tempore ibidem applicantes possent tuto recipi et salvari. Et quia eorum propositum bonum prout vellent causa paupertatis sine subsidio et relevamine Christi fidelium supplere non valent supplicarunt nobis caritatis intuitu quatenus super premissis literam nostram testimonialem concedere dignaremur, de Dei igitur omnipotentis immensa misericordia et beatissime virginis Marie genetricis ejusdem ac beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli patronorum nostrorum omni umque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis, quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgentiam ratam habuerint pariter et acceptam, de peccatis suis vere penitentibus contritis et confessis ad constructionem dicte causee aliqua de bonis sibi a Deo collatis contulerint donaverint legaverint seu quocumque modo assignaverint subsidia caritatis, quadraginta dies indulgentie misericorditer in Domino concedimus per presentes. Datum sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Clyst decimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini mccccxxv et nostre translacionis anno sexto.

St. Andrew's Priory,

TYWARDRETH, IN THE DEANERY OF POWDER.



E observe in the Exeter Domesday, p. 226, that the manor of Tywardreth formed a portion of the immense possessions of the Earl of Mortain, the Conqueror's half-brother. "Comes habet unam mansionem quæ vocatur Tiwardrai quam tenuit Colo eâ die quâ rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddit gildum pro unâ hida: tantum ibi sunt duæ hidæ: has possunt arare duodecim carrucæ; hanc tenet Ricardus de comite. Inde habet rex unam virgatam et quatuor carrucas in dominio, et villani aliam terram et tres carrucatas. Ibi habet rex octo villanos et octodecim bordarios et septem servos et undecim animalia et duodecim porcos et ducentas oves et sex agros nemoris et centum agros pascuæ. Hæc valet quadraginta solidos, et, quando comes recepit, quatuor libras."

A priory was founded here (about three miles and a half equally distant from Fowey and Lostwithiel) by an ancestor of the Cardinham family, a contemporary of the Conqueror, and was made dependent on the great abbey of SS. Sergius and Bacchus at Angers. Oliver de Dynaunt, in a letter† to Richard, King of the Romans, expressly states that an obligation was also annexed by the founder for one of the monks of Tywardreth to serve a chantry within the monastic church of St. Mary de Valle, near Bayeux; and we learn from a deed of prior Theobald† that he granted to Robert de Cardinham, "domino et patrono nostro," the services of two of his monks in the said conventual church of St. Mary for that purpose. Robert de Cardinham confirmed the grant of his ancestors to St. Andrew's priory of the tithe of the corrody, or household expence, of Cardinham court, with the exception of the tithe of wine and mead, wax, pepper, and cummin; and he further gave the mill of the manor of Cardinham, and whatever timber the monks might require for building or repairing their houses, with sufficient firewood. In the twelfth century, an ancestor of the Cardinham family granted to the convent the church of St. Austle. In the following century, Isolda de Cardinham, widow, conveyed the manors of Tywardreth and Ludgvan, with their rights and appurtenances, to Henry Champernonne, but which he was to hold of Richard, King of the Romans, and the Earls of Cornwall. This donation may have led to the mistake, that Champernon was founder of this "priory of black monkes." (Leland's Itinerary, vol. ix. p. 21.) He may, however, have been the donor of the former manor. The proximity of the convent to the sea exposed the community to hostile incursions; so that Bishop Grandisson, on April 18, 1338, licensed them, when such necessity occurred, to remove for their safety elsewhere, and there to follow their rule until the danger was over. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 213.)

Dependent on a foreign house, the convent was, on several occasions, seized by the crown during the wars with France. King Henry V. took possession of it at the commencement of his reign, and, October 20, 1413, granted its custody to Sir John Cornwall and Elizabeth his wife for the term of their lives to hold by the yearly payment of eighty marks. The statute, 1 Hen. V., only

* Perhaps for *peditem*. The word *petitus* occurs as one of a class of retainers of the king, temp. Ed. IV., in 11 Rymer, p. 848.

† Original in the possession of Lord Arundel, of Wardour.

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authorized the permanent seizure of alien priories, not conventual; this grant was therefore irregular, and was accordingly, on proof of conventuality, repealed by scire facias. (Memorand. Scacc. Hil. 6 Hen. V. rot. 13.) The possession was thereupon restored to the prior, John Roger, whom, as Prince of Wales and Duke of Cornwall, the king had presented to the priory in December 1406.

King Henry VIII. on March 30, 1532, by letters patent under the privy seal granted to John Veysy, Bishop of Exeter, and to Richard Hill, gentleman, clerk of the cellar, and their assigns, the next advowson and presentation of a prior of the house of Tywardreth, "nostræ fundationis et patronatus." They seem to have relinquished their right in favour of Henry, Marquess of Exeter, who had recourse to intrigue and unworthy menace to induce the actual prior, Thomas Collyns, to resign in favour of Robert Hamlyn, monk of Tavistock abbey; but he sternly refused compliance, and held the government of the house until its final suppression.

The Crown had the right of nominating to the prior and convent any individual, "ad corrodium sive sustentacionem ad terminum vitæ sue." We have met with several such appointments. Bp. Bronescombe, August 28, 1261, decreed that the vicar of Tywardreth should have the portion of one of the monks of the priory with a pension of four marks, a chamber, and the keep of his horse. Register, fol. 20.)

The rectory of St. Anthony, or Antonine, in Meneage, in Cornwall, parcel of the possessions of Tywardreth, was granted in the 6th Eliz. to William and John Killigrew.

Priors *.

Andrew. William Peverel granted to this prior and his brethren the church of S. Breward, which grant was witnessed by Robert Cardinam and others. The prior agreed "ter in hebdomada habere servicium in capella sua de Hamathethi," when the said William Peverel or his wife should assist.

— *Osbert*, or *Osbern*, witnessed at Bodmin the confirmation of Treneglos church by Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter. This was before Feb. 14, 1154; for William, treasurer of Exeter, another witness, died then.

Baldwin was prior in 1169, when Robert Fitz-William and Agnes his wife, and Robert their son, granted the glebe of St. Austle to St. Andrew's priory.

Osbert witnessed a deed in 1171 as prior, and another shortly after, with eight of his monks, by which Walter de Wich, and Aliz, daughter of Richard de Wich, granted to the convent the right of advowson "in ecclesia beate Marie de Wich;" now Week S. Mary†.

Theobald. He granted several immunities to Fowey.

James. His obit was kept on March 22.

Roger. His obit was kept October 12.

Hamelin. His obit was kept April 1. He had fixed, at the request of Robert Cardinan, a perpetual weekly mass on Saturday for the repose of his departed lady, Ysabella. This Robert granted a rent of ten shillings per annum, charged on the manor mill of Botugi.

John Loenter. His obit was kept April 6.

Michael. This prior, in 1250, admitted, for himself and his successors, the obligation of performing suit at Cardinham court at the stated periods. He died March 4, 1263. During his superiority, Bishop Bronescombe, on October 9, 1259, dedicated St. Austle‡ church. King Edward I., on November 11, 1294, licensed Philip, archdeacon of Winton, to assign one acre of land, "in monte de Tremur," near St. Clether's church, and the advowson and patronage of that church, to maintain the chantry chapel of St. Michael, which he erected in the churchyard of St. Austle. The said Philip endowed it with a messuage and three ferlings of land in Menecudul. After his death the right of patronage was to lapse to the convent; but, unless they presented within fifteen days after an avoidance, the bishop of Exeter obtained the right.

* The existence only of some of the priors has been ascertained, but not the order of succession.

† The original is at Wardour.

‡ The chapel of Landraed, with its church-yard, dependent on St. Austle, appears to have been consecrated by Bishop Stapeldon, in 1309.

Galfridus succeeded May 22, 1263; in whose time Pope Nicholas III., viz. April 6, 1278, confirmed all the former rights and immunities of the convent.

Philip occurs prior 1297. (See Prynne's Records, vol. iii. p. 707.) Perhaps he was Philip de Trembleyon who was licensed by Bishop Stapeldon, August 13, 1310, to visit the parent monastery at Angers? Ob. May 26, 1333. In his time a controversy existed between him and the dean of Exeter, and Reginald, the perpetual vicar of St. Wynnow, respecting the tithes, great and small, of Polscoth, in that parish. It was finally agreed (July 20, 1324) that the vicar for the time being should pay at Michaelmas yearly, to the prior and convent, four shillings, in lieu of all future claim.

William Bouges, who had been superior of the cell of Minster, or Talkarn, for eleven years, was confirmed prior by Bishop Grandisson, November 17, 1333, and continued in office till his death, October 18, 1371. At the petition of this prior, Bp. Grandisson allowed that he and his monks might dine on flesh-meat with visitors in the priory, except on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and other days prohibited by the rule; but that during the meal the public reading should be continued. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 220.) With his monks he assisted at the solemn consecration of the church and cemetery of Tywardreth, July 30, 1347, which was performed by Richard, archbishop of Armagh. The survey of the convent property, to the amount of £266 6*s*. 10½*d*., taken by the crown, 11 King Edward III., during the rule of this prior, will interest the reader:

"Extenta facta inter Willielmum de Hardeshull clericum et Johannem Hamely vicecomitem Cornubie de terris domibus beneficiis possessionibus et locis ac bonis. . . . . religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus de Tywardraith et aliorum religiosorum ac secularium de potestate et dominio regis Francie in comitatu Cornubie captorum et seisitorum in manum domini regis per predictum Willielmum vicesimo quarto die Julii anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu undecimo. In ecclesia prioratus de Tywardraith ij calices pretii xxx solidorum. Item vestimenta et alia ornamenta pretii xxx solidorum. Item libri pretii xx solidorum, que omnia per visum vicecomitis dimittuntur in custodia prioris et conventus dicte domus: summa iiij libre. Item decime fructuum ecclesie de Tywardraith et capelle Sancti Sampsonis taxantur juxta verum valorem eorundem ad xvij libras. Item fructus ecclesie de Fawe ad xiiij libras. Item fructus ecclesie Sancti Austoli xxxiij libras vj*s*. viij^{d}. Item fructus ecclesie de Landrayth c^{s}. Item decime capelle de Lansulien xij libras. Item decime ecclesie de Lanlevery xvij libras. Item decime ecclesie de Treneglos et capelle Sancte Werburge xvij libras. Item decime ecclesie Sancti Antonini iiij libras. Summa cxix libre vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item pensiones debite dicto prioratui de ecclesia Sancti Austoli liij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item de capella de Lansulien lxx^{s}. Item de ecclesia de Lanlevery liij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item de capella de Lostwythiel vj^{li}. xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item de ecclesia de Fawe c^{s}. Item de ecclesia de Tywardraith liij^{s}. iiij. Item debentur priori per Johannem Wyot de Kariones xxx^{s}. quos ei solvisse debuit in festo Sancti Laurencii anno regis decimo. Summa xxxiiij^{li}. xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item redditus assise dicti prioratus de villa de Tywardraith x^{li}. v^{s}. v^{d}. Item de villa de Trenant ix^{li}. x^{s}. vj^{d}. Item de molendino ibidem xx^{s}. Item de villa de Grethyou xvj^{li}. xvij^{s}. xj^{d}. Item de villa de Tremaynon viij^{li}. ij^{s}. v^{d}. Item de villa Sancti Austoli v^{li}. iiij^{s}. ix^{d}. obolum. Item de Porthia x^{li}. Item de Pengelly iiij^{li}. Item de villa de Fawe lix^{s}. iiij^{d}. Summa lxviij^{li}. iiij^{d}. obolum. Item bona et catalla inventa in dicto prioratu et in eodem manerio. In aula j pelvis cum lavatorio pretii ij solidorum. Item in camera prioris j lectus pro priore pretii xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. remanens in custodia prioris. Item in dormitorio monachorum vj lecti pretium cujuslibet iij^{s}. iiij^{d}. in custodia eorundem remanentes. Item in camera prioris ij lecti pretii cujuslibet iij^{s}. et iiij^{d}. Item j pelvis cum lavatorio pretii ij^{s}. Item iiij ciste pretii vj^{s}. Item j ciphus argenteus cum uno coopertorio argenteo pretii x^{s}. Item j parvus ciphus de mazero pretii iij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item in panetria iiij mappe et iiij manutergia pretii vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item iiij mappe debiles et iiij manutergia pretii v^{s}. Item xij coclearea argentea pretii x^{s}. Item v parve olle de stagno pretii xij^{d}. Item in coquina xxxiiij disci de stagno

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et xv salsaria pretii iij^{s}. Item iiij olle eneæ cum una parva olla pretii xij^{s}. Item iij patelle eneæ pretii iiij^{s}. Item iiij brochi de ferro cum aliis utensilibus ferreis pretii viij^{s}. x^{d}. Item vasa lignea pretii xiij^{s}. Item in stabulo unus equus pretii xl^{s}. Item ij equi pretii xxxiij^{s}. iiij^{d}. Item in stauro xxj boves pretium cujuslibet vj^{s}. viij^{d}. Item iiij afferi pretium cujuslibet iiij^{s}. Item j aper et iiij sues pretii xij^{s}. Item viij porci pretium cujuslibet ii^{s}. vj^{d}. Item vij porci juvenes pretium cujuslibet xvj^{d}. Item xvj porcelli pretii iiij^{s}. Item frumentum in grangiis per estimacionem vj quarteria pretium cujuslibet iij^{s}. vj^{d}. Item vj acre frumenti pretium acre iij^{s}. Item viij acre ordei pretium acre iij^{s}. Item xxvij acre avene pretium acre ij^{s}. Item j acra siliginis pretii ij^{s}. vj^{d}. Item iij acre pisarum pretium acre ij^{s}. Item terre non seminate xxvj acre. Item pasture que dicitur wast xx acre. Summa xxvj^{li}. vj^{s}. Item bona et catalla dicti prioris in manerio de Trenant in stauro xiij vacce et j taurus pretium cujuslibet v^{s}. Item vij boviculi pretium cujuslibet ij^{s}. Item iiij afferi pretium cujuslibet iiij^{s}. Item lx oves matrices pretium cujuslibet vij^{d}. Item xxij hogastri pretium cujuslibet iiij^{d}. Item ix multones pretium cujuslibet viij^{d}. Item lx auce pretii vij^{s}. vj^{d}. Item blada in terris xxx acre frumenti pretium acre iij^{s}. Item xiij acre ordei pretium acre iij^{s}. Item xxxij acre avene pretium acre xx^{d}. Item terre non seminate lxix acre ij acre prati. Summa xvj^{li}. xviij^{s}. ij^{d}. Item bona et catalla dicti prioris inventa in manerio de Tremaynon. In stauro iij afferi pretium cujuslibet iiij^{s}. Item lxxxij hogastri pretium xli^{s}. Item ij bovelli pretii vj^{s}. Item j taurus pretii iij^{s}. Item iij juvence pretii ix^{s}. Item xx auce pretii ij^{s}. v^{d}. Item blada in terris xiiij acre et dimidium frumenti pretium acre ij^{s}. Item viij acre et dimidium ordei pretium acre xx^{d}. Item xviij acre et dimidium avene pretium acre xvj^{d}. Item j acra pisarum pretii xij^{s}. Item terre non seminate xx acre. Summa vj^{li}. ii^{s}. iiij^{d}. Summa totalis prioratus de Tywardraith cum pertinentiis cclxvj^{li}. vj^{s}. x^{d}. obulum."

William de la Hay succeeded, November 1, 1371. Bishop Brantyngham, shortly after, in answer to the king's writ, certified that this prior was resident in the convent, with four monks. (Register, vol. ii. fol. 7, ad calcem.) He was licensed, May 14, 1390, to have divine service performed in St. Catharine's chapel, in the parish of Fowey. Ob. June 18, 1399.

From Brantyngham's Register, (vol. i. fol. 206,) we find that this prior had presumed to cut down trees growing in the churchyard of the parish church of Tywardreth, which had been planted, as usual, for the protection of the fabric against the force of the winds; that he had not applied the timber to the repairs of the church; and that this proceeding was visited with the bishop's displeasure.

John Masselyn, professed in St. Peter's monastery "super Dynam," was admitted December 9, 1399, obiit August 7, 1406.

John Roger, or *Rogyer*, also a monk of St. Peter super Dynam, was translated from Modbury, and instituted December 14, 1406, on the presentation of Henry, Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall; on whose resignation to become abbot of the monastery of S. Vigor of Ceresey in the diocese of Bayeux,

John Brentyngham, a monk professed in the monastery of St. Vigor, (as its abbot John certified Sept. 20, 1433,) was presented by King Henry VI. to Bp. Lacy on July 31, 1433, and was suffered to be installed by proxy, Oct. 24. The truth is, he was obliged to obtain Pope Eugenius IV.'s dispensation to act at all, on account of illegitimacy of birth. The dispensation bears date from St. Peter's at Rome, Nov. 26, 1433. He died in office Oct. 11, 1450.

Walter Barnecot succeeded Oct. 31, 1450, on the presentation of King Henry VI. Obiit Nov. 20, 1496. This prior filed a bill in chancery to set aside a lease of a messuage, three orchards and five acres of land in Tywardreth, which one John Tullok had surreptitiously granted under the convent seal. On February 11, 1486, King Henry VII. recommended his servant, William Martyn, to the usual corrody of the house. On the 10th of the following month this prior and convent allowed him, "nomine corrodii," five marks per annum, and charged their manors of Trewardreth and Trenant with the payment. In consideration of the kind services rendered to the convent by Margaret Lady Hungerford and Botreaux, the prior engaged, March 1, 1477, that perpetual prayers should be offered up for her prosperity during her life, and for the repose of her soul after her death; as well as for the souls of her parents, William Lord Botreaux, and Elizabeth, his wife, and of Robert, Lord Hungerford, her late husband. A drawing of her seal is subjoined.

Richard Marston, or *Martyn*, who had been a monk of the house thirty years, was elected December 13, 1496, on the presentation of Prince Arthur, Duke of Cornwall. In the summer of 1504 he made the window in the priory hall of seven lights, of Pentewan stone (a species of porphyry called elvan from a quarry near St. Austle). He resigned in the autumn of 1506 on a pension of £20. With the permission of Bishop Oldam, dated April 20, 1506, he was licensed, before his resignation, to treat with the subprior Thomas Colyns, and the convent, on securing a sufficient retiring pension. On May 1 he signified to the bishop that a yearly pension of £40 upon the garb of the parish of St. Austle and the casualty of toll tin had been agreed on, and he warmly recommended for his successor the said Thomas Colyns ("which is an able man, vertuys and good disposyssyon to occupye my rome"). On December 20, that year, the bishop accepted his resignation, but lowered the pension to £20. He died Nov. 10, 1510.

Thomas Colyns, who had been a protegé of John, abbot of Tavistock, and had been licensed to receive deaconship and priesthood as early as March 6, 1486, succeeded Nov. 25, 1507. Patron, King Henry VII. This prior, in the early part of his government, petitioned Pope Leo the Tenth for a license to hold benefices, with or without cure of souls, to the yearly value of one hundred pounds to the behoof of the convent, on account of the poverty of the priory occasioned by the depredations of pirates and others in time of the war, to which they were liable on account of their proximity to the sea; and also by reason of the alienation of lands to the annual value of £160 by his predecessors, who were foreigners. To the same purpose he addressed a memorial to Cardinal Wolsey, chancellor of England, archbishop of York, and legate of the Pope. This prior was worldly-minded, and too negligent of religious discipline. When Bishop Hugh Oldam visited the house, October 13, 1513, he required, by his subsequent mandate of December 20, that the prior should exhibit and deliver in a faithful copy of the income and expenditure of the priory, once every year, to the community in the chapter-house; that flesh-meat should be eaten only in the places and in the cases sanctioned by the rule of St. Benedict; that no lay servant man be employed that was not of approved character and of industrious and peaceable demeanour; that a frugal, but decent table, be kept for the community; that the novices and other members be duly instructed "in scientia grammaticali;" that none go out of the inclosure without leave asked and obtained of the prior, and then "bini et bini," and never to frequent taverns or suspected places, or converse with women, at least with those of tainted character, and on no account to admit such persons within the inclosure; and the bishop orders his admonition to be read four times every year in the chapter-house. Admitting that much irregularity and immorality had crept into the house, it must be allowed by the most prejudiced, that such deviations were pointedly condemned by the rule of St. Benedict, and that the frequent visitations of the bishops contributed greatly to check and correct, and remedy abuses. And in Bishop Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 7, 8, it is stated that his lordship had signified to this prior, that unfavourable reports had reached his ears during his last visitation, and therefore he now, March 1, 1521, enjoins him in virtue of holy obedience, to see that matins be performed regularly soon after midnight, "a paulo post mediam noctem, prout in aliis domibus vestre religionis observatur." He further insists, that strict silence be observed after complin; that none of the community shall quit the inclosure without reasonable and evident cause, and then with due permission, "et cum socio probate vite et sue religionis;" that all interviews with females be guarded against, and that the vow of purity be religiously enforced. This prior held the vicarage of Fowey, which he resigned in favour of Henry Collyns, (perhaps a nephew,) and shortly after leased to him and to Henry Colquyte (a valet) the tithe of sheaf of the

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church of Fowey for ten years, £9 3*s.* 4*d.* per annum. To Sir John Chamond, knight, and his son Thomas, he leased the tithes of S. Austle for a term of fourteen years, for £27 per annum, on June 1, 1532; of Treneglos, on February 8, 1535, to Walter Kendal and his son Laurence for sixty years, at £8 per annum. And on the same day the tithes of the parishes of Tywardreth*, St. Sampson, St. Blasy, otherwise called Landreth, and Lanlivery, except the tithes of the convent barton in Tywardreth, to Walter Kendal, Esq. and Nicholas, his son, for sixty years, at the rent of £37. July 7, 1527, he appointed Henry, Marquis of Exeter, honorary steward of the convent property, with an annuity of forty shillings. He died in 1539, and his grave-stone is, we believe, still in the parish church of Tywardreth.

The oldest convent seal represents the saint bareheaded, holding a staff surmounted with a plain cross in his right hand, and a book in his left; legend SIGILLVM : SCI : ANDREE.

The second convent seal represents the patron saint erect, holding in his right hand a long saltire cross, and a book in his left. The legend is SIGILLVM : SANCTI : ANDREE.

The third, attached to a deed dated on Sunday after the ascension of our Lord, 1294, represents St. Andrew suspended on his saltire cross; near his right side is a star, on his left a fleur de lys and a crescent. Another seal of about the said period has not these latter accompaniments about the saint.

The common seal of the prior and convent, appendant to a deed bearing date June, 1436, represents St. Andrew under a rich canopy, with his saltire cross. Under him is a monk in the attitude of prayer. The legend is SIGILLV : PRIORIS : ET : CONVENTVS : ECCLIE : SCI : ANDREE : DE : TYWARDREITH. This seal continued to be used until the dissolution of the house. Another coat of arms is occasionally met with: gules, a cross saltire, or, between four fleurs de lys, or.

From Bishop Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105, b, we learn that the customary payment made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitatation of Tywardreth priory was 19*s.* 2½*d.*

King Henry VIII. annexed, in 1540, the following possessions of this priory to the duchy of Cornwall:

The manor of St. Austle, valued at	£5	3	6	per annum.
Fentrigan	3	13	4	"
Tremaynon (or Trevennen)	9	11	7	"
Grediowe	10	19	6½	"
Fowey	1	19	2	"
Porthea Prior . . .	7	10	10	"

The site of the priory and the manor of Tywardreth, and some other priory lands, were granted in 1542 to Edward, earl of Hertford. (See originalia, 34 Hen. VIII. p. 3.)

The patent roll 10 Jac. p. 2, contains the grant of King James I., on March 24, 1612, to Francis Morice and Francis Phelips, gentlemen, their heirs and assigns for ever, of (inter alia), "Totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam nostram de Austell in comitatu nostro Cornubie cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis quondam in tenura sive occupatione Thome Chamond armigeri et postea in tenura sive occupacione Willielmi Smithe vel assignatorum suorum annualis redditus sive valoris viginti septem librarum, parcellam possessionum nuper prioratus de Tywardreth quondam existentem."

At Ugbrooke is a splendid psaltery, which formerly belonged to this priory †. At Wardour is a folio Latin MS., also the property of the priory, still more interesting, a considerable portion of which was written in the early part of the fifteenth century; but there is intrinsic evidence that certain parts were not written until the close of that century, and that several entries were made within a short period antecedent to the suppression of the monastery.

The work is divided into five parts. The first contains about thirty-six folios. On one side are placed the obits of the religious brethren under the title of *Professi;* on the other side occur the names of friends and benefactors under the title of *Familiares.* Many of the names in this calendar are Norman; they would be too numerous and uninteresting to copy; some, however, with several curious memoranda interspersed, will be given towards the conclusion of this article.

The second part consists of nine folios; it contains the ceremonial of blessing the religious habit, and of receiving novices. The following English dialogue occurs, between the prior, standing in the chapter house surrounded by his brethren, and the novice kneeling before him;

"*Prior.* What desire ye?

"*Novice.* To be mad broder.

"*P.* Ys hit yowr wyl & yow hertely desyre to be parte taker of all massis and prayers and almys dede done yn holy place, or schall be done here after?

"*N.* Ye.

"*P.* Al so ys hit yowr wille to defende and to manteyne the righte of this holy plas to yowr power, where by God & Synt Androw may be the pesabeler servyd by yowr worde and godewille, as a trewe broder otghte to do?

"*N.* Ye."

The third part has twenty-five folios, and comprehends thirty-three homilies, selected from the works of SS. Augustine, Maximus, Leo the Great, and John Chrysostom. One of these was read at the collation or evening refreshment granted to the community before complin on most of the week-days in Lent, viz. from the first Monday until the last Wednesday inclusively; for no collation was allowed on the four first days, nor on the last three days of that penitential season. In more ancient times the lecture was taken from one of the twenty-four "Collationes Patrum‡," or Conferences of the Fathers of the Desert, and by degrees the refreshment itself obtained the name of *collation.* For a long time the refreshment was confined to a draught of wine mingled with water; but gradually the relaxation of a morsel of bread or dried fruits was introduced.

The fourth part comprises, in forty-one folios, Usuard's Martyrologium. The dedication to Charles the Bald, fourth son of Louis le Debonnaire and grandson of Charlemagne, (who died in 877, æt. 54) begins thus; "Domino Regum piissimo Karolo, Usuardus indignus sacerdos ac monachus perhennem in Christo coronam." The author states, that, in obedience to the orders of this "wisest of princes," he had ventured to imitate the labours of St. Jerome, of ancient Bede, of Florus, the deacon of Lyons, a contemporary; that he had revised and added several notices, and had derived important assistance from one Stephanus. This Martyrologium begins with Christmas Eve.

The fifth part contains the rule of St. Benedict, in twenty-one folios. "Hic incipit Regula eximii Patris Benedicti."

The following entries are selected from the Calendar:

Januarii.

16. Obiit Dñs Joñes Rosy, Vicarius de Tywardreth.

* The composition between this prior, the vicar of Tywardreth, and the parishioners of St. Sampson's Chapel de Gullant, dated May, 1509, may be seen at the end of Bp. Oldam's Reg.

† It is on vellum, of 301 folios, and is supposed to have been written late in the fourteenth century. In the beginning are illuminations of the blindfolding of Christ, of his resurrection, of his presentation to Pontius Pilate, of his apparition to St. Mary Magdalene, of his flagellation at the pillar, of the descent of the Holy Ghost on the day of Pentecost, of his crucifixion between the two thieves, of the annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, of his death on the cross, of his ascension into heaven, of the taking down his body from the cross, of the last supper, of his prayer in the garden of Gethsemane, of his entombment, of his hanging on the cross with his virgin mother and St. John standing below.

After a few French prayers and poems, the calendar follows. Then commence the Psalms of David, with the verses alternately in Latin and French. After the 150 Psalms come the canticles recited in the Breviary at lauds; Confitebor, Isaiah xii.; Ego dixi of Ezechias, Isaiah xxxviii.; Exultavit of Anna, 1 Kings xi.; Cantemus of Moses, Exod. xv.; Domine audivi, Habakkuk iii.; Audite cœli of Moses, Deut. xxxii.; Benedicite of the three children, Daniel iii.; Benedictus Dominus of Zacharias, Luke i.; the Te Deum recited at the end of mattins; the Magnificat of the blessed Virgin, at vespers, Luke i.; the Nunc dimittis of Simeon, at complin, Luke ii.; the Athanasian creed in Latin and French; and the litany of the saints in Latin only.

‡ This work was written by John Cassian, an eminent spiritualist, who died at Marseilles about the year 430.

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Feb.

24. Joħes Tregian * armiger & receptor Cornubie & Johanna uxor ejus.

Martii.

11. Obiit venerabilis in Xto Pater Dñs Dñs Henricus (Beaufort) nuper Sci Eusebii Presbyter Cardinalis ac Wynton. Epūs, A.D. MCCCCXLVIIJ.

14. Obitus Dñi Joħis Tyly, Vicarii de Lanlyvy, A.D. MCCCCLXXXVI^to.

26. Ricardus, Rex Almanie.

27. Deposicio Sci Achardi Abbatis A.D. MXCIII.

28. Deposicio Dñi Roberti (Chichester) Exon. Epi, A.D. MCLV.

31. Deposicio Dñi Hervei Abbatis, A.D. MCLIX.

Aprilis.

2. Deposicio Dñi Fulberti Epi Carnocensis (Chartres) Anno Dñi †XXIX.

4. Apud civitatem Andecanam monasterium novum Sci Salvatoris dedicatum est A.D. MLXII.

— Obitus Isabelle de Cardinan.

7. Deposicio Dñi Bernardi Abbatis, A.D. MCII.

13. Juliana Barnecotte obiit, A.D. MCCCCLII. Anno regni Henrici sexti tricesimo primo.

16. Thomas le Varundel bone memorie quondam Burgensis de Fawe.

18. Joħes Persyvall miles & Thomasia conjux.

30. Gaufridus comes Vvastinensis, *ut de Abbate ita de eo.*

— Obiit Hildegard Regina, Karoli Magni uxor, A.D. DCCLXXIIIJ.

Maii.

5. Thomas Graynfyld miles & Ezabella uxor ejus. Rogerus Graynfyld armiger & Margareta.

6. Deposicio Dñi Wigrini Epi, A.D. MLXV.

11. Dñs Hugo Abbas moritur ab Incarnacione Dñi DCCCLXXXVI et ipso anno ascenderunt Normanni versus Parisios & Senonas.

16. Deposicio Dñi Osperti Abbis, A.D. MCLXXI.

Augusti.

7. Deposicio Doñni Henrici Abbatis monasterii SS. Aplorum Petri & Pauli.

— Dñi Edvvardi Principis Anglie.

— Ysabelle Regine Anglie.

8. Deposicio Savarici Bathoniensis Epi.

9. Robertus Pedder, Tebota uxor ejus, qui dederunt ad laudem Dei & honorem Sci Andree hujus loci patroni unum missale & unum graduale, cum duobus processionariis.

11. Pro anima Thome Stoterigge, Vicarii de Tywardreth.

26. Thomas filius Stephani, filii Roberti Comitis.

Sept.

3. Dña Helena de Cardinan.

7. Obitus Joħis Treffry militis bone memorie, qui obiit VIII id. et VII° die mensis Septembr MD. cujus aīe ppicietur Deus. Amen.

9. Willelmus Rex Anglorum (Conquestor) & Benedictus Abbas.

12. Deposicio Dñi Gaufridi Abbis SS. Sergii & Bacchi.

19. Dñs Andreas de Cardinan.

— Deposicio Petri de Brolio, quondam Abbatis SS. Sergii & Bacchi.

26. Deposicio Dñi Willelmi (Warelwast) Exoñ Epi A.D. MCXXXVIJ.

Octobris.

10. Deposicio D. Gaufridi Andecanorum Epi, A.D. MX.

— D. Hugonis Abbatis.

16. Deposicio D. Wilti Abbatis, MCLXVII.

Novembris.

11. Petrus Bevyll armiger & Thomasina uxor ejus.

23. Reginaldus Bray miles & Dña uxor, speciales Benefactores.

Decembris.

7. Dñs Johannes Nyvet A.D. MCCCCXLVI dedit pro anniversario suo celebrando ad usum ecclie unum par vestimentorum sacerdotalium cum calice argenteo.

— Dñs Joħes Cowche, nuper Rector ecclie Sce Kayane.

11. Obitus Johannis Cornwaill militis, nuper Dñi de Fawnhop, A.D. 1443.

Amongst other benefactors to the priory we meet with the families of Horde, Vyvyan, Hill, Tredenek, Hycks, Bavy, Rowlyn, and Webbe.

We shall now present to the reader a series of original documents, all in the possession of Lord Arundell, of Wardour Castle, with the exception of Num. I. ‡

Num. I.

Carta Regis Henrici tertii cartam Roberti de Cardinan ratificans.

[Cart. 33 Edw. I. n. 38, per Inspex.; et Cart. 19 Hen. III. m. 9.]

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, dux Norm. Aquit. et comes Andeg. archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Inspeximus cartam Roberti de Cardinan, in hæc verba:

" Robertus de Cardinan omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis salutem. Sciatis me pro Dei amore et anime mee salute concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie sanctorum martirum Sergii et Bacchi Andeg. et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tywardrait et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris omnes donationes et concessiones quas antecessores mei seu quicunque fideles de feodo meo ipsis fecerunt, scilicet ecclesiam de Tywardrait cum terris decimis et omnibus pertinenciis suis et unam acram in Trenengy, et dimidiam acram in Kelligog solutas et quietas ab omni hutiban § omni et alia exactione; et dimidiam acram in Treurengy que tantum hutiban reddit, et molendinum quod dicitur Melyntrait, quod est situm in manerio meo de Tywardrayt cum tota moltura hominum meorum de eodem manerio, ita quod ego et heredes mei debemus eos constringere ad molendum in eo. Ecclesiam Sancti Barriani || cum terris decimis et ceteris pertinentiis suis. Capellam de Bodwithgy cum terris decimis et ceteris pertinentiis suis, et dimidiam acram quam Robertus Fraunceys tenuit, solutam et quietam ab omni servitio excepto tantum regali servitio, et ipsum Robertum et omnem ejus sequelam, et

* Our Cornish readers may not have generally heard that the last of this family, Francis Tregian, Esq., after twenty-eight years' close imprisonment under Queen Elizabeth, for adhering to the Catholic religion, was set at liberty by King James I., or that he retired to Lisbon, and died there Sept. 25, 1608. His life in Latin (a rare duodecimo) was written by a relation, Francis Plunkett, and was published at Lisbon in 1655. A poetical compliment to Verstegan by this Francis Tregian is prefixed to the " Decayed Intelligence."

† Here the numeral M is omitted—(1029); and we may remark that the MS. abounds with inaccuracies and solecisms.

‡ The charters are in general without dates, and a strict chronological arrangement, being to a certain extent conjectural, has not been preserved. The principal donors mentioned in them are, Ricardus filius Turoldi (Num. XIV.), whose name occurs in Domesday. He was owner of the manor of Tywardreath and a subfeudatory of the earl of Mortain. His son, William Fitz Richard, is named in Num. V. and XIV. His grandson, Robert Fitz William, in the reigns of Stephen and Henry II., was the author of the charters Num. VII., VIII., XI. and others, confirmed by Num. II., III., XIII. The instruments, Num. X., XV., XVI., XVII., XVIII., XIX. appear, from intrinsic evidence and other circumstances, to have been either contemporary with, or a little later than, those of Robert. An heiress of Robert Fitz William probably married Robert Cardinham, from whom proceeded the confirmations and grants mentioned in Num. I., IV., and V. Most of the places mentioned in the documents can be identified with existing names.

§ Utibannum, or hutibannum (post Num. VII.), also occurs in the Plympton charters, Cowel's Interpreter, ad voc.

|| S. Barrianus appears to be identical with S. Fymbrianus (post Num. XXI.), and both with Finbarrus, bishop of Cork in the sixth century.

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unum ferlingum terre quam Archib. tenuit quietam ab omni servitio excepto tantum regali, et unam acram terre in Redprinne cum capella et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ecclesiam Sancti Euny cum terris decimis et aliis pertinentiis suis et nominatim cum villa que dicitur Lamanta et Tredrait, et dimidiam acram terre in Hendre quam Thomas presbiter tenuit, solutam et quietam ab omni servitio excepto tantum regali. Ecclesiam de Lanlyvri cum tribus acris terre et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis quam habent de dono Baldewyni filii Thurstani. Molendinum de Redwith cum tota moltura manerii mei de Botardel; et hermitagium de Ponte-Baldewyni cum ortis et terra ad idem hermitagium pertinente et necessariis de bosco habendis fratri in eodem loco manenti, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis; et institutionem prioris; et unum ferlingum terre desuper boscum solutum et quietum ab omni servitio, excepto tantum regali. Ecclesiam Sancti Sinari quam dedit eis Radulphus de Sicca-villa et uxor ejus Margareta, et unam acram terre apud Sanctam Sinaram solutam et quietam ab omni servitio excepto tantum regali. Villam que dicitur Roscelyn cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Feodum unius militis in Pridias per regale servicium. Unam acram terre in Onurion majori et dimidiam in minori. Duas acras terre in Pengelly et in Kellihon. Unam acram terre in Trefiloc solutas et quietas ab omni servicio. Piscariam de Branchun et omnia necessaria de bosco meo ad ipsam faciendam et reficiendam. In Dunethny terram que fuit Asceline, et totam terram quam antecessores mei eis dederunt pro salute animarum suarum. Et terram quam Ricardus Dapifer illis dedit. Ecclesiam de Treneglos cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et nominatim cum duabus acris terre, solutas et quietas ab omni servitio et hutiban. Tres acras terre in Karhulgot et in Penlen solutas et quietas excepto regali servicio. Manerium de Trenand tenendum libere et quiete cum omnibus pertinentiis suis solutum et quietum ab omni servicio. Manerium de Tremanan cum omnibus pertinentiis suis solutum et quietum ab omni servicio preter servicium Roberti Cola et Ilgerii. Et in Ludewan quatuor acras terre et dimidiam cum pertinentiis suis solutas et quietas ab omni servicio excepto regali servicio, et duo molendina in eodem manerio cum aquis et exclusagiis, et cum tota moltura ejusdem manerii, tenenda et habenda imperpetuum in eisdem locis in quibus fuerant translata concessione mea tempore Hamelini prioris. Et sciendum quod ego et heredes mei debemus constringere homines nostros ad molendum in eis. Decimam totius conredii mei preter decimam vini et mede. Terram eciam et possessionem que fuit Edwy prepositi de Hereford et ipsum Edwy cum tota progenie sua; unam acram terre et dimidiam in Roscrou cum duobus hominibus scilicet Hemeri et Willielmo cum tota eorum sequela; unam acram terre in Penhalwen cum pertinentiis suis solutam et quietam ab omni servicio. Concessi etiam communes pascuas hominibus eorum cum hominibus meis ubicumque vicini fuerint. Decimam molendini de Relidam, Fuleham, et Smalehul et Thumewod cum omnibus pertinenciis suis. Quod ut ratum sit usque imperpetuum sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Hiis testibus, Johanne filio Roberti tunc senescallo, Ricardo fratre ejus, et Stephano fratre ejus, Rogero fratre ejus, Jordano Oliveri, Roberto de Karmino, Henrico de Albemara, Roberto de Rameston, Nicholao de Haveland, Ivone capellano, Rogero Russel, Henrico de Bodrigan, Rogero filio Luc. Bald. filio Ade, Willielmo filio ejus, Willielmo venatore, Benedicto clerico, Willielmo Gramat. Gaufredo de Fane, et multis aliis. Nos igitur predictam concessionem, &c. Datum per manum venerabilis patris R. Cicestrensis episcopi cancellarii nostri apud Roffam sexto die Maii anno regni nostri decimo nono.

Num. II.

Confirmatio donationis Roberti filii Willielmi.

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, dux Normannie Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tiwardraith que est subjecta ecclesie Sancti Sergii Andegavie, omnes donationes que ei in Cornubia facte sunt, et nominatim ecclesiam de Austel cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quam Robertus filius Willielmi ei dedit et carta sua confirmavit. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicta ecclesia Sancti Andree de Tiwardraith habeat et teneat imperpetuum donationes predictas bene et in pace libere et quiete sicut carta predicti Roberti filii Willielmi et confirmacio Henrici regis avi nostri in quibus predicte donaciones plenius continentur, rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus, venerabili patre Waltero Karleolensi episcopo, Ricardo comite Pictavie et Cornubie, Gilberto Mariscallo comite Pembrok, Hugone Vivon, Radulfo filio Nicholai, Amauro de Sancto Amando, Willielmo de Picheford, Bartholomeo Pech, Henrico de Capella et aliis. Datum per manum venerabilis patris Radulfi Cycestrensis episcopi cancellarii nostri, apud Roffam sexto die Maii anno regni nostri decimo nono [1235].

[The seal is appendant.]

Num. III.

Confirmatio cartæ Roberti filii Willielmi et uxoris ejus.

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hybernie dux Normannie Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis, salutem. Inspeximus cartam Roberti filii Willielmi et Agnetis uxoris sue, et Roberti filii sui, in hec verba :—' Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Robertus filius Willielmi et Agnes mihi uxor karissima, et Robertus meus filius, communi nostra et amicorum inspectione et communi assensu totius hundredi de Teuintune, franchiavimus sanctuarium de Sancto Austolo omni servitio omnique consuetudine omnique exactione; necnon quandam consuetudinem, quæ tunc temporis sive justè sive injustè erat super predictum sanctuarium, adquietavimus, et liberum et quietum concessimus sanctuarium, et dedimus liberè in perpetuam elemosinam, Deo omnipotenti, et beato Andree apostolo, et Sancto Austolo, pro animabus Henrici regis et regine Matillde et eorum successorum, necnon pro animabus patrum et matrum nostrorum, et pro eciam nostris animabus et totius nostre progenici in remissionem peccatorum et animarum salvationem. Liberationem autem istam et donationem si quis nostrum vel aliorum aliqua machinatione infringere voluerit, hic nullam possit adipisci veniam nec in futuro celestem pacatum habere judicem nisi hic ad satisfactionem venire voluerit. Hoc autem factum est anno ab incarnatione Domini mclxix. apud Tiwardrait, in talamo Roberti filii Willielmi, fratre Baldewyno existente priore apud Tywardrait. Hiis testibus, Radulpho monacho, et Antonio de la Bruire, et Odone filio Walteri.' Quarto autem die post istam donationem recognita est iterum donatio apud Landrait, et assensu totius hundredi confirmata et sic stare concessa. Hiis testibus, Ricardo filio Dreu, et Roberto de Trepeni, et Alwardo presbiteror et Benedicto clerico, et Pingnant de Penlen, et Alwardo de Penrid, et Mangi preposito, et Thome de Botscalvai, et Jordano de Botscheveloc, et Oswardo de Sancto Austolo, et toto hundredo, et Radulfo filio Odonis de Lisnestec, et Nicholao de Pridias et Ricardo de Pannand, et Roberto capellano, et multis aliis. Nos igitur predictam donationem et concessionem ratam et gratam habentes eam pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et sigillo nostro confirmamus sicut carta predictorum Roberti filii Willielmi et Agnetis uxoris sue et Roberti filii sui rationabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus; venerabili patre Waltero Karleolensi episcopo, Ricardo comite Pictavie et Cornubie, Gilberto Mariscallo comite Pembrok, Hugone Vivon, Radulfo filio Nicholai, Amauro de Sancto Amando, Willielmo de Picheford, Bartholomeo Pech, Henrico de Capella et aliis. Datum per manum venerabilis patris Radulphi Cicestrensis episcopi cancellarii nostri, apud Roffam sexto die Maii anno regni nostri decimo nono.

Num. IV.

Carta Roberti de Cardinan.

Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes, quod ego Robertus de Cardinan intuitu caritatis divine et salute

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anime mee et antecessorum meorum et heredum meorum incolumitate dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Valle et monachis de Tywardraeth ibidem Deo servientibus totum molendinum de Cardinan cum tota molatione ejusdem manerii, et cum omnibus pertinentiis ad dictum molendinum pertinentibus, ita quod ego cogere debeo omnes homines jam dicti manerii ad supradictum molendinum molere. Dedi eciam de bosco meo de Cardinan quicquid monachis necessarium fuerit tam ad edificationes et reparationes domorum suarum quam ad ignem eorum et paunagium quoque porcorum suorum prioratûs, item pascua tam in boscis quam in planis, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat tam presentis scripti testimonio quam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus, Ricardo filio Rianaldi. Johanne filio Roberti. Ricardo fratre suo. Luca filio Radulfi. Radulfo Giffard. Roberto Siccavilla. Nicholao Clerico. Nicholao de Hella. Roberto Raveneston et multis aliis.

[Seal, an eagle displayed. Legend, SIGILL . ROBERTI . DE . CARDINAN.]

Num. V.

Carta Roberti de Cardinam decimas per Willielmum filium Ricardi concessas confirmans.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Cardinam concessi et hac presenti carta confirmavi Deo et Sancto Andree de Tywardrit et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus decimam totius conredii sive expense domus mee, excepta tantummodo decima vini et mede sere et piperis et cumini, quam decimam Willielmus Filius Ricardi atavus meus predictis monachis dedit in puram et perpetuam elemosinam tenendam. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat in perpetuum, presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impositione roboravi. Hiis testibus, Ricardo filio Ricardi. Galtero Johanne. Ricardo filio Roberti. Radulfo gramatico tunc senescallo. Roberto de Siccavilla. Nicholao clerico. Roberto de Rasmester. Nicholao de Helland. Baldwino Hudein. Ricardo de Pencoit. Willielmo gramatico. Rogero Coant, et multis aliis.

Num. VI.

Secta curiæ de Lostwythiel debita per priorem.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Michael prior de Tywardret et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos et successores nostri per nos vel per atornatos et per racionabiles summoniciones tenemur facere sectam curie domini Andree de Kardinan et heredum suorum de Lostwythyel pro burgagio bis per annum, scilicet ad proximam curiam post festum Sancti Michaelis, et ad proximam curiam post clausum pasche, nisi habuerimus cartas que nos specialiter inde adquietent. In cujus rei testimonium presens scriptum sigillo capituli nostri signavimus. Hiis testibus, Willelmo de Mohun, Roberto filio Willelmi, Baldewino de Mohun, Ricardo fratre ejus, Willelmo filio Roberti, Willelmo Paucoc et aliis.

[The seal is imperfect.]

Num. VII.

Carta Roberti filii Willielmi donationes antecessorum confirmans et alias addens.

Robertus filius Willielmi omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis salutem. Sciatis me pro Dei amore et anime mee salute concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Sergii Andegavie et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tiwardrait, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris omnes donationes et concessiones quas pater meus Willielmus vel avus meus Ricardus vel alii antecessores mei vel quicumque fideles de feodo meo ipsis fecerunt, scilicet ecclesiam de Tiwardreit cum terris decimis et omnibus pertinenciis suis, et unam acram in Treurengi et dimidiam acram in Kelligog, solutas et quietas ab omni hutiban et omni alia exactione, et molendinum quod est situm in eodem manerio cum molitura hominum meorum de eodem manerio, ita quod ego et heredes mei debemus eos constringere ad molendum in eo. Ecclesiam Sancti Barriani cum terris decimis et ceteris pertinenciis suis. Capellam de Bodwithgi cum terris decimis et ceteris pertinenciis suis. Capellam de Richbrene cum una acra terre et ceteris pertinenciis suis. Ecclesiam Sancti Euni cum terris et decimis et aliis pertinenciis suis et nominatim cum villa que dicitur Lananta et de Tredrait, et terram que fuit Thome presbiteri; ecclesiam de Lanliveri cum tribus acris terre et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, quam habent ex dono Baldewini filii Turstani. Ecclesiam Sancti Sinar quam dedit eis Radulfus de Sicca villa et uxor ejus Margareta. Villam que dicitur Roschelin et aliam que dicitur Gridihou cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Tres acras terre in Pidias et in Bedgal cum bosco et ceteris pertinentiis suis. Unam acram terre in Anurion majori et dimidiam in minori. Duas acras terre in Pengelli et in Kellihou. Dimidiam acram terre et piscariam in Bramchun, et quotiens opus fuerit accipient omnia necessaria de bosco meo ad ipsam piscariam reparandam. Unam acram terre in Trefiloch. In Dunechin terram que fuit Asceline et terram quam predictus pater meus dedit eis pro anima matris mee Anore et terram quam Ricardus dapifer meus illis dedit. Tres acras terre in Kairhulgat et in Penlen. Totam decimam de caseis et piscaria Ricardi filii Ivonis in Gruguth. In manerio de Berner decem solidos pro anima predicti Ivonis, quos reddet Renewardus de terra sua. Manerium de Trenant, tenendum libere et quiete cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Manerium de Tremainan cum omnibus pertinentiis suis preter servicium Roberti Cola et Ilgerii. Viginti solidos annuatim pro anima Walteri Hai. In Luduan, quatuor acras terre et dimidium cum pertinentiis suis et molendinum ejusdem manerii cum molitura hominum meorum consistentium in eodem manerio, quos nos et heredes nostri debemus distringere ut molant in eo. Decimam totius conredii mei preter decimam vini et mede. Terram eciam et possessionem Edui prepositi de Hereford et ipsum cum progenie sua. Preterea ego idem Robertus filius Willielmi ex dono proprio ipsis concessi et confirmavi ecclesiam Sancti Austoli cum omnibus appendiciis suis et quicquid sanctuarii ad eam pertinere dinoscitur, scilicet, tres acras terre liberas solutas et quietas ab omni servicio seculari. Concessi eciam ipsis ex dono proprio et confirmavi ecclesiam de Treneglos cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et nominatim cum duabus acris terre solutis et quietis ab omni servicio et hutibanno. Hiis testibus, Ricardo senescallo. Willielmo de Duneham. Roberto de Baumeis. Lewardo clerico. Baldeuuino Manxel; Willielmo capellano. Stephano de Belchamp. Baldewino Bret. Jordano filio Baldwini, et Willielmo Hai. Et multis aliis.

[Appendant is the seal of this donor on horseback, very erect, bearing a sword in his right hand extended behind him, and a shield, remarkably small, almost resembling a pile, in his left. The saddle-bows are curious.]

Num. VIII.

Conventio inter monachos et Philippum de Treverbin de terra Onurion.

✠Robertus filius Willielmi omnibus hominibus suis Cornubie atque Devonie salutem. Notum sit omnibus vobis quod contencio que plus equo duraverat inter fratres meos monachos de Tivardraid et Philippum de Treverbin de terra Onurion majoris et minoris: in presentia mea et dapiferi mei Ricardi hoc modo sedata est. Cum essem apud Bothmene in solario Ailyardi filii Serici venerunt coram me Osbertus tunc prior de Tivardraid et predictus Philippus cum Adamo filio suo majore et ibi concesserunt per manum meam jam dictas terras de Onyrion pretaxtate ecclesie et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et inperpetuum servituris, in terra, arabili et non arabili, in pascuis, in stagnariis, in moris, in bosco et plano et in omnibus pertinenciis per conventionem quinque solidorum pro omnibus causis et geldis et querelis annuatim sibi et heredibus suis solvendorum, excepto quod pro consuetudine stagni omni anno de unoquoque foco memorate terre eidem Philippo vel heredibus suis tres denarii reddentur. Meta vero que dividit terram monachorum a terra Philippi incipit a ponte petre de Menedu sicut ducit rivus in occidentali parte Onurion majoris usque ad callem qui ducit ad vadum de Roscorfle et sicut rivus a vado illo currit ad insulam Onurion minoris, et cadit in fluvium qui dicitur Wermen.

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Preterea concesserunt Philippus et filius ejus Adam ut homines monachorum communionem habeant de mora silvestri cum hominibus suis in pascuis, in feno, in cespitibus, omnibusque aliis necessariis. Si vero infra metas monachorum stagnum in terra arabili et frugifera inventum fuerit tota consuetudo propria monachorum erit; et si in mora aliaque utcumque terra arabili ambiat inventum fuerit, similiter consuetudo tota monachorum erit. Quod et si in mora nec frugifera stagnum apparuerit, consuetudo exinde procedens inter monachos et Philippum equaliter partietur*. Ut autem sepedicta conventio sive concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat, quasi fidejussor ex utraque parte positus sigillo meo et Philippi et presentis scripti astipulatione roboravi. Testes, Ricardus dapifer. Jordanus filius Baldwini. Odo filius Walteri. Robertus clericus miles. Rogerus de Scaccis. Ailvardus filius Serici. Pingnant. Alemannus et Leuricus homines monachorum. Deinde Philippus cum uxore sua et duobus filiis ad festum Sancti Andree venientis in conspectu omnium qui festivitate intererantur, ipse pariter et uxor ejus atque filii Adam videlicet atque Nicholaus, prescriptam conventionem sive concessionem per presentem kartam super altare Sancti Andree in perpetuam elemosinam presentaverunt. Est eciam conventio quod prior Sancti Andree, sive homines qui in feudo illo habitabunt, nunquam pro aliquo forisfacto incuria jam dicti Philippi vel heredum ejus placitandi causa ibunt. Testes de monachis, Osbertus tunc prior. Radulfus. Willielmus. Edwardus. Rivallonus prior de Totton. Thomas. Willielmus. De clericis, Sibaldus presbiter. Osbertus, et Odo. Presbiteri Robertus capellanus monachorum. Ricardus dapifer. Robertus filius Ricardi. Jordanus de Lisnestoc. Baldwinus de Pidias. Pingnant et alii in numeri qui ad festum Sancti Andree convenerant.

Num. IX.

Apostolica confirmatio libertatum monasterii de Tywardreath.

Nicolaus episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis priori et conventui monasterii de Tywardrayt per priorem soliti gubernari ordinis Sancti Benedicti Exoniensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Cum a nobis petitur quod justum est et honestum tam vigor equitatis quam ordo exigit racionis ut id per sollicitudinem officii nostri ad debitum perducatur effectum: ea propter dilecti in Domino filii vestris justis postulacionibus grato concurrentes assensu omnes libertates et immunitates a predecessoribus nostris Romanis pontificibus sive per privilegia seu alias indulgencias monasterio vestro vobisque concessas necnon libertates et exemptiones secularium exactionum a regibus principibus et aliis Christi fidelibus racionabiliter vobis indultas sicut eas juste et pacificé obtinetis vobis et per vos eidem monasterio auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmationis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire; si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverint incursurum. Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum VIII. Idus Aprilis pontificatus nostri anno secundo. [April 6, 1278.]

[The leaden bull of this Pope Nicholas III. is appendant.]

Num. X.

Jus ecclesiæ S. Andreæ in Lanant recognitum per Galfridum filium Roberti.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Gaufridus filius Roberti de Trembedhov salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me intuitu justicie et pro salute anime mee et animarum predecessorum meorum recognovisse dimidiam acram terre in Lanantha quam Lucas sacerdos tenuit ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tiwardrad quam dudum detinuimus in periculo animarum nostrarum. Et quia nullum jus in predicta acre dimidia me habere recognosco, meis omnibus interdico omnino calumpniandi in ea aliquid aut exigendi. Et ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat presenti scripto et sigilli mei apposione confirmavi. Hiis testibus, scilicet, Willielmo archidiacono Cornubie. Roberto ejudem officiali. Herveo filio Gilberti. Herveo tunc decano de Penwith. Wynano capellano tunc temporis capitali de Penwith. Henrico de Helegon. Rogero de Tovedehov. Tristrano fratre ejus et Willielmo patre eorum. Drogo filio Alani. Roberto . . . . et multis aliis.

* The practice of leaving the tin toll of wastrell land in common between the owners of contiguous lands is still prevalent in Cornwall. (See also post Num. XIX.)

Num. XI.

Donatio ecclesiæ de Austel notificata episcopo per Robertum filium Willielmi.

Venerabili Domino et amico Roberto Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo Robertus filius Willielmi salutem et fidele servitium. Notum sit sanctitati vestre quod ego Robertus Willielmi filius per . . . . discretionis vestre dono et concedo fratribus meis monachis de Tiwardrait ecclesiam de Austol pro amore Dei et peccatorum meorum remissione. Rogo itaque excellentiam nostram quatenus caritatis affectu et in ingenita vobis benignitate hoc donum meum et elemosinam litterarum vestrarum apicibus munire, et sigilli vestri auctoritate corroborare dignemini, ita videlicet ut domus Dei vestre largitatis munificentia aucta dilatetur, et hospitalitatis bonum vestre discrecionis prudentia pauperibus egenis, quorum frequens inibi offertur accessus, uberius administretur.

Num. XII.

Carta libertatis concessa burgensibus de Fowey per priorem et conventum.

Sciant omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Theobaldus, prior de Thiwardrait et ejusdem loci conventus dedimus et concessimus et hâc presenti carta confirmavimus omnibus burgensibus nostris et hominibus de Fawi et omnibus illis qui burgagia vel terras in eâdem villâ tenent omnes honores dignitates libertates et quietantias in quantum ad nos et ad successores nostros spectat quas liberum burgum habere debet, scilicet, quilibet burgensis hereditarie burgagia sua vel burgagium teneat reddendo de quolibet burgagio prout reddere solebat die qua presens carta fuit confirmata pro omni servitio et omni querela, et ad ejus obitum testamentum suum stabile remaneat, cujus vero heres per triginta denarios de relevio hereditatem suam libere et hereditarie teneat et in pace possideat. Insuper jam dicti burgenses et homines predicte ville et eorum heredes liberi et quieti remaneant ab omnibus sullagiis et terrenis consuetudinibus et marinis. Et si forte aliquis in placito fuerit, coram nobis vel ballivis nostris in ipsa villa de Fawi et non alibi libere respondeat, sine causa et sine moteamento, et si in amendas ceciderit per sex denarios quietus sit, et si de sanguine et plaga convictus fuerit triginta denarios vadiet et per gratiam nostram vel baillivorum misericorditer reddat. Et si prepositum facere voluerimus, prenominati burgenses eum eligant de illis qui in sepe dicta villa manent. Preterea notandum est quod supradicti burgenses possint filios filiasque suas, neptes, consanguineas maritare sine licencia et sine causa quacumque et quibuscumque voluerint. Nullus vero advena tabernam extra navem scilicet in villa teneat nisi per licentiam prepositi totiusque villate. Et si quis burgensium burgagium suum vendere voluerit illud sine causa vendat, salvo jure nostro, scilicet, duodecim denariorum de emptore in misericordia nostra vel baillivorum nostrorum. Item si quis sepe dictorum burgensium tenentem aliquem in jam dicta villa de Fawi habeat, curiam de eo libere et plenarie habeat. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat in posterum tam presentis scripti testimonio quam sigilli nostri appositione munivimus. Hiis testibus, Ricardo de Sirsians. Ricardo de Keilgat. Baldwino de Trened. Ongaro de Tregverioc. Watero de Sancto Winnioc. Thoma de Collen. Thoma de Polgru, et multis aliis.

Num. XIII.

Carta Roberti episcopi Exoniensis donationem Roberti filii Willielmi confirmans.

Robertus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus omnibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit salutem. Donacionem et concessionem quam Robertus filius Willielmi fecit

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monasterio de Tiwardrait et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus de ecclesia que est in manerio de Duiecuts * que sita est in villa que dicitur Treneglos, cum duabus acris terre et cum omnibus eidem ecclesie pertinentibus, libertatem quoque et quietationem ab omni exactione sive utibannis quam idem Robertus in presencia nostra in plena sinodo apud Botmennam eidem ecclesie concessit, nos ratas habemus et inconcussa stare precipimus, et ne aliquando infringi possint, episcopali auctoritate confirmamus et sigilli nostri impressione corroboramus. Testibus Auco archidiacono Cornubie. Willielmo priore Bothmene. Humfrido canonico. Willielmo thesaurario Exonie. Radulfo decano Cornubie. Johanne precentore Exonie. Petro canonico Plimtone. Ranulfo, Baldwino, Ricardo clericis episcopi. Bernardo clerico. Luwardo clerico. Osberno tunc priore, et Radulpho et Baldwino monachis de Tiwardrait. Andreo de Pitherwin. Bartholomeo, Rogero, decanis. Stephano de Bello campo. Ricardo dapifero. Willielmo de Boterel, Hervio filio Modr, Roberto de Bealmeis militibus. Et pluribus aliis.

[This deed has greatly suffered from damp. The seal is in tolerable preservation. The bishop is standing with his right hand elevated, in the act of blessing; his left supports a simple crosier of about his own height, with the crook turned inwards.]

Num. XIV.

Thomas archiepiscopus Cantuar. omnes monasterii possessiones nominatim confirmat.

Thomas Dei gracia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus Anglorum primas et apostolice sedis legatus, universis sancte ecclesie fidelibus salutem. Que ecclesiis vel ecclesiasticis viris precipue religionem professis caritatis intuitu a quibuscumque fidelibus racionabiliter in eorum subsidium collata esse noscuntur, nostri est officii de bono in melius ea promovere et litterarum munimine roborare. Inde est quod monasterio Sancti Sergii Andegavensis et religiosis fratribus ejusdem loci monachis omnia beneficia et omnes possessiones et elemosinas sibi a quocumque fidelium, interveniente assensu diocesani episcopi, in elemosinam donatas et concessas, nostra et domini Pape, cujus fungimur auctoritate, confirmamus et presentis scripti nostri testimonio corroboramus. Illarum igitur ecclesiarum et possessionum nomine, quas auctoritate diocesani episcopi in presentiarum noscuntur possidere, duximus exprimenda. Scilicet, ecclesiam Sancti Andree de Tiwardret cum terris et decimis et omnibus aliis a Ricardo filio Turoldi et Willielmo filio ejus et Roberto filio Willielmi concessis et datis cum omnibus libertatibus suis. Et ecclesiam de Bocardel cum tribus acris de dono Baldwini assensu patris sui Turstini et fratrum suorum. Et capellam de Bodewigi cum una acra, et in Redbreni unam acram. Et ecclesiam Sancti Euni cum omni pertinencia sua, sicut Robertus gramaticus melius et liberius unquam habuit. Et ecclesiam Sancti Barriani cum pertinenciis suis. Et terram de Ternant et de Tremanun. Et ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Valle, cum tota sua possessione. Et decimam totius conredii et expense victualium de domo et curia Willielmi filii Ricardi. Et ecclesiam Sancti Stephani quam habuit Judethelus archipresbiter Cornubie, et terras omnes quas tenuit de feodo Roberti de Vitreio de dono Drogonis filii Tancredi, duas acras in Bodioc. Et ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Wich, et ecclesiam Sancti Antonini cum pertinentiis earum. Et unam acram de Pengelli. Et unam acram de Kelliou. Et tres acras de Carhulgat. Et unam acram de Trevergi. Et dimidiam acram in Chelligog. Et terram de Dunecnif. In Roschillin et in Gridiou unam virgatam terre Gridiou de feodo Baldwini filii Hamelini. Et terram de Onurian. Et insuper concedimus eis et confirmamus quecumque alia in presentiarum predicti fratres possident vel justis modis in futuro adquirere sibi poterunt. Quicumque igitur hanc elemosinam impulsu avaricie vel temeritatis ausu in irritum devocare diminuere vel inquietare attemptaverit, in districto examine divine ultioni subjaceat et omnipotentis Dei iram et nostre maledictionis penam incurrat. Amen. Valete.

* This manor is the one called in the different documents above, Dunethy, Dunechlin, Dunecnif. It can be still identified, as indeed most, if not all, the other places mentioned in them can be.

Num. XV.

Ricardus dapifer reddit Pengelli monachis S. Andreæ.

Notum sit universis quod ego Ricardus dapifer quandam terram, Pengelli dictam, reddidi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tywardrait et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus liberam et quietam a me et ab universis heredibus meis, quam per dimidiam marcam aliquando tenueram a predicta ecclesia et ab ejusdem ecclesie prioribus. Hanc autem donacionem pro remissione peccatorum meorum et pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro animabus omnium antecessorum meorum factam, sigilli mei munimine ut rata et indiscussa permaneat corroboravi et corroboratam super altare Sancti Andree, exclusa reclamacione et calumpnia heredum meorum, diligenter obtuli. His testibus, Roberto capellano. Odone filio Ricardi dapiferi. Willielmo filio Roberti. Waltero filio Roberti. Radulfo de Roca. Odone filio Frawini. Ricardo Blohiou. Rogero Russel. Luca de Melindi. Baldewino fratre ejus. Galfrido de Facie. Benedicto Ruffo. Willielmo Gramaire. Rogero Chevrans. Et multis aliis.

Num. XVI.

Feudum datum Baldwino de Pidias tenendum de monachis per servitium militare.

Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod Osbertus tunc temporis prior de Tyuuardrait ceterique fratres ejusdem loci communi assensu, favore et consilio Domini Roberti filii Willielmi, dederunt et concesserunt Baldeuuino de Pidias (Pridias?) feudum unius militis quod habebant in manerio de Pidias sibi et heredibus suis jure hereditario de eisdem monachis de Tyuuardrait sive successoribus eorum tenendum, excepta acra de Carnubelbanathel pro qua monachi de Tyuuardrait reddent annuatim eidem Baldeuino xx denarios pro omni consuetudine et geldis et querelis sicut scribitur in karta facta de conveniencia inter Ordagarum canonicum et Ricardum de Pidias patrem Baldeuini. Dederunt autem ei illud feudum cum omni pertinentia sua in terra arabili et non arabili, in bosco et plano, in aqua et molendino, pro quo feudo reddet jam dictus Baldwinus sive heredes sui post ipsum predictis monachis annuatim vii solidos ad festum Sancti Andree et preterea faciet ex integro militare servicium. Si vero penuria molendi ad molendinum Baldwini aliquo casu predictos monachos ire coegerit, annonam suam post illam que intermodio erit sine consuetudine consequenter molere facient. Preterea de bosco quantum opus fuerit ad comburendum et ad domos faciendas et reficiendas loco competenti per ostentionem ejusdem Baldwini vel forestarii sui sufficienter habebunt et in tempore pannagii eadem libertate qua Balduuinus suos, monachi xx porcos libertate (libere?) sine mercede, si ita voluerint, ex debito mittere possunt. Pro hac autem donacione vel concessione predicti feudi dedit sepedictus Baldwinus Osberto priori et monachis de Tyuuardrait lxxiiii solidos et domino Roberto unam marcam argenti. Notandum vero quod isdem Baldeuuinus de eodem feudo devenit homo prioris et monachorum ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tyuuardrait et jurabit fidelitatem quod nunquam per se neque per aliquem alium queret occasionem quomodo ecclesia Sancti Andree vel monachi ejusdem ecclesie perdant predictum feudum. Coram his testibus, Domino Roberto. Ricardo dapifero. Jordano filio Baldwini. Odone filio Walteri. Adam filio Baldwini. Willielmo Hai. Roberto filio Ricardi. Rainaldo de Bodrugan, et Drogone fratre ejus. Johel de Sancto Winnocho. Willielmo Nepote. Puign de Penlen. De monachis, Radulfo, Hugone, Gilleberto, Edvardo, Willielmo, Walterio, et altero Walterio, et toto hundredo de Tyuuardrait.

Num. XVII.

Jordanus de Otham in articulo mortis legat Nunaham et Smalahillam monachis S. Andreæ.

Notum sit omnibus sancte ecclesie filiis quod Aluredus de Otham dedit cuidam fratri suo, Jordano nomine, pro servicio suo modicam partem terre de dominio suo eadem libertate habendam quam ipse suum dominium de aratro suo proprio jure possederat hereditario, Nunaham, videlicet et Smalahillam: factum est autem post mortem Aluredi, cum infirmaretur jam dictus Jordanus infirmitate qua et mor-

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tuus est, vocavit ad se monachos Sancti Andree de Tyuuardrait et per manum Audulfi monachi dedit Deo et Sancto Andree se ad sepeliendum juxta antecessores suos et secum prenominatam terram, Nunneham videlicet et Smalahillam, in elemosinam pro anima sua et pro anima Aluredi fratris sui et patris sui Osberti et omnium parentum suorum, tam liberam et quietam quam ipse eam a fratre suo sic ut supra dictum est habuerat, concedentibus duabus filiabus Aluredi Hadeuuisa et Mathilde, que in jam dictam hereditatem, negata prole masculini sexus, patrio juri successerant; concedentibus eciam duobus militibus, Roberto scilicet Burner qui majorem, et Gaufrido filio Baldewini qui minorem, nuptiali lege sibi subjugaverant. Testes, Robertus filius Willielmi dominus et advocatus noster qui pretextate elemosine se fidei jussorem et defensorem interposuit et ad perpetue stabilitatis munimentum presentem chartam sigillo suo munivit. Odo filius Ailsi. Liuuardus clericus Willielmus et Rogerus de Duneham. Baldeuuinus monachus. Radulfus monachus de Talcharn. Waitepred.

Num. XVIII.

Carta Willielmi Peverel de ecclesiâ S. Brewerdi.

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri quod ego Willielmus Peverel dedi et concessi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tyuuardrait et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam Sancti Brewveredi de Hamathethi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in perpetuam et puram elemosinam pro salute anime mee et patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum. Hanc autem donacionem ut imperpetuum firma et inconcussa permaneat sigilli mei impressione confirmavi: his testibus, Hugone Bard. Roberto Cardinan. Ricardo filio Jvonis. Willielmo, Waltero, Johanne, Stephano, Ricardo filiis Roberti. Rogero de Duneham. Rogero Russel. Johanne de Glin. Luca de Melindi: Ricardo filio Gilleberti. Luca filio Bernardi. Willielmo Gramatico. Benedicto Russel. Rogero Keverand. Ricardo de Pencquit. Ricardo venatore. Willielmo fratre ejus. Osberto capellano ejusdem ecclesie. Roberto capellano de Tyuuardrait. Baldwino de Pidias. Roberto de Pidias. Ricardo dapifero. Waltero filio Thome Treviho, et multis aliis. Preterea sciant universi quod hec eadem carta testatur quod Andreas tunc temporis prior de Tyuuardrait communi fratrum suorum concilio concessit Willielmo Peverel et heredibus suis ter in ebdomada habere servicium suum in capella sua de Hamathethi a matrice ecclesia, cum predictus Willielmus vel uxor ejus presentes ibi fuerint: his testibus, Hugone Bard. Willielmo et Roberto fratribus ejus. Symone de Charvai. Johanne. Willielmo, Waltero, filiis Roberti. Gaufrido de Beueli. Willielmo de Tikembret. Radulfo de Reoen. Odone filio Trewin. Randulpho filio de Windi. Willielmo de Lanmiel, et multis aliis.

[The seal is appendant.]

Num. XIX.

Carta Odonis filii Walteri de Treverbyn de terris, stanno, et pasturâ in diversis villis.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Odo filius Walteri dominus de Treverbin dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi pro me heredibus et assignatis meis Deo et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tywerdraid et monachis ibidem servientibus et imperpetuum servituris pro animabus patris matris uxoris mee antecessorum et puerorum meorum in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosynam totam terram meam quam habui in villis de Sancto Austolo et de Heneqdel * tam in dominico quam in feodis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis libertatibus liberis consuetudinibus aysiamentis homagiis et servitiis liberorum hominum sine ullo retenemento mei vel heredum meorum, videlicet, servitium Petri filii Petri de una dimidia acra terre quam tenet in villa de sancto Austolo pro tribus solidis annuatim cum homagio et aliis servitiis ejusdem Petri et heredum suorum; servicium Jordani Lugun de uno ferlingo terre et dimidio quam tenet in eadem villa pro decem denariis, obolo, et uno pari albarum cirocecharum cum homagio et aliis serviciis ejusdem Jordani et heredum suorum; servicium Roberti vicarii de uno ferlingo terre quam tenet in eadem villa pro septem denariis annuatim cum homagio et aliis serviciis ejusdem Roberti et heredum suorum; servicium Walteri fratris mei de una dimidia acra terre molendino fuleratico, et blestaria ad dictum molendinum pertinente, que annuatim tenet pro octo solidis in eadem villa cum homagio et aliis serviciis ejusdem Walteri et heredum suorum, ita videlicet quod si dicti monachi vel eorum successores dictos octo solidos in predicta terra et molendino cum blestaria distringere non possint, tunc concedo pro me heredibus et assignatis meis quod dicti monachi et eorum successores in manerio de Tregnedewid ubicunque voluerint me, heredes seu assignatos meos, ad plenariam solucionem distringant donec in manerio de Tuerbyn vel Tredheuergy racionabile excambium eisdem fecerimus; unum ferlingum terre et dimidium quam Thomas Blundus tenuit; unum messuagium cum terra pertinente quod Johannes Poydas tenuit; unum messuagium quod Johannes Nothey in eadem villa tenuit; servicium Andree filii Ricardi de uno ferlingo terre quam tenet in villa de Maieguidel pro duodecim denariis annuatim cum homagio et aliis serviciis ejusdem Andree et heredum suorum; unum ferlingum terre in eadem villa quam Robertus vicarius tenuit; unum ferlingum terre quam Johannes Parvus tenuit; et molendinum meum apud Seint Austolum cum aquis exclusagiis et tota moltura hominum predictorum et hominum meorum de Tegnedewyd de Caruareth una cum molctura hominum vicinorum qui pro aysiamento commune pasture in terra mea de Tregnedewyd molere voluerint in eodem molendino, ita quidem quod ego aut heredes seu assignati mei super filum dicte aque nullum molendinum poterimus erigere; tenendam et habendam ex presenti dono meo caritativo prefatis monachis et eorum successoribus solutam et quietam ab omni servicio et exactione seculari inperpetuum, salvo fine stagni consueto loco per manus dictorum monachorum et eorum successorum annuatim solvendo. Concessi eciam monachis predictis, eorum nativis hominibus supradictis in prefatis villis de Sancto Austolo et de Menequidel habitantibus et habitaturis, et aliis vicinis in prefato molendino molere volentibus communem pasturam ad omnimoda averia sua et penes eos existencia per totam terram meam de Tegenedwid, exceptis bladis pratis et clausis ad bingeheies antiquitus reservatis, sine contradictione aliqua mei heredum seu assignatorum meorum imperpetuum. Dedi eciam et concessi prefatis monachis et eorum successoribus pro me et heredibus seu assignatis meis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam quinque solidos annui redditus et tres denarios de uno quoque foco pro consuetudine finis stagni quos de villis de Ambrion majori et minori per manus prioris de Tiwerdraid annuatim percipere consuevi; et medietatem tocius stagni quam contra dictum priorem habere et recipere solebat ubicunque inter nos dividere stagnum debuimus prout in carta Philippi proavi mei dictis monachis facta plenius continetur, ita quidem quod stagnum totum antedictum prefatis monachis et eorum successoribus remaneat in perpetuum. Concessi eciam in consimilimem elemosinam predictis monachis et eorum successoribus et omnibus hominibus suis in villis de Karn, Rosquelin, Treuuortcharab, Lostouuen, Penros, Anurion majori et minori, habitantibus et habitaturis, communem pasturam ad omnimoda averia sua et penes eos existencia per totam terram meam de Tuerbin et de Tredhuergy, liberum exitum, ad eandem redditum et ingressum per vias competentes ubi dictis monachis et eorum hominibus fuerint competenciores, exceptis bladis prato de Tedheugy fossato, prato de Penhalwarina fossato, prato de Treverbin a latere boreali fossato et latere meridionali bundato, blestariis et pastura de Rostadec quam solam mihi et heredibus meis a kalendis Maii usque ad festum Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis ad bingeheys reservavi annuatim; ita videlicet quod a predicto festo Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis usque ad primum diem Aprilis liceat dictis monachis eorum successoribus et hominibus in prefatis villis habitantibus et habitaturis cum omnimodis averiis suis et penes eos existentibus per totam terram meam predictam communem pasturam habere indistincte, bladis tamen exceptis. Prata autem prenominata a dicto primo die Aprilis usque ad idem festum Exaltacionis Sancte Crucis, blestarie vero ab eodem primo die Aprilis

* This place is probably identical with Maiequidel and Menequidel mentioned in the same charter, and is now called *Menecuddle*, in St. Austle.

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usque ad festum Sancti Petri ad vincula annuatim erunt in defenso, nisi fenum ante id festum Sancte Crucis fuerit fenatum. Concessi insuper pro me heredibus et assignatis meis dictis monachis eorum successoribus et hominibus in villa de Karn habitantibus et habitaturis communem pasturam omni tempore anni continue ad omnimoda averia sua ut predictum est in mora mea de Penhalward ut mete ab angulo fossati juxta pratum usque ad blestariam inferiorem tunc facte demonstrant. Ita quod amodo non liceat mihi heredibus seu assignatis meis in orientali parte dictarum metarum in dicta mora pratum facere vel blestariam facere in posterum. Ego vero Odo heredes et assignati mei dictas donaciones concessiones elemosinas liberas puras et perpetuas terras totas molendina homagia et servicia cum omnibus pertinentiis libertatibus aysiamentis et liberis consuetudinibus antedictis prefato monasterio monachis et eorum successoribus sicut nostram liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam contra omnes homines acquietare et warantizare tenemur in perpetuum. Quod ut ratum et stabile maneat in evum, presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione duxi roboranda. Hiis testibus, Johanne de Laniford tunc senescallo Cornubie. Dudum clerico tunc vicecomitis Cornubie. Henrico de Bodrugan. Philippo filio ejus. Stephano Haym. Roberto de Braenos. Ricardo de Pridias. Thoma persona de Sancto Brueredo. Waltero Peverel. Willielmo de capella clerico et multis aliis.

[The seal is appendant.]

Num. XX.

Carta Isoldæ de Cardinham pro Henrico de Campo Arnulphi de maneriis de Tywardreth et Ludwon.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Isolda de Cardinan in ligea et libera viduitate mea dedi concessi et hac mea carta confirmavi Domino Henrico de Campo Arnulphi maneria mea de Tywardret et Ludwon cum omnibus eorundem pertinenciis, scilicet quicquid ibidem habui vel habere potui in dominicis, domibus, gardinis, curtilagiis, stagnis, molendinis, boscis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, piscariis, libertatibus, seu advocacionibus ecclesiarum, villenagiis, feodis, homagiis, serviciis tam liberorum quam villanorum, exscaetis, releviis, wardis et omnibus aliis emolumentis ac proficuis ad dicta maneria pertinentibus vel eisdem ullo tempore evenire valentibus sine ullo retenemento michi vel heredibus meis, habenda et tenenda sibi heredibus suis et assignatis libere quiete pacifice et integre imperpetuum de domino Ricardo rege Allemanie et comite Cornubie heredibus suis et assignatis, faciendo eisdem homagium et alia servicia de eisdem maneriis debita et consueta. Et ego Isolda et heredes mei ac assignati tenemur warantizare dicto Henrico heredibus suis et assignatis predicta maneria cum pertinentiis ut predictum est in futurum. Pro hac autem donacione concessione et carte mee confirmacionis dedit michi dictus Henricus centum libras sterlingorum pre manibus in recognitione, et ut hec mea carta robur firmitatis obtineat imperpetuum, eandem sigilli mei appositione corroboravi. Hiis testibus, Domino Roberto de Estall archidiacono Wygornie. Domino Galfrido de Lukenor milite. Dominis Stephano Heym, Michaele de Nordhampton, Pagano de Liskerred, Petro Heym, Reginaldo de Sancto Karantoco, clericis. Dominis Philippo de Bodrugen, Rogero de Bodrugen, Radulpho de Arundel, Laurencio filio Ricardi, militibus. Baldwino de Bere. Odone de Tranael. Roberto de Bokynton, et aliis.

[The seal is perfect, and is engraved, p. lxxix. of Lysons' Cornwall.]

Num. XXI.

Carta Johannis archiepiscopi Cantuar. ecclesias in proprios usus monasterico confirmans.

Frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, tocius Anglie primas, religiosis viris, priori et conventui de Tywardryth salutem et pacem in Domino sempiternam. Inter cetera que nostre cura sollicitudinis cotidiana meditacione revolvit occurrit nobis precipuum, ut illorum debeamus providere commodis et quieti quos religionis sanctitas tranquillitas vite et devota caritatis opera Deo reddunt acceptabiles et hominibus graciosos. Sane dudum nobis in Exoniensis diocesis visitacionis officium auctoritate metropolitica exercentibus humiliter supplicastis ut bona vestra ecclesiastica vobis confirmare dignaremur; nos vero advertentes quod et sacram religionem plantare et plantatam fovere modis omnibus debeamus, hinc est quod ecclesias beati Andree de Tywardryth cum capella Sancti Sampsonis, Sancti Fymbriani de Fawe. Sancti Austoli cum capella de Landray, ecclesiam de Lanliveri cum capellis de Luxulian et de Lostwythiel, et ecclesias Sancti Antonii in Manahec, beati Gregorii in Treneglos, cum capella Sancte Werburge, una cum pensionibus quocumque nomine censitis in ecclesiis que de nostro patronatu existere dinoscuntur, quas nos impresentiarum percipere possidere et in proprios usus brevem per examinacionem privilegiorum et indulgentiarum vobis concessarum per nostros commissarios diligenter factam, et per nos approbatam, invenimus, vobis et successoribus vestris salvis nostris et ecclesie nostre Cantuariensis juribus sicut juste et racionabiliter possidetis per presentes auctoritate metropolitica confirmamus. Et ut benevolenciam nostram in qua vos quiescere volumus plenius cognoscatis, vos et monasterium vestrum sub nostra ecclesie nostre et beati Thome martiris gloriosi protectione suscipimus et defensione munimus. Cujus rei gratiam presens pagina sigilli nostri impressione munita universis eam insinuat inspecturis. Datum Exonie decimo kalendarum Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo octogesimo primo, consecracionis nostre quarto.

Num. XXII.

Exemplification of a bill and answer in Chancery at the suit of the prior against Pengilly.

Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus quandam supplicacionem nobis in cancellariam nostram per dilectum nobis in Christo Walterum priorem monasterii Sancti Andree in Tywardrayth in comitatu Cornubie porrectam et in filaciis ejusdem cancellarie residentem in hec verba—"Besechith in the most humble wyse your pour orator and bedman Walter prior of the monastery of Seynt Andrewe in Tywardrayth in the shyre of Cornewayll that wher as one Roger sumtyme prior of the said monastery and predecessor unto your said besecher put in grete trust one John Tullok which is disceissed and Johane his wyfe, in so much that the said Roger delivered unto the seid John the common seale of the said monastery with all the evidencez and othre goodez belongyng to the seid monastery savely to kepe, and aftre that the seid Roger resigned unto one John Bryngtyngham late prior of the seid monastery and predecessor to your seid orator, the wych John Bryngtyngham desired of the seid John Tullok and Johane to have livere of the seid common seale, evidence and goodes belongyng to the same monastery, and the seid John Tullok seid he wold noght deliver the said seale evidence and goodes over lesse than the seid John late prior wold suffre him to seale a dede in the name of the seid John late prior and covent of the same monastery, with the seid common seale of a messuage iij orchardes v acres of londe English within the towne and lordship of Tywardrayth to hym selfe and the seid Johane his wyfe and also to suffre the seid John Tullok and Johane to occupie the seid messuage orchardez and londe; where uppon the seid John late prior, at that tyme havyng no bredren ne covent, agreaid him that the seid John Tullok and Johane shuld occupie the seid londe so the same prior myght have livere of the seid common seale evidencez and goodes belongyng unto the seid monastery, the wych John Tullok uppon the communicacion afore the livery of the seid common seale unto the seid John late prior sealed hym self with the same seale a dede of the seid messuage orchardez and lande in the name of the same John late prior and covent of the said monastery to have to hym and to the said Johane his wyfe and to the heirs of their bodiez comyng and for defaulte of such issue the remandre thereof to Phelip broder to the same John Tullok and to the heirs of his body comyng and for defaulte of such issue the remandre tharof to Laurence Tullok and to the heirs of his body comyng; and also it is noysed in the cuntrye by John Pyngille and the seid

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Johane nowe wyfe to the same John that thei have obligations and othre divers evidencez sealyd with the said common seale to the grete hurt and derogacion of the seid monastery whych yf thei any such have thei were sealyd by the said John Tullok when he had the kepyng of the seid common seale withoute the assent of any prior of the seid monastery predecessor to your said orator. And also the seid John Pyngille and Johane his wyfe hafe the seid untrewe dede of the seid messuage and londes to the which untrewe dede the same John and Johanne claymeth to haf and occupieth the seid messuage and londez and vexith and troublith your seid orator and his covent their bi dayly, wher bi they be likely to bere hurt withoute remedie of your gracious lordship that it wolde please the same to have in consideration the premissez and to graunte unto your said orator several writes of sub pena severally to be directed unto the said John Pengille and Johane his wyfe to appear afore the king in his chancery at a certayn daie by you to be limited, thair to answer to the premissez and that the said John Pyngille and Johane his wife may be compelled to bryng afor you the seid untrewe dede and all other dedez or obligacions sealed by the said John Tullok in the form aforesaid that they have or any other to thayr use thei to be cancelled afore you as trouth and consciens requireth for be cause of the hurt that is and myght come by tham to the seid monastery; and your seid orator and covent shall continually praye for you." Inspeximus eciam quandam examinacionem et concordiam super supplicationem predictam in plena curia captam et in dorso supplicationis predicte indorsatam in hec verba: "For asmoche as the bill putte agenst John Pyngille and Johane his wyfe by Walter prior of the monastery of Seynt Andrewe in Tywardrayth in the shire of Cornewayll was openly in the court of chauncery red to the same John and Johane and thay theruppon examined and sworn uppon the holy evangelist, the which John and Johane deposed and seid by the othes that they have made that thay have ne never noo dede had sealed with the covent seale of the seid monastery of the seid messuage and lande conteyned in the seid bill like as by the same bill is supposed, ne the seid John and Johane claymeth ne never will clayme title ne interest in the same messuage and land by the same John late priour but utterly and openly declareth that they had never title ne interest in the said messuage and land ne in noon other by this same late priour ne by noon other priour of the same monastery except a messuage and a gardyn with the appurtenances which was sumtyme in holdyng of Jenet Oliver, and moreover the same John and Johane deposeth declareth and sayth that they have nought ne never had any obligacion or other evidence sealed with the covent seale of the said monastery ne that there was never cause why the seid John Pengille and Johane or eyther of them eny suche obligacion or evidence shuld have. Wherefore the court awardeth that the same John Pengille and Johane his wyfe oute of this courte as for any matter conteyned in the seid bill be dismissed." Nos autem supplicationem examinacionem et concordiam predictas ad specialem requisicionem predicti prioris duximus exemplificandum per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Novembris anno regni nostri primo.

Num. XXIII.

Celebratio missæ pro animâ Johannis Cornewayll, domini de Fawnhope.

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Johannes Brentyngham prior prioratus domus et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Tywardreyth in Cornubia et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam deduci volumus per presentes qualiter nos consideramus ferventem dilectionem et continuam ac indesinentem devocionem quas ob reverenciam et honorem Domini nostri Jesu Christi et beatissime Marie matris ejus ac predicti Sancti Andree apostoli nobilis vir Johannus Cornewayll miles nuper dominus de Fawnehope in armis multipliciter decoratus, dum vixerat, erga nos gerebat, promittens et proponens de facultatibus suis paupertati et inopie domus et ecclesie nostrarum predictarum providere et subvenire, ipsoque jam ab hoc seculo, promisso proposito nondum adimpleto, sublato, cujus anime propicietur altissimus, venerabilis in Christo pater Johannes Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, Radulphus dominus de Cromewel, Nicholas Ayssheton, Walterus Moytt, Johannes Wenlok, Johannes Amwell, et Johannes Eyst executores testamenti predicti Johannis Cornewayll, videntes, instigante Domino, nos magnis inopia et paupertate detentos et auxilio destitutos, tanquam fideles predicti domini Johannis voluntatis executores ad relevacionem nostram ac domus et ecclesie nostrarum predictarum et pro salute anime predicti domini Johannis nobis gratissime subvenerunt ac centum libras monete Anglie nobis de bonis ejusdem Johannis dederunt et solverunt aliaque ornamenta ecclesie et vestimenta sacerdotalia integre secte contulerunt ac eos alia nobis imposterum conferre speramus, ipsa intencione et ad illum finem et effectum, quod nos de oracionibus meritis et suffragiis nostris ipsum dominum Johannem Cornewayll ac Elizabeth nuper comitissam Huntyndon consortem suam dum vixerat, ac Johannem filium eorum, necnon amicos et benefactores suos participes fieri et unam missam annuatim cotidie pro eis celebrari faceremus et ordinaremus. Et ne nos de tantis bonis nobis collatis videremur ingrati et obliti, quod absit, cupimus et desideramus pro temporali sublevamine quantum cum Deo possumus remuneracionem refundere spiritualem, et idcirco nos predicti prior et conventus in domo nostro capitulari congregati decimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo quarto et anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum Anglie vicesimo tercio concessimus et per presentes concedimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum predictis executoribus unam missam annuatim, videlicet primam missam mane ad horam sextam ad altare coram imagine crucifixi in navi ecclesie nostre predicte situatum et fundatum, per aliquem monachum vel capellanum alium, secularem vel regularem, celebrandam pro animabus predicti Domini Johannis et Elizabethe ac Johannis filii eorum et animabus omnium amicorum benefactorum ejusdem Johannis et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum prout in quadam tabula pre oculis sacerdotis ad perpetuam rei memoriam super altare predictum posita plenius specificatur. Quequidem missa vocabitur "Cornewaylle is masse" et dicta erit de die cum oracione pro defunctis, "Absolve quesumus, Domine," et cum psalmo, "Deprofundis" ad primam oracionem omnibus diebus quibus sacra ecclesia hoc fieri permittat. Et eciam concedimus per presentes anniversarium diem pro anima ipsius Johannis et animabus aliorum supra specificatorum annuatim undecimo die Decembris solemniter celebrandum et tenendum, videlicet exequias mortuorum cum novem lectionibus in die precedenti prout moris est et cum commendationibus pro defunctis in die anniversarii ad minus, tres missas eodem die in choro, quarum prima sit de beata Maria Virgine, secunda de Sancto Spiritu, tercia de requiem cum aliis missis, oracionibus precibus et suffragiis ad libitum prioris et conventus pro tempore existente perpetuis temporibus duraturis. Et ne quid absit per lapsum temporis premissa onera seu aliquod premissorum oblivioni traderentur seu traderetur, volumus et concedimus quod ego prefatus prior modernus ero et quilibet prior imposterum in prioratu predicto successurus tempore installacionis sive inductionis sue erit juratus ad premissa omnia et singula perimplenda et observanda. Et pro majori securitate nos predicti prior et conventus ad premissa omnia et singula perimplenda et observanda obligamus nos et successores nostros per presentes in centum libris eisdem executoribus solvendis si contingat nos aut successores nostros in premissis perimplendis sine causa racionabili deficere et ea minime perimplere. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium nos prefati prior et conventus sigillum nostrum commune uni parti harum indenturarum penes dictos executores remanenti apposuimus. Alteri vero parti harum indenturarum penes nos remanenenti prefati executores sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum in domo nostro capitulari antedictis die et anno supradictis.

[In the obituary of the convent we read "3 idus Decembris, obitus Johannis Cornwaill militis nuper domini de Fawnhop anno Domini 1443."]

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[Ibid.]

This indenture made viii day of February in the xxxiii yere of the reign of our sovereign lord King Henry the VIII. between Sir John Arundell the younger knight in the county of Cornwall of the one part and Laurence Courtenay esquire in the said county of the other part witnesseth that the said Sir John Arundell knight for the sum of eight score and four pounds sterling to him paid by the said Laurence Courtenay the day of the sealing of this indenture hath given granted bargained and sold and by this indenture doth give grant bargain and sell unto the said Laurence Courtenay all and singular his estate title interest possession and term which he now hath or at any time had of the lease grant and demise of one John Graynfeyld gentleman serjeant at arms of our said sovereign lord the king, which lease grant and demise the said John Graynfyld hath leased granted and demised unto him as more plainly appeareth in a lease and grant made by the said our sovereign lord the king of and upon the site and house of the late priory of Tywardreth within the county aforesaid with all manor houses buildings barns dovehouses orchards gardens lands ground and soil within the site and precincts of the same late priorie with lxxxviii acres of arable land, seven acres of meadow, and twenty acres of waste called Corogett in Tynwardreth to the same late priory belonging and appertaining, and also of and in the grange of Trenaunt with all manor houses buildings and barns to the same grange belonging and with six score acres of arable land and xl acres of waste to the same grange in likewise belonging with the part of the indenture containing the premises made between our sovereign lord the king and the said John Graynfeld and the part of the indenture concerning the premises made between the said John Graynfeld and the said Sir John Arundell, knight, to have and to hold all and singular the aforesaid estate title possession interest and term to the said Laurence Courtenay and his assigns during all the whole term made and granted by the aforenamed John Graynfeld to the said Sir John Arundell knight, with sufficient hedgebote firebote plowbote and cartebote and all other advantages profits commodities emoluments and easements in as large and ample manner as the said John Graynfyld the premises or any part of them had of the lease and grant of our said sovereign lord the king, reserving the church cloister dortor and chapter-house as they stand, the stones and timber thereof to be stowed and sold at the pleasure of the said Sir John Arundell knight; and also the said Sir John Arundell hath covenanted and granted and by these presents doth covenant and grant for him his heirs and executors to and with the said Laurence Courteney his heirs and executors that he at the time of the ensealing of this indenture hath as full power and authority to bargain and sell all such estate title interest and term as he at any time had of the lease and grant of the said John Graynfeld or as the said John Graynfeld had at any time of the lease and grant of our sovereign lord the king and that the premises and every parcel of them are not and shall not be charged ne incumbered by the said Sir John Arundell by his heirs executors or assigns in any manner wise since the said lease and grant made by the said John Graynfeld to him; for all which grant bargain and sale of and in the premises made by the said Sir John Arundell unto the said Laurence Courtenay and other covenants aforesaid the said Laurence Courtenay covenanteth and granteth for him his heirs and executors to and with the said Sir John Arundell his heirs and executors to yield and pay unto our said sovereign lord the king his heirs and successors from the date of these presents until the end of the whole term aforesaid expressed all such rents and services as be reserved by the said indenture made between our sovereign lord the king and the said John Graynfeld and thereof and of all other things to be done by the said Sir John Arundell for the accomplishment of the indenture made between him and the said Laurence Courtenay to discharge and save harmless the said Sir John Arundell his heirs and executors against our said sovereign his heirs; and furthermore the said Sir John Arundell for him his heirs and executors hath covenanted bargained and sold and by this indenture covenenteth bargaineth and selleth to the said Laurence Courtenay for the sum above specified all and singular his sheep lambs and cattle pasturing and being in and upon the ground soil and land of Tywardreth Coroget Trenaunt with their appurtenances, that is to say four hundred and fifty sheep with their lambs and three score cattle of full number; also the said Laurence Courtenay covenanteth and bargaineth and by these presents bindeth himself his heirs and his executors in two hundred pounds sterling that he nor they in any wise henceforth until the end of his said term be fully expired shall give nor sell his said lease term or bargain or any parcel thereof to any man but it be to the said Sir John Arundell that he will bargain and give therefore as much as any other man; also the said Sir John Arundell knight covenanteth bargaineth and by this indenture bindeth himself his heirs and executors in the payment of two hundred pounds sterling to discharge and keep harmless the said Laurence Courtenay his heirs and executors of and for all rents and arrearages due for the said lease and until the day of the sealing of these presents: witness hereof the parties afore named unto this indenture interchangeably hath sett their seals given the day and year above rehearsed.

Num. XXV.

Bishop Veysy's letter to Henry, Marquis of Exeter, touching the next presentation to the priory.

Pleasyth your good lordeshipe my deuty in humble wyse remembred (to the same) that where I am enformed by thys berer how the kyngs good grace at this sayd berers pursute hathe granted us the next advocacon & presentacon of the priorie yn Truerdrethe when hit shal be voyd, and forasmuche your good lordshipe hath (as I suppose) better knolege then I of thabilite to the sayd prioris office, being in Cornwale, what monck there is more apte to the sayd office, have referred the rather at this berers desyre all such interest I have in the sayd nominacion & presentacion to your highe circumspect wysdome to doo theryn as youe shall thynck most expedyent to Gods pleasur & the kyngs; and thus dayly shall & doo prey to the holy Trynytye for your good lordeshipe: att Brugenorthe the iiijth day of September

your humble
orator John Exon.

To his especiall good lorde my lorde
marquis good lordeshipe.

Num. XXVI.

Cardinal Wolsey's letter to the Prior of Tywardreth, urging him to resign.

Right Welbeloved. We grete you well and understand by credible report that ye, beyng priour & governour of the religious hous of Truardreyf of the kinge's patronage within the diocese of Excester, have heretofore discreetly and laudably ruled the said hous and the brethren of the sam, albeit soo that now by reason of your great age and impotencye ye nother may nor can take such peyn & dilygence to maynteyn & rewle your said hous in spiritualities & temporalities thereunto appertaynyng as ye have doon in tymes passed; wherfore we considerynge the premisses, and not oonly havynge a fervent zele and affection to the weall and encreas of your said hous, but also beryng unto you our good mynde & favour for your formar merytys and administracion there, in our kynde & lovyng maner exhort & move you for the semblable good affection whiche we trust that ye owe to your howse & to thavauncement of the same, that of your good wille & assent ye doo resigne and renounce your said rowme & office of the priory, assuryng you that we entend to provyde such an hable man to be promoted therunto, as we shall verialy thynk in our conscience to be sobre, discrete, religious, polytique, & in other qualitees hable & meet to occupye that rowme, & therwith to make you sure durynge the lyfe of such a convenient & honest pension owt of the said hows as ye of reason shall have good cause to be contented with. Thus ye shall

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releve yourself of great burden of your office, lyve restfully & at ease in this your great age & as we verayly thynk, doo a deed of good meryte to the pleasour of Almyghty God and weall of your said howse. Of your toward mynde in this mater we pray you to ascertayn us in wrytyng by this bearer, or as sone after as ye may with diligence. At our manor of More the xxvith day of Septembre.

Your lovyng brother
T. Car^{lis} Ebor.

Indorsed, To our ryght welbeloved in God
the Prior of the house of Truardrief
in Cornewall.

Num. XXVII.

Letter of Henry, Marquis of Exeter, to Thomas Collins, Prior of Tywardreth.

My lorde priour, in my right hartie maner I recommende me unto you, and sertefieng you it hath pleased the kyng's grace to geve unto me the vousyon and next advoydaunce of your rome & office of the pryory, wherfore I desyre you the rather at this myne instaunce, and at this my requeste yf ye canne be contentynd to resigne your rome to resigne it unto me for a frynde of myne uppon a reasonable pencyon yerely paied: and that I maye be assertaynde your resolute answer and mynde heryn by writing with this berar. And in your thus doing shall not oonely deserve of me ryght hartye thanks, but by the same, bynde me to do you such pleasours as in me shall lye, as knowith God whoe kepe you under his tuyssion. From Wodestoke the ffyrst daye of Octobur.

H. Courteney of Devon.

Indorsed, To the Priour of Treydurf
be this delivered with spede.

Num. XXVIII.

Robert Hamlyn's letter to Prior Collyns.

Worchypfull father prior, I have me comendyd un to you as a man note aquanted. Syr, so y^t ys as I understond my lord cardynall and my specyall good Lord of Deynscher have wrott un to you of latte desyryng you to resyne your promocyon un to me apone a resonable pencyon. Sir, trobell or vexe nott yourself a bowte for thay yntend not to coacte you to it; but thay, consyderyng your age and the grett chargys that the church ys pute to and lekely more sorer to be charged, thay troust it schuld have plesyd you full well to resign havyng a worschypfull pencyon and so to lyve at rest. Sir, y pray you to bere no dysplesur towardys me yn this mater; I have deservyd none: when my good lorde of Deynscher hade gott the voyson of your priorye of the kyng for me, my lorde cardynall called for me & askyde me what maner a place it ys and the valewe of your possessyon and what maner a man the presidente of the same place, I made hym an answer sayng at a venture that hytt ys a place of iii c mark by the yer and that he be a man of iii schor yere of ayge as I supposed and that ye have fulworschypfully ruled and governyd that place many yeres as yt doth aper wythyn the said lordys letters as I suppos. Yf hyt shall plese your fader hode that y schall come and speke with you ye schall knowe farder of my mynde. Wherfor I advyce you to make no answer to the said lordys letter before ye have spokyn wyth me; when ye have herd me speke I trust in Cryst I schall satesfeye your mynde. Wretyn at Tavystoke the 5th day of November yn hast.

Per tuum oratorem Dominum Robertum Hamlyn comonacum nec non bacularem in pontificio jure.

Num. XXIX.

Same to the same.

Worchypful Father yn Christe I commend me on to you, marvelyng that ye suspeckte me without my deservyng, sayng that I make ynstante pretendeyng to depose you. Sir, y ynsure you yt was never my mynde, how be yt y be off your nebors yt bere me your good wyll & mynde that wrote on to me wyllyng me to make ynstance to be prior of Treuerdrethe, sayng yt the prior of the sayd place was lykely to be deposyd with yn that tyme; and sir, upon thys knolyg I made my specyall good master a counsell with me desyryng hys aduyse, that ys to say, master Edwardus Wyllughtby son & ere to my lord Broke, &, sir, as y onderstond he was with you to know yff ye were myndyde to resyne oppon a resnabell pencon & other wyse y never desyryd your benefys ne never shall, & therefor y pray yow to geve no lyght credens; hyt ys sayd Proverbiorum primo, audiens sapiens sapientior erit. Sir, y hade the syght but late of a letter that was wrete by the hande off a brother off your place namyd Dan Ball that was expressyd yn the letter that your fatherhode hade promysed he to rezyne over to he. Sir, yff ye be so myndyd & yt wolde plese you to be so good father to resyne to me, ye shulde bynd me and my frends to be at your commandment; yt how be yt ys a commyn saying melius est regere quam regi; but yff ye were so myndyd y wolde be content ye to execute ye actyff voys & y ye passyve & so shulde ye & y passe owre tyme meryly to ye plesure off God & to ye welthe off ye howse. Sir, ye nor y have ne may have but ye lyvyng of on man, nor no man has more yn thys worlde. Commenly thay yt have a competent lyvyng lyve more meryer yn thay yt have moche more; Saynt Ambrose saythe, Pauper in pecunia, dives in conscientia, securius dormit in pallia (palea) quam dives in auro et purpura; also saythe Saynt Barnarde, nusquam in honore sine dolore, in palacione sine tribulacione, in sublimitate sine vanitate quis esse potest. Sir, never thynke that y yntende any dyshonore on to yow, for y know no man so frayll as myselfe; Saynt Ambrose saythe, Judicet ille de alterius errore qui non habet quod in seipso condempnet. Sir, yf yt were my fortune to speke with you ye shuld knowe more off my mynde and so Ihu preserve you. Amen.

By Dan Robart Hamlyn monke of ye monastery off Tavystoke.

Num. XXX.

Prior Collins to Master Weston.

Prior Collyns to the ryght worshcypfull, my especyall good master, Master Weston*, subdene of the cathydrall church of Exeter, yn hast.

My esspecyall good master, after my dewyte done with ryght harty thankks for your good masterschyppe to me schewyed dyvers and many tymes, praying you of your cherytye of good contynuance.

Pleaseth your masterschyppe to understand that a Monday last at nyght whych was Seynt Andrew ys day, a gentylman callyd Fortescew & one Benett, whych be servaunts to my lord marques of Exeter, & both of them as they sayd be abydyng yn my lord ys housholde, came to my pore house of Trewardreth, & my ffrynd Wylliam Kendall with them, & then they schewyed me that my lord their master wyllyd & instantly desyred me to resygne my pore rome of the priorschyppe appone a pencion to my broder Hamlyn, monke of Tavystocke, & how, I so doyng, my lord wold be my esspecyall good lord, & if I wolde nott so do, that there schulde syche thynges be layd to me that I schulde leve hytt wheder I wolde or noo: and theruppone requyryd to have a playne awnswere of me, wheder I wolde resyne or no, for they sayd, they were commandyd to have a pleyne awnswere, & to advertyse my lord theroff yn all the hast that they coude: & thys answere was requyryd of me so sodenly that I hade no leysure to speke or take advyse of my ffrends theryn. Nottwithstonding my awnswere was thys, that I trustyng my lord wold contynew my good lord, as he hath bene in tymes past, as I have bene & schall be his contynuall pore bedman; but as to resygne or putt away from me that pore levyng that hytt hath pleasyd Almyghty God to call me to, I intended not duryng my lyfe, nor never was myndyd to do, & how iff I hade bene myndyd to resygne that I wolde have done hytt att

* He was collated April 28, 1518; and died subdean towards the end of September, 1539.

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my lord's comaundmentt, as sone as to any man levyng, with whych awnswere they were nott contentyd; but sayd I schulde here other thynggs afore long, and so departed. What they intend ferder to do, God knowyth, notwithstondyng I hereby hartily pray yow yn the way of cheryte to contynew my ryght good master, & to advertyse my esspecyall good master, master Sir Thomas Denys hereoff, & that I may have your good masterschypps hereyn, yff they do putt me to any ferder besynes. Also I trust master chaunceler* woll be my good master, as he promysyd me, & sayd that yff I fulfyllyd sych injunctions as he gave me by wrytyng, that I nede nott to drede: whych injunctions be contynually kept and fulfylled, the contrary whereoff, as I trust, shall not be provyd, as God knowyth. He preserve your good masterschyppe to hys pleasure. Wrytyn, &c.

Num. XXXI.

Valor Ecclesiasticus temp. Hen. VIII.

(Transcript of Return 26 Hen. VIII. First Fruits Office.)

Prioratus de Tywardreyth,

unde Dominus Rex est fundator.

Temporalia.

	£	s.	d.
Valor redditus et firme terrarum et tenementorum de diversis dominiis et maneriis sequentibus dicto prioratui pertinentibus sive spectantibus, viz. Tremanyon cum 2*s.* de perquisitis curie £6 5*s.* 4*d.* Trewardreyth cum 2*s.* 4*d.* de perquisitis curie £8 7*s.* 11*d.* Trenante cum 8*d.* de perquisitis curie £11 13*s.* 8*d.* Gredyowe cum 2*s.* 10*d.* de perquisitis curie £10 5*s.* 4*d.* Austell cum 8*d.* de perquisitis curie £3 7*s.* Fentregan £3 11*s.* 1*d.* Porthea Prior cum 8*d.* de perquisitis curie £5 11*s.* 9*d.* Fowy cum 3*s.* 6*d.* de perquisitis curie £1 11*s.* 10*d.*; et Seynt Anthony £1 4*s.* 4*d.* In toto	51	18	3
Valet proficuum proveniens sive crescens de vendicione bosci et subbosci in predictis dominiis et maneriis	nil.		

Spiritualia.

Valor firme decimarum garbarum scituatarum et jacencium in diversis villis et parochiis sequentibus dicto prioratui pertinentibus sive spectantibus, viz. in Seynt Blasy, Tywardreyth, Seynt Sampson, Lanlyvery, Treneglos, et Warbystowe, £36. In Fowy £9 3*s.* 4*d.* Austell £23 7*s.* 6*d.* Luxulyan £9 6*s.* 8*d.* et Antony £5 6*s.* 8*d.* In toto per annum	83	4	2
Valor pencionum de diversis dominiis dicto prioratui pertinentibus, viz. Luxulyan £2 13*s.* 4*d.* Austell £2 13*s.* 4*d.* Lanlyvery £2 13*s.* 4*d.* et Lostewithiel £1, ac altilagia de Tiwardreyth et Seynt Sampson communibus annis £7 13*s.* 8*d.* In toto	16	13	8
Summa valoris tum spiritualium quam temporalium prioratus predicti	151	16	1

De quibus,

Reprise deducte, viz. in

Feodis senescalli, auditoris et ballivi.

	£	s.	d.
Johanni Chamond militi capitali senescallo ejusdem domus £3 6*s.* 8. Johanni Tregian et Thome Coke auditoribus ejusdem domus £3. Johanni Kympthorne senescallo curie ibidem £1. Eidem Johanni Kympthorne ballivo de Porthea 13*s.* 4*d.* et Willielmo Kendall ballivo de Fowy £1 6*s.* 8*d.*	9	6	8

Annuis et perpetuis pencionibus solutis.

Vicario de Tiwardreyth pro pencione sua per annum £14 6*s.* 8*d.* Willielmo Huchyn pro pencione sive corrodio ex concessione domini regis per annum £3 6*s.* 8*d.* et pro sustentacione unius lampadis ibidem in ecclesia ex concessione fundatoris 6*s.* 8*d.* In toto	18	0	0

Sinodaticum et procuratio annuatim soluta.

Archidiacono pro sinodatico et procuracionibus per annum	1	0	2
	28	6	8
Et valet clare ultra reprisas predictas per annum	123	9	3
Decime inde . .	12	6	11¼

Num. XXXII.

Computus Ministrorum Domini Regis temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

	£	s.	d.	
Tywardreth—redditus assise . . .	12	11	4	
Tywardreth—redditus liberorum tenentium	1	11	0	
Tywardreth—perquisita curie . . .	0	8	2	
Tywardreth—scitus manerii cum terris	9	9	4	
Tremanyon—redditus liberorum tenentium	1	8	9	
Tremanyon—redditus assise	8	3	0	
Tremanyon—perquisita curie . . .	0	2	6	
Trenant—redditus liberorum tenentium	3	12	3	ob.
Trenant—redditus assise cum firma Barton	13	3	4	
Trenant—perquisita curie	1	11	8	
Gredyowe—redditus liberorum tenentium	8	6	2	ob.
Gredyowe—redditus assise	4	1	2	
Gredyowe—perquisita curie	0	9	0	
Sancti Austell—redditus liberorum tenentium	1	15	8	
Sancti Austell—redditus assise . . .	4	0	8	
Sancti Austell—perquisita curie . .	nulla			
Fentregan—redditus liberorum tenentium	1	6	5	
Fentregan—redditus assise	2	7	0	
Fentregan—perquisita curie	0	16	0	
Porthea Prior—redditus assise . . .	2	8	4	
Porthea Prior—redditus liberorum tenentium	8	13	2	
Porthea Prior—perquisita curie . . .	0	3	0	
Fowye—redditus assise	1	4	10	
Fowye—redditus liberorum tenentium	3	2	10	ob.
Fowye—perquisita curie	0	17	1	
Tywardreth—decime garbarum de Tywardreth, Sancto Sampsone, Sancto Blasio, et Lanlivery	36	0	0	
Tywardreth—alie decime	6	11	3	
Treneglos et Warbistowe—decime . .	8	0	0	
Fowye—decime garbarum rectorie . .	9	3	4	
Austell—firma rectorie	27	0	0	
Luxulyan—firma rectorie	9	6	8	
Sancti Anthon—firma rectorie . . .	5	16	8	
Luxulyan—porcio	2	13	4	
Austell—porcio	2	13	4	
Lanlyverye—pencio	2	13	4	
Lostwithiell—pencio	1	0	0	

* Dr. John Gybbons; ob. 1537.

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The Collegiate Church of St. Thomas, of Glasney.

DEANERY OF KERRIER.

Behethlan
O.N. 2566

GLASNEY is situated in the parish of St. Gluvias * the Martyr (formerly called Behethelan, Bethedlan, or Bohellan †) and deanery of Kerrier, and was a moor or marsh at the bottom of the episcopal park at Penryn. Here Walter Bronescombe, bishop of Exeter, in 1264 commenced, and on March 26, 1267, endowed a college for thirteen canons, one of whom was to be styled provost or president, and for thirteen vicars. Towards their support he first assigned the churches "Sancti Budoci et Sancte Feoce." On Sept. 1, 1270, he further appropriated to them the churches of Sythney, St. Sennar (Zennor), St. Goron (Gorran), and of "Landege cum suis capellis de Kenwen et de Tregesdon, cum tredecem acris anglicanis per perticam mensuratis, ad domos et edificia eorundem, in puram, liberam et perpetuam elemosynam." (Register, fol. 44‡.) The statutes of Exeter cathedral were to be observed by the members of this collegiate establishment. In August, 1275, the founder granted the church of Menstre (Minster) towards the perpetual maintenance of two chaplains, "qui unam missam cotidie de Sanctâ Mariâ et aliam pro animâ nostra et animabus magistri Henrici de Bolle et domini Walteri de Fermesham ac omnium fidelium defunctorum in ecclesia beati Thome martyris de Glasneya celebrabunt." (Register, fol. 65—73§.) The canons here mentioned had distinguished themselves in promoting the interests of this foundation. The former was also a benefactor to the founder, having conveyed to him all his land "de la Wodecrofte una cum advocatione ecclesie de Bokelond Fitz-Walter" (West Buckland), which he had by the gift of Ermigarda, the widow of William de Ponchardon. (See the deed sewed in the beginning of the bishop's Register.) Finally, the founder, Sept. 7, 1276, granted the church of St. Colan to the college. (Register, fol. 73.)

Towards the better support of the vicars here, Bishop Peter Quivil, his successor in the see of Exeter, on February 23, 1287, granted St. Milor's‖ church; and on December 18, 1289, added St. Alun's (Allen). We read in Stapeldon's Register (fol. 116), that William de Mulleborne, clerk, with the licence of his sovereign, Edward II., bearing date Nov. 12, 1316, gave a messuage in the town of Penryn, with an acre of land, to Glasney college. The last-mentioned eminent prelate, on his visit to the college, August 4, 1318, settled a misunderstanding between the provost and canons, as impropriators of St. Gluvias, and the vicar of that church, which arose from a misconception in the wording of the recent endowment of the vicarage. He accordingly decided that the provost and chapter should receive from the closes and courtlages of the parish, "omnes decimas frumenti, ordei hiemalis, et quadragesimalis panmeli, avene, pisorum et vescarum, eciam si cum vangis excolantur, et vicarius dicte ecclesie, qui pro tempore fuerit, decimas fabarum et etiam omnium aliorum que in eisdem curtilagiis aut clausis cum vangis excoluntur, et etiam herbe et pomorum et aliorum fructuum que crescere contigerint in eisdem." (See his Register, fol. 88.)

This bishop annexed one of the prebends of this collegiate church to the office of archdeacon of Cornwall.

The petition of Sir Otho de Bodrigan, knight, for the appropriation of the church of Lamorek or Mevagissey to the college was ratified by Bishop Grandisson on April 20, 1329. (See his Register, vol. ii. fol. 1.)

The same Bishop Grandisson, on April 15, 1355, confirmed the deed of appropriation of St. Just, in Penwith, to the college, made in its favour by Sir John Beaupre¶, knight, and Margaret his wife. In the aisle of this collegiate church, called the "Beaupre aisle," two priests were daily to celebrate in the Virgin Mary's chapel for the health and prosperity of the donor's family. (Register, vol. ii. fol. 184.) And he annexed to the office of sacristan the church of St. Colan before mentioned. (See Appendix.) If the canon did not nominate his vicar, after a month's vacancy the collation lapsed to the provost, on whose neglect to appoint within eight days, the right devolved to the bishop. (Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 24.)

Within a century after its foundation we find that the collegiate church was in the course of reconstruction. William Carslake, one of its canons, in 1379 bequeathed twenty pounds "nove fabrice ecclesie Sancti Thome de Glaseneye." (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 76.) In 1403 the choir was new vaulted, as we collect from Bishop Edmund Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 65: but the nave remained in a very unfinished state for nearly fifty years later. The dimensions were found by William of Worcester, in the reign of King Edward IV., to be as follows: the nave of the church about 100 feet in length; the transept exactly 100 feet; and the length of the choir 100 feet**. From Brantyngham's Register (vol. ii. fol. 46, ad calcem) we collect that the cemetery of Glasney church had been polluted by the effusion of human blood in the summer of 1386.

To the office of sacristan Bishop Oldam, March 31, 1508, granted a pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* charged on the church of Manacan. (Register, fol. 27.)

Of this interesting religious establishment, for nearly three hundred years the favourite object of protection by our bishops, scarcely a vestige now remains. A much valued correspondent, Edward Smirke, Esq., in the summer of 1839, informed the writer that he discovered a small portion of the fabric in a private garden at a short distance from Penryn, and on its south side, viz. the shaft and capital of a small column, and a portion of its pointed arch, both apparently standing on their original site, and clearly announcing an early style of pointed architecture.

* This church was dedicated by Bp. Stapeldon, July 5, and its high altar August 4, 1318.

† The name of Beheathland, or Bohelland, is still known in the parish. That of Glasney (sometimes written Glasneth) seems to be compounded of the word *glase*, or *glazen* (a word of familiar occurrence in Cornwall, said to signify green), and *hithe*. It is, therefore, probably synonimous with Greenhithe. In like manner Stebbenhithe and Puttenhithe have become Stepney and Putney.

‡ The taxation of St. Feock and St. Sennar may be seen in Bp. Stapeldon's Register, fol. 109.

§ In Bronescombe's Register, fol. 88, is a deed dated from Polton, Thursday after St. James the apostle, 1278, whereby this bishop agrees to pay an annuity of £18 to Sir William de Eglosheyl, knight, and his wife Mirabella, which annuity is charged on his manor of Penryn, and was to be payable in even portions at Easter and Michaelmas, "in ecclesia beati Thome de Glasneya." This payment was made in consideration of the knight's surrender of the manor of Eglosheyl which was held of the bishop in capite. In the event of the knight's or his lady's death, £10 only would be paid to the single survivor. The bishop grants for their use his court-house, with its appurtenances, "in villâ de Penryn," with fuel from his wood of Penryn during their residence there.

‖ The taxation of St. Milor, "cum capellâ Sci Laudi," may be seen in Grandisson's Register, vol. iii. fol. 101.

¶ Query, was not his mother's name Isabella? We read in Stapeldon's Register, fol. 142, that Isabella de Bello Prato was licensed to have oratories in her manors of Trewithgy, Tirkambred, and Penhalym, July 3, 1319.

** James Michell, a canon of Glasney, by his will, dated Oct. 21, 1438, and proved Sept. 3, 1439, desired to be buried in this collegiate church before the image of St. Michael, and he leaves "unam libram cere luminari S. Thome ibidem, et unam libram cere lumini S. Gluviaci martyris." (Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 507.) Its chantry, "de Ponte," is often mentioned.

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The church appears to have rested on a swampy foundation; and the canons, from insufficiency of means, were unable to keep it in substantial repair. In Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 110, is a letter of the bishop to the provost and canons, dated July 31, 1542, stating that at his late visitation the church was in a defective state, and threatened to fall into ruin, "in suis structuris, edificiis et presertim in maremeis, cooperturis plumbeis, et ligneis, grandem et periculosam minabatur ruinam."

Leland describes the college as strongly walled and "incastellid, having three strong towers, and gunnes at the but of the creke." (Itin. vol. iii. p. 16.)

The following is a list of the provosts:

Henry de Bolegh, or *Bollet*. He was afterwards collated to the archdeaconry of Cornwall, July 8, 1282. He tendered his resignation shortly after his appointment; but Bp. Bronescombe, being at Glasney, March 7, 1275, delayed collating a successor for some time, and committed to him his episcopal powers, "quoad correctionem canonicorum et aliorum clericorum in dicta ecclesiâ Deo servientium, et quoad omnia alia que ad jurisdictionem spectant, predictam preposituram contingentia." (Register, fol. 70.)

William Fitz Rogonis succeeded and died in the summer of 1312.

Benedict de Arundell was admitted October 23, 1313. He was professor of canon law.

Richard Seneschal occurs as provost June 21, 1333.

Richard de Todworth was collated December 3, 1347, but held office less than a month, resigning it for Lanant.

Richard de Gomersale, collated January 2, 1347.

Robert Hoo must have been provost early in 1370. (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 2, ad calcem.)

Reginald Galle was nominated by King Edward III. January 15, 1370-1, "ratione temporalium episcopatus Exon nuper vacantis in manu suâ existencium." (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 13, ad calcem.) In his letter, dated February 3, 1373-4, applying to Bp. Brantyngham for a coadjutor, he describes himself thus; "instar senioris Tobie nunc in tenebris sedeo et lumen celi non video."

Thomas de Walkyngdon, LL.D., and chancellor of Bishop Brantyngham, succeeded September 10, 1375; but on October 16 following, received a dispensation from residence, as the bishop required his personal services. He was shortly after appointed dean of Exeter, when—

Adam Sparkes, LL.B., was collated to the vacant office, May 25, 1378. (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 52.)

Walter Myn, collated March 31, 1380, on Sparkes's death. This Walter Myn, perpetual curate of St. Gluvias, was licensed January 23, 1384, to celebrate divine service "in capella Beate Marie de Penryn." (Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 113.)

John Rauf was collated June 7, 1385.

John Edenenes, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Sutton, alias Plymouth, appears to have held the provostship for a short time. (Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 90.)

Thomas Yorkflete occurs as provost July 31, 1396.

William Cullyng, another provost, died in office during the winter of 1422.

Nicholas Harvy, appointed February 18 following, and died in September 1427.

Walter Trengthof, S.T.P., collated September 19, 1427, and resigned in October 1436.

Richard Reddew, or *Rew*, succeeded on 22 of the same month and year. (Lacy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 146.) He presented to St. Milor, June 1, 1456.

— *Trewynnard*, a native of St. Ives, according to William of Worcester, died on Maunday Thursday, 1471.

John Evelyng, who exchanged for a canonry in Exeter Cathedral with

John Pascow, November 30, 1477, on whose resignation

John Oby was collated December 4, 1491. He was also vicar of St. Gluvias. On his death

John Nans was collated November 29, 1497, by Bishop Redmayne, "in quâdam altâ camerâ infra abbathiam de Torre." He afterwards exchanged for St. Meriadock, Camborn *, with

Alexander Penkyll, who was collated June 5, 1501.

William Bryn was collated on Penkyll's cession, March 24, 1507.

John Corke, collated July 19, 1519: on whose cession

Jacob Gentle, or *Jentle*, was collated November 2, 1526. He subscribed to the king's supremacy August 17, 1534, with John Thynmowe, sacristan, James Treneth, John Knebone, and Ralf Trelabys, canons.

John Libbe succeeded September 30, 1546, on Gentle's death, and was the last provost of this college, which had been latterly called St. Mary's of Glasney. His pension, in 1553, was £18 7*s*. 1*d*. Five of his canons, viz. Ralph Trelabis, Thomas Vivyan, Matthew Newcombe, Gerard John, and John Harris, had £6 13*s*. 4*d*. each. Six others had £6 each, viz. William Kenbond, John Kelsey, Robert Mersey, William Hawton, John Chimnowe, and Robert James. To John Mychel and Ralph Richard a salary of £4 12*s*. John Pounde was in the receipt of £2; Ralph Cowche of £2. Thomas Molesworth and Henry Killigrew £1 6*s*. each; and £8 were allowed for other pensions. (Willis's History of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 53.)

Num. I.

Obitus canonicorum de Glaseney.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 50.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Etsi cultores in vinea Dei laborantes veraciter sunt preamandi, illos tamen in gradu retribucionis ceteros credimus antecellere quos labor prolixior et stipendia longiora fecerunt anteire: cum igitur dilecti filii magister Henricus de Bollet, prepositus, Stephanus Haym, Rogerus de Sancto Constantino, Nicholaus Tregoreth, Rolandus de Podiford, Ricardus Vivian, Walterus de Sancto Justo, Robertus filius Roberti, Walterus Peverel, Walterus Fermesham, Durandus Haym, Paganus de Liskered, et Walterus de Tremur, ecclesie beati Thome martyris de Glasneye primi canonici, et ejusdem loci prime fundacionis participes, edificia, mansiones, pomaria, et virgulta de rudi area, singulis prebendis et canonicis assignata, construxerunt respectu facultatum opere sumptuoso, nos temporalium eorum industriam et laboris prolixitatem retributione spirituali respicere cupientes, accedente adhoc decani et capituli nostri Exonie assensu legitimo, tenore presencium ordinando statuimus et statuendo ordinamus, ut predictorum canonicorum singuli successores, futuris temporibus eis succedentibus hujusmodi edificiorum mansionum et virgultorum habitatores, octo solidos annuos die obitus singulorum canonicorum superius expressis nominibus designatorum annuatim persolvant in capitulo loci memorati ad eorum obitum perpetuo celebrandum, volentes ut quilibet canonicus duos denarios, singuli vicarii sacerdotes unum denarium, ceteri vicarii inferioris ordinis et clerici obituum solemnitati presentes singulos obolos percipiant annuatim, ita videlicet quod quicquid de prefata pecunie summa octo solidorum remanserit, in pane pro anima defuncti canonici cujus obitus celebratur ipso die per visum prepositi seu senescalli ejusdem loci errogando in usus pauperum distribuatur. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus literis sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Horslegh die Sabbati proxima post festum Sancti Luce Evangeliste anno Domini M°.CC°. septuagesimo secundo et consecracionis nostre quinto decimo.

Num. II.

Appropriacio ecclesie Sancti Colani.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 73, b.

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Eo salubriori proposito licite adquirit pos-

* Ecclesia parochialis Sancti Meriadoci de Camborn. This saint was bishop of Vannes in Britanny.

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sessiones transitorias humana condicio, quo ex hujusmodi possessionum fructibus majestas altissimi, cujus nutu disponuntur universa, zelo puriori sollempnius honoratur. Proinde celebrem memoriam summi celestis curie paranymphi et humane reparacionis nuncii, Sancti Gabrielis archangeli, in collegiata ecclesia beati Thome martiris de Glasneya, secunda feria intrantis Septembris mensis, devoto et sollempni obsequio annuatim et perpetuo celebrari cupientes, ecclesiam Sancti Coelani, cujus jus patronatus et collacio ex nostra adquisitione canonica ad nos pertinet cum ejusdem fructibus, ad ipsius obsequium onera perpetualiter sustinenda prefate ecclesie martiris predicti et canonicis ibidem Deo et beate Virgini servientibus pro salute anime nostre successorum et benefactorum nostrorum, accedente adhoc dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis consensu legitimo, appropriamus et canonica appropriatione annectimus et tribuimus perpetuo possidendam, salva competenti vicaria, in toto altilagio, sanctuario, et decimis garbarum in certis locis quadraginta solidos annuatim valentibus consistente, per nos et successores nostros futuris temporibus conferenda; ordinantes quod sacrista ecclesie martyris predicti et successores ejus post ipsum quos presentis scripti attestacione canonicos et sacerdotes semper esse volumus, ac perpetuo residentes, de fructibus ecclesie taliter appropriate disponant in eternum, et distribucionem faciant in forma inferius annotata, videlicet, sacrista predictus et successores ejus post ipsum, singuli svicariis singulos decem solidos annuos singulis annis et ad instar novem ordinum angelorum singulis canonicis, singulis annis, predicte sollempnitati suam personalem presenciam exhibentibus, singulos novem denarios, ac singulis vicariis die memorato presentibus singulos quinque denarios et sollempnia luminaria ad utrasque vesperas, matutinas, horas, et missam sicut in die natalis Domini durante obsequio memorato de fructibus ecclesie predicte sine diminucione qualibet distribuent et prestabunt imperpetuum. Et nilominus idem sacrista et successores ejus post ipsum singulis annis die sollempnitatis predicte singulos sexaginta solidos in panibus pauperibus egenis pro anima nostra successorum et benefactorum nostrorum perpetualiter erogabunt. Hec omnia et singula sub pena excommunicacionis ipso facto, si secus egerint, incurrende, firmiter observari volumus et teneri. In cujus rei testimonium presenti instrumento sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Actum et datum apud Glasneyam in vigilia nativitatis beate Virginis anno gracie M°.CC°.LXX°. sexto et consecracionis nostre decimo nono.

Num. III.

Carta Petri Exoniensis episcopi de appropriatione ecclesie S. Aluni in Cornubia dicte Ecclesie Collegiate.

(Pat. 18 Edw. II. part. 2, m. 17. per Inspex.)

Petrus [Quivil] miseratione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis vicariis in ecclesia Glaseniensi in Cornubia, Deo, beate Marie semper virgini, et beato Thome archiepiscopo et martyri imperpetuum servituris, salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Licet omnium ecclesiarum nostre dioecesis cura et sollicitudo ad nos intime pertinere noscatur; ille tamen ecclesie, que licitis et honestis decorantur collegiis, ceteris ecclesiis sollicitudine indigent ampliori; et precipue que nostro patronatui, nullo mediante, subjecte a fundationis initio tam exiliter sunt dotate, quod nisi necessarium provisionis remedium manum extenderet adjutricem, divinum in toto vel saltem in parte maxima in illis deperiret obsequium, sancto prime institutionis proposito non sine gravi ecclesie scandalo turpiter adnullato. Cum igitur ecclesia predicta per bone memorie Walterum predecessorem nostrum sic fundata extiterit, ut ipse tresdecem canonicorum secularium, totidemque vicariorum, diurno nocturnoque obsequio ad honorem Dei et beate Marie virginis et prefati martyris sit ornata, vestraque portio, filii charissimi, qui, canonicis frequenter absentibus, pondus diei continuo sustinetis et estus, a primo fundationis principio ita sit tenuis et exilis, prout fide novimus oculata, quod de ipsa per anni dimidium, vel eo circiter, congrue sustentari nequitis, sicque dum victum aliunde requiritis, debitum ibidem officium vobis sic absentibus necessario deperit vel decrescit, nos ad premissa pietatis oculum dirigentes, prout debitum et nomen nostri requirit officii premissis providere salubriter cupientes, ecclesiam S. Aluni in Cornubia, que ad nostram advocationem spectare dinoscitur, de consensu nostri capituli, ac magistri Nicholai de On rectoris ejusdem, necnon ipsorum voluntate unanimi et expresso, habito prius super hiis in nostro capitulo tractatu sepius in forma canonica diligenti, evidente necessitate predicta necnon utilitate prefate Glaseniensis ecclesie hoc urgente, vobis in forma juris duximus appropriandam, vestreque sustentationis usibus perpetuis temporibus assignamus; salva nobis et successoribus nostris vicaria perpetua in congruis portionibus per nos seu successores nostros, justitia mediante, taxandis ad presens, et quotiens ipsam vacare contigerit imposterum inibi ordinanda; salva etiam episcopali et ecclesie nostre Exoniensis in omnibus dignitate. In cujus rei testimonium, et ut presens concessio perpetuam habeat firmitatem, presens scriptum sigillo nostro sigillisque capituli nostri et rectoris predicti duximus roborandum. Datum Exonie XV°. kal. Januarii, anno Domini MCCLXXXVIII°. et consecrationis nostre nono.

Num. IV.

Ordinatio Vicarie Sancti Aluni.

(Stapeldon's Register, fol. 84.)

Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilecto filio Thome de Karveyneck diacono salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Vicariam ecclesie Sancti Aluny juxta parcum in Cornubia nostre diocesis vacantem et ad nostram collacionem spectantem tibi cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis universis conferimus intuitu caritatis et vicarium perpetuum instituimus canonice in eadem, curam animarum et regimen ejusdem tibi tenore presencium in Domino committendo, recepto a te juramento quod, juxta mentem constitutionis dominorum Otonis et Ottoboni quondam in Anglia apostolice sedis legatorum super hoc edite, personaliter et continue residebis. Et ut sciatur in quibus porcionibus dicta vicaria consistere debeat in futurum ordinamus quod vicarius in dicta ecclesia Sancti Aluni et successores sui qui pro tempore fuerint habeant et percipiant nomine vicarie sue predicte decimam tassi de Tredoures, necnon totam decimam tam in garbis quam rebus aliis de parco de Lanergh provenientem, una cum toto altillagio dicte ecclesie, et sanctuario et domibus in dicto sanctuario existentibus, excepta duntaxat una grangia et una parva area juxta dictam grangiam pro tassis faciendis in eadem, necnon una acra terre ex opposito dicte grangie in parte occidentali regalis vie sive medio quod dicitur de Truru versus Kaergaul in longitudine juxta eam, quas quidem grangiam aream et acram terre, necnon liberum exitum et introitum ad predictam grangiam et aream vicarie ecclesie Glasneie rectorie loci pro suis necessariis introducendis et emittendis volumus permanere. Volumus et ordinamus quod vicarius ipsius ecclesie Sancti Aluni et sui successores qui pro tempore fuerint omnia onera ordinaria ac eciam sustentacionem librorum, ornamentorum cancelli tam in coopertura quam in fenestris vitreis et in quibuscunque aliis que ad rectoriam loci pertinere debent in eadem sustineant et agnoscant, onere agnicionis extraordinariorum predictis vicariis Glasneie rectoribus loci tantummodo reservato. Salva nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exonie dictam vicariam augmentandi, minuendi, declarandi potestate si et prout videbimus et viderint faciendum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Exonie die lune in ebdomada pasche octavo, videlicet, die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo quarto decimo, et consecracionis nostre sexto. Et est datum literarum inductionis sue decimo die Aprilis, anno quo supra. Et memorandum quod juravit apud Horslegh VIJ die Maii, et tunc primo recepit literas inductionis sub dato quo supra.

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Num. V.

Ordinatio de sacristiâ de Glaseney.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 9.)

Universis, &c. Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Pie mentis felicis memorie Walteri primi quondam Exoniensis episcopi predecessoris nostri laudanda devocio basilicam apud Glaseney nostre diocesis in honorem beati Thome martyris gloriosi ab humentibus admodum paludibus erexit et construxit insignem, ibidemque statuit certum canonicorum numerum et eandem dotavit basilicam prediorum possessionum et reddituum adminiculo competenti. Idem quoque predecessor noster sacristam ibidem sub modo infrascripto perpetuum ordinavit. Hac itaque consideracione inductus, ecclesiam parochialem Sancti Colani ejusdem nostre diocesis, in qua sua industria jus impetravit et obtinuit patronatûs, predicte ecclesie beati Thome et canonicis ibidem Deo et gloriosissime virgini Marie servientibus unire et appropriare curavit inter cetera modo subdistincto, videlicet, quod predictus sacrista quem in eadem ecclesia canonicum esse voluit et sacerdotem, certa subscripta subiturus onera perpetuo resideret. Verum quum fundator ille eximius carnis morte preventus quemquam in dicte sacristie officio non prefecit, effectu caret usque hodie ipsius intentio tam devota, nos igitur qui si licet immeriti in pontificatus officio, Domino permittente, successimus, sic in affectus plenitudine in hiis que cultus divini augmentum respiciunt succedere cupimus et debemus, appropriacionem ecclesie Sancti Colani et ordinacionem sacriste perpetue prelibatas presentis scripti patrocinio confirmamus, et ejusdem predecessoris nostri exemplo ducti canonicatum et prebendam quos predicto jure nostro contulimus dilecto filio Domino dicto Tredowel presbitero, sacriste ejusdem ecclesie et sacristie nomine, habito super hoc cum dilectis filiis capitulo ecclesie nostre Exoniensis tractatu solempniter et diligenter necnon de collaudacione et consensu dilectorum filiorum prepositi et capituli predicte collegiate ecclesie nostre Glasen coram nobis per Dominum Ricardum de Gomersale ejusdem ecclesie canonicum, magistrum Thomam de Lycchfeld, clericum, procuratores eorundem in hac parte sufficienter constitutos, quorum procuratorii tenor sigillo communi eorundem signati inferius continetur, nomine procuratorie per eisdem comparencium, in subportacionem dictorum onerum pontificali auctoritate concedimus appropriamus et unimus, jure et dignitate nostre Exoniensis ecclesie semper salvis, ita quod antedicte appropriacionis et unionis hujusmodi prefatus sacrista quem decernimus et volumus sacriste nomine in predicta ecclesia nuncupari per se vel alium seu alios dictorum canonicatus et prebende possessionem libere apprehendere et tenere fructusque in usus proprios convertere valeat, nostra vel cujusque alterius licencia minime requisita; prefatum quoque dominum Robertum de honestate et industria et continuacione longi laboris sui in predicta ecclesia multipliciter commendatum ibidem preficimus in sacristam. Ne autem circa agnicionem onerum sibi incumbencium vagetur sub incerto, ut clarius pateant per exemplum ea fecimus presentibus annotari, videlicet, quod predictus sacrista, qui pro tempore fuerit, fructus et obvenciones quoscumque ad dictam ecclesiam Sancti Colani, porcione congrua vicarie ejusdem ecclesie dumtaxat excepta, colligat fideliter et distribuat modo subdistincto et prout distinctionem in antiqua ordinacione predecessor noster imposuit memoratus, singulisque vicariis ejusdem ecclesie solvat inde singulos decem solidos annuatim. Necnon annis singulis feria secunda mensis Septembris suis ibidem concanonicis in solempnitate beati Gabrielis archangeli ibidem presentibus singulos novem denarios singulis quoque vicariis hujusmodi tunc rite suam presentiam exhibentibus quinque denarios imperpetuum solvere teneatur in vesperis, et matutinis, missa et horis canonicis, durante solempnitate predicta annis singulis sicut in die natalis Domini ministrari consueverant; luminaria per ecclesiam ministrabit et sexaginta solidos in panibus annuatim die solempnitatis predicte pro animabus predicti fundatoris successorumque et benefactorum suorum pauperibus erogabit. Et quod hujusmodi sacrista molestum ferre non poterit si inspecto sui commodi incremento onera adjiciamus alia a predictis per eum successoresque suos imposterum agnoscenda, statuimus et ordinamus quod idem sacrista et ejus successores imperpetuum invenire teneantur unum clericum* de secunda forma habitum in choro deferentem, qui ad pulsandum campanas ecclesie et portas clausi ejusdem debitis temporibus claudendum et aperiendum oneretur, ita tamen quod claves portarum earundem post ignitegium de nocte in custodia sacriste hujusmodi remanebunt. Item quod idem sacrista consimiliter teneatur invenire panem et vinum pro eukaristia, ceram et torcticias juxta consuetudinem ecclesie, incensum eciam liberum, carbones, mattas et stramenta pro tota ecclesia, et corda eciam campanarum. Habebunt insuper iidem sacrista et successores sui custodiam librorum vasorum vestimentorum et omnium aliorum ornamentorum ecclesie predicte et emendacionem eorundem nisi de novo fuerint construenda. Idem eciam et sui successores curam diligenter impendant, quod silencium ibidem in choro firmiter observetur et in cantando et psalmo dictando pausacio et punctuacio rite teneatur. Ordinamus insuper et statuimus de consensu expresso predictorum prepositi et capituli Glasen quod idem sacrista qui pro tempore fuerit singulis annis, in festis videlicet beati Michaelis archangeli et pasche, per equales porciones a prefatis preposito et canonicis pro oneribus subscriptis per ipsos hucusque supportatis et per sacristam hujusmodi exnunc ut premittitur agnoscendis sex marcas argenti per manus senescallorum scaccarii predicte ecclesie ac totam ceram oblatam in ecclesia predicta necnon ea omnia que racione installacionis canonicorum dicte ecclesie de jure seu consuetudine inibi hactenus observata quovis modo debentur. Statuimus eciam et ordinamus quod iidem sacrista et sui successores imperpetuum cum per nos vel successores nostros in dictis sacristia et canonicatu cum suis juribus et pertinentiis fuerint instituti, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis, corporale prestent sacramentum de corporali et continua vera et non ficta residencia infra clausum Glaseneye facienda et aliis oneribus superius expressatis observandis, alioquin collacio et institucio inde facte seu faciende ipso facte sint nulle. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Exonie in capitulo ecclesie nostre die Veneris proxima post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. tricesimo quarto et consecracionis nostre septimo. Et nos capitulum ecclesie Exoniensis supradicte habito per nos cum dicto venerabili patre super premissis tractatu diligenti premissis omnibus et singulis nostrum prebuimus consensum pariter et assensum ipsaque sigilli nostri communis munimine roboravimus. Datum in capitulo supradicte ecclesie die et anno Domini supradictis. Et nos prepositus et capitulum ecclesie collegiate beati Thome martyris Glaseneye supradicte premissa omnia et singula quatenus ad nos pertinet acceptantes eisdem nostrum consensum impertimur et sigillum nostrum commune in testimonium premissorum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum quoad appositionum nostri sigilli predicti in capitulo nostro Glaseneye, die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Jacobi Apostoli anno Domini supradicto.

Num. VI.

Litera pro quibusdam defectibus in eâdem ecclesiâ collegiatâ S. Thomæ reformandis.

(Bp. Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 264, b.)

Decimo die mensis Maii anno Domini m°.cccc xlv^to. apud Cothynbeke emanavit commissio preposito ecclesie

* By the statutes of Exeter cathedral none could become "clerici de secunda forma" under the age of eighteen, but they might be in any order except priesthood. This term is borrowed from the Roman law. It appears in the Theodosian code as applied to the palatini or castrensiani. (Lib. vi. tit. 30 et 32.) It was also adopted as a designation of our masters in Chancery, tempore Edward III., Henry IV., and Edward IV. (See Hargrave's Law Tracts, p. 296.)

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nostre collegiate Sancti Thome martyris de Glasney in Cornubia sub forma que sequitur.—Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis preposito ecclesie nostre collegiate Sancti Thome martyris de Glaseney seu in ejus absencia presidenti capituli ecclesie nostre predicte salutem graciam et benedictionem. Sane domus Dei materiali subjecto non differens a privatis per ministerium dedicacionis invisibile sit templum Dei ad expiacionem delictorum et divinam misericordiam implorandam, ut in ea sit mensa in qua panis vivus qui de celo descendit pro vivorum atque mortuorum suffragiis manducatur. Qua de re statuerunt provide sancti patres de hujusmodi domibus, hoc est, ecclesiis, edificandis vel reparandis, ut quicumque beneficium ecclesiasticum habeant, omnino ad tecta ecclesie restituenda et ipsas ecclesias emendandas reparandas et fabricandas*; hinc est quod licet retroactis temporibus vestri precessores et predecessores Spiritus Sancti instinctu excitati de consensu et collaudacione nostrorum predecessorum Exoniensium episcoporum viginti sex solidos de singulis corporibus prebendarum ejusdem ecclesie pro restauranda et sustinenda fabrica dicte nostre ecclesie collegiate ac novo opere complendo, que fabrica hujusmodi nondum completur, sed ut oculata fide patet omnibus intuentibus pro magna parte ejusdem ecclesie nostre remansit per plures annos et remanet in presenti incompleta, inexpedita, totaliter ruinosa, quidam tamen vestrum, ut ad nostrum noviter pervenit auditum, hujusmodi taxacionem corporum prebendarum ad usum fabrice sive novi operis predicti antiquitus assignatam et decretam subtrahere et a solucione hujusmodi viginti sex solidorum ad fabricam ecclesie nostre predicte penitus cessare et eam omnino extinguere satagunt et conantur, in dicte ecclesie nostre desolacionem et destructionem manifestam, quod absit; unde nos, necessitate utilitate et honore ipsius ecclesie nostre collegiate debite pensatis, vocatis primitus per nos in hac parte vobis preposito et capitulo ejusdem ecclesie nostre in domo capitulari ejusdem ecclesie in ultimo nostro progressu ad crismandum pueros, videlicet duodecimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domino millesimo cccc^{mo}xlvj^{o}, predictam solucionem viginti sex solidorum, ut prefertur, de singulis corporibus undecim prebendarum predictarum usque ad complecionem fabrice et operis predicti singulis annis, prout antiquitus fieri consuevit, tunc ibidem fore faciendam decrevimus et continuandam prout tenore presencium decernimus in hac parte. Et quia, ut ad nostrum auditum veraciter pervenit et nos ipsi ex veridica inquisicione veritatem percepimus, quod pueri choriste dicte ecclesie nostre, qui antiquitus a tempore primeve fundacionis dicte nostre ecclesie collegiate ad laudem Dei et augmentacionem divini servicii cum succentore ejusdem ecclesie in quadam camera inter vicarios nocte dieque solebant inconcusse nocturnam et dialem quietem habere ut sic promptius melius apcius et conveniencius per ipsos pueros Deo et sponse sue sacrosancte ecclesie deserviretur divinis serviciis nocturnis et diurnis, quo tamen spiritu nescimus, ipsi pueri choriste jam, quod dolorosum est referendum, ab hujusmodi camera, in qua antiquitus conversari solebant pro eorum officiis congruencius complendis, sunt totaliter tamquam advene inhumaniter expulsi, et sic vagantur hostiatim in villa noctu dieque tamquam desolati non habentes magistros, sicque eorum officium sepius dimittent inofficiatum seu saltem minus congrue officiatum in dicti collegii nostri obprobrium et divini cultus diminucionem manifestam, nos igitur prout ex debito pastoralis officii tenemur premissa reformari et corrigere volentes, decrevimus prout eciam tenore presencium decernimus, dictos pueros choristas predicte nostre ecclesie ad locum ibidem ubi antiquitus, ut premittitur, fuerunt sine dilacione fore reducendos, ut Deo in ipsis, tamquam innocentibus instrumentis, inibi more collegii laudabiliter deserviatur. Ad hoc cum in eadem ecclesia nostra rite recte et legitime fuerit ordinatum, usitatum, et observatum, ut seneschalli predicte ecclesie nostre qui pro tempore fuerint semper bona dicte ecclesie per ipsos recepta ad scaccarium dicte ecclesie nostre collegiate quolibet termino annuatim reportarent et in quodam gazaphilacio, videlicet in quadam cista communi ad hoc in scaccario predicto deputata et ordinata sub duabus seruris tute deponentur, et sic quolibet termino in scaccario predicto soluciones et distribuciones debitas facerent, et non in cameris suis privatis, quo casu contigit nuperime pecunias ecclesie nostre predicte inter privata et propria bona seneschalli in camera sua commixta sive existencia, tamquam bona ejusdem seneschalli abduci et asportari temeritate dicti seneschalli qui hujusmodi bona ecclesiastica ad cistam communem non, ut debuit, adduxit et deposuit, prout antiquitus fieri solebat et in aliis collegiis observatum fuerit, et est; quodque seneschalli hujusmodi de receptis distributis deliberatis et eboursatis et expensis per eosdem pro temporibus officiorum suorum et senescallatus fidele raciocinium et compotum reddere teneantur et astringantur de statutis consuetudine et jure communi; omnibus et singulis canonicis qui in hac parte et reddendis racionibus suis hujusmodi aretro existentibus tenore presencium injungimus ac primo, secundo, tercio, et peremptorie sub pena excommunicacionis majoris monemus, et per vos prepositum dicte nostre ecclesie collegiate simili modo auctoritate nostra injungi ac moneri volumus quod predicti canonici nuper seneschalli, qui nondum computarunt sed sunt computandi pro annis suis elapsis, quod citra festum nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proxime futurum plene et integre prout antiquitus inibi fieri consuevit absque dilacione ulteriore fideliter computare studeant et realiter cum effectu computent et bona que in manibus eorum remanere inveniantur ad communem cistam predictam infra tempus predictum sub pena predicta adducantur et deferantur realiter ibidem ad utilitatem ecclesie nostre predicte remansura, vosque prepositum et canonicos ecclesie nostre collegiate predicte omnes et singulos quicumque fueritis inposterum seneschalli dicte nostre ecclesie collegiate pro tempore simili modo et forma quibus supra tenore presencium monemus quodamodo et de cetero quascumque pecuniarum summas pretextu et racione hujusmodi officii vestri receptas ad scaccarium predictum omnino deferatis, et ibidem soluciones et divisiones et distribuciones, ut convenit, faciatis, et non in privatis vestris cameris prout ex coruptela quidem facere solebat, et residuum si quod superesse contigerit nullatenus deferatis ad cameras, sed in communi cista predicta ibidem dimittatis, sicque deinceps computaciones vestras fideliter reddatis et cum effectu computatis prout antiquitus computare solebat. Premissa omnia et singula ut premittitur vobis preposito et canonicis ejusdem ecclesie nostre collegiate atque vicariis de choro dicte ecclesie nostre, quatenus vos prepositum et canonicos et ipsos vicarios conjunctim seu divisim concernit, in virtute sancte obediencie et sub majoris excommunicacionis pena ex parte nostra et sua inviolabiliter observari precipimus, injungimus, et mandamus, mandantes vobis preposito predicto ut predicta nostra injunciones et mandata congruis loco et tempore debite publicetis seu sic publicari faciatis. Et siquis in hac parte contradictor seu contemptor, quod absit, apparuerit seu per vos repertus fuerit, citetis seu citari faciatis eundem seu eosdem si plures fuerit quod compareat seu compareant coram nobis aut nostro in hac parte commissario ubicumque fuerimus infra nostram civitatem seu diocesim decimo die juridico post citacionem sibi seu eis in hac parte factam, causam seu causas racionabilem seu racionabiles si quam seu quas pro se habeat seu habeant quare pro suis hujusmodi offensa contemptu et rebellione ut predicitur puniri non debeat seu debeant in debita juris forma preposituros allegaturos et dicturos ulteriusque facturos et recepturos quod justicia suadebit; et quid in premissis receptis et qualiter in hac parte decreveritis premissis parendum et faciendum in eisdem nos citra festum predictum nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste distincte et aperte certificetis per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes sigillo vestro communi veraciter consignatas; vos vero, preposite, quemcumque seu quoscumque rebellem seu rebelles in hac parte per vos ut mandatur citatum seu citatos nos debite certificetis autentico sub sigillo. Datum in manerio nostro de Cothynbeke quoad consignacionem presencium decimo die mensis Maii predicto anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinto et nostre translacionis anno vicesimo quinto.

* So in the original; an evidently defective citation of a well-known provision of the canon law.

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Num. VII.

Licentia sive dispensatio facta preposito et canonicis ecclesie collegiate de Glasney.

(Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 110, b.)

Johannes permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus, suprema auctoritate regia legitime fulcitus, dilectis in Christo filiis preposito et canonicis residentibus ecclesie nostre collegiate Dive virginis Marie de Glasney nostrorum patronatus fundacionis et diocesis salutem, graciam, et benedictionem. Quia super detectis in visitacione nostra ordinaria et diocesana excercita in et super collegio nostro predicto xvij° die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentessimo quadragesimo compertum habuimus quod ecclesia nostra collegiata predicta in suis structuris edificiis et presertim in meremiis cooperturis plumbeis et ligneis grandem et periculosam pro tunc minabatur prout in presenti eciam minatur ruinam vix minori summa quadraginta librarum sterlingorum Anglie reparanda et (ut accepimus) reficienda, unde ex parte nostra vobis tunc et ibidem mandatum fuit quod vos canonici residentiarii de bonis communibus dicti nostri collegii ruinam hujusmodi cum omnium celeritate oportuna restaurari curaretis; verum quia non sine gravibus et onerosis expensis vestris tante reedificacionis molem vos qui aliter grandi ere alieno estis (ut asseritis) pregravati perficere et reedificare nequeatis, nos in relevamen tanti oneris paterna benignitate vobis compati volentes, vobis preposito et canonicis residentibus predictis potestatem et licentiam elargimur quantum de jure possumus per presentes, ut media pars de vobis residentibus post perimpletos viginti tres dies residentie in quolibet anni termino durante termino proxime futuro reputetur quoad omnes effectus pro vere residentibus ut hanc meam licentiam et dispensacionem pecuniarum copia ad premissum opus perficiendum colligenda commodius in levamentum tante reedificacionis et incumbentis oneris restauracionem applicetur. Proviso semper quod finitis et completis dictis xxiij^bus^ diebus residenciis ut premittitur in quolibet anni termino, vos et quilibet vestrum ad ecclesias parochiales seu vicarias quibus preestis divertatis populo ibidem verbum Dei seminando, exemplum recte vite exhibendo, ac hospitalitatis refrigerium parochianis vestris ministrando, super quibus omnibus et singulis sic fiendis dispensasionem nostram ordinariam vobis non aliter vel alio modo emittimus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus apponi fecimus. Datum in palacio nostro Exoniensi ultimo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quingentessimo xLii^do^, regni vero Regie majestatis domini nostri domini Henrici Octavi Dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regis, fidei defensoris, ac in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice sub Christo capitis supremi anno tricesimo quarto.

Num. VIII.

Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Collegium Sancti Thome in Glasney juxta Penryn,

Unde Walterus Good quondam episcopus Exoniæ est fundator; Jacobo Gentill preposito ibidem, etc.

Spiritualia.

Valor firme decimarum garbarum eidem collegio pertinentium, scituatarum et jacencium in diversis villis et parochiis sequentibus, viz.—

Parochia Sancti Justi cum 40*s.* de sanctuario ibidem £21. 7. 8.
Senar £8. 12. 2.
Sithny cum 20*s.* de sanctuario ibidem 20£.
Budok cum 18*s.* de sanctuario ibidem £17. 8.
Gluviaci £10. 10.
Feoce £7. 13. 4.
Kee et Kenwyn £24. 3. 4.
Goran cum 20*s.* de sanctuario ibidem 22£.
Enoder cum 73*s.* 4. de sanctuario ibidem £27. 13. 4.
Mevagezy £3. 6. 8.
Milorland 20£.
Colan £5. 6. 8.
Manacca 7£.
Aluni £10. 12.
Tregenhay 15*s.*
Penryn 5*s.*

In toto . . . £206 13 2

Temporalia.

	£		
Valor reddituum et firme terrarum et tenementorum tam liberorum tenencium quam convencionariorum ibidem per annum cum 2*s.* de perquisitis curiæ communibus annis estimatur per commissionarios . .	4	–	–
Summa valoris tam spiritualium quam temporalium collegii predicti	210	13	2

De quibus

Reprise deducte, vix.

In feodo senescalli et auditoris annuatim soluto.

Johanni Killigrewe auditori ejusdem collegii 20*s.* et Stephano Gayre senescallo domus predicte 10*s.*	1	10	–
Perpetuis elemosinis annuatim distributis pauperibus annuatim ad diversas vices pro anima Walteri Goode, fundatoris ejusdem collegii; viz. in Cena Domini 2*s.* 8; in festo Gabrielis 60*s.*, et in die obitus predicti fundatoris 10*s.* In toto. .	3	12	8
	£5	2	8

Et valet ultra reprisas predictas per annum una cum £32. 18. 7. pro porcione prepositi ibidem pro tempore existente viz. pro corpore prebende sue 24£. pro obitu 2*s.* 2. et dividencia sua £8. 16. 5.

Et £10. 4. 7. de porcione sacriste ibidem pro tempore existente viz. pro corpore prebende 26*s.* obitu 2*s.* 2. et dividencia sua £8. 16. 5.

Ac £98. 4. 5. pro consimilibus porcionibus sive perpetuis pensionibus undecim canonicorum, cuilibet eorum per annum £8. 18. 7. viz. pro obitu 2*s.* 2. et dividencia sua £8. 16. 5.

Ac eciam £42. 15. 4. pro consimilibus porcionibus sive perpetuis pencionibus septem vicariorum chorialium ibidem, viz. cuilibet eorum per annum £6. 2. 2¼ pro vadiis suis £6. 0. 4¼ et obitu 22*d.*

Necnon £5. 8. pro consimilibus porcionibus sive perpetuis pencionibus sex choristariorum ibidem, viz. cuilibet eorum per annum 18*s.* pro vadiis suis 17*s.* 5½ et obitu 6½*d.*

Ac £7. 1. 10. pro consimilibus porcionibus unius cantarie ibidem ex fundacione Thome Brantyngham quondam episcopi Exonie fundatoris ejusdem viz. pro vadiis suis £7. et obitu 1*s.* 10.

Ac eciam £4. 8. 10. pro consimili porcione unius cantarie ibidem ex fundacione Odonis Bodrugan fundatoris ejusdem viz. pro vadiis suis £4. 7. et obitu 1*s.* 10.

Necnon £4. 8. 6. pro consimilibus porcionibus unius cantarie ibidem ex fundacione Johannis de Bello Prato et Margarete uxoris sue, viz. pro vadiis suis £4. 6. 8. et obitu 1*s.* 10.

Et de claro valore remanet ultra penciones porciones et salaria predicta per annum 5*d.*

In toto 205 10 6

Decima . . 20 11 0¾

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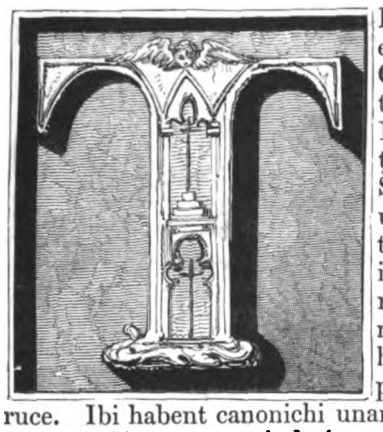
Carantock,

IN THE DEANERY OF PYDER.



THAT a collegiate church existed here before the Conquest, is obvious from the Exeter Domesday, fol. 187, viz.—"Terra Sancti Carentochi. Canonichi Sancti Carentochi habent unam mansionem que vocatur Langorroc quam tenuit idem Sanctus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea sunt tres hide, duo agri minus. Has possunt arare decem caruce. Ibi habent canonichi unam carucatam et dimidium, et tres villanos et quindecim animalia et sex porcos et decem oves, et valebat per annum quinque solidos, et quando comes de Moritonio terram saisivit valebat quadraginta solidos."—The Exchequer Domesday adds, "nunquam geldebat." William, the son of this Earl Robert, by his wife Matilda, having founded Montacute priory, amongst other possessions granted to it this church, "de Sancto Carentoco;" but eventually that prior and convent relinquished it in favour of Wm. Briwere, bishop of Exeter. From the registers of the see of Exeter we glean few materials to follow up the history of this collegiate establishment. Probably Bishop William Briwere or Brewer (and not William Warelwast, as the Valor Ecclesiasticus of Hen. VIII. supposes) refounded it in the reign of K. Henry III. It is certain from Bishop Quivil's Register, that in 1283 the church of St. Columb Minor was then appropriated to Carentock. Bishop Stapeldon, on Feb. 19, 1314, exempted both churches from the visitation of the archdeacon of Cornwall (see his Register, fol. 104). The same prelate published an ordinance for the government of the canons, Post Num. IV. The establishment consisted of a dean, eight canons, and seven vicars. But within thirty years later, from the insufficiency of its finances the number of the vicars was limited to four. From Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 163, we learn that in the year 1412 the belfry of the collegiate church fell upon the nave, and reduced it to a pile of ruins, and the bishop, on Aug. 11, in that year, invited the faithful to assist in the restoration of the fabric. The same prelate signified to its dean, John Waryn, July 27, 1417, that the chancels both of Carantock and St. Columb Minor were in a ruinous state, and called aloud for immediate repair, if not rebuilding; and ordered him and his brethren to satisfy their duty in this respect without further delay. (Vol. ii. fol. 262.)

The seal of the dean is of small size, and represents a bishop mitred in the act of blessing: in his left hand is a long cross. The legend is SIGILLVM . P̄POSITI . KARANTOCI.

Bp. Bronescombe collated Solomon of Rochester, the celebrated lawyer, to a prebend here, Sept. 2, 1275. Reg. fol. 65, b.

In this collegiate church Bp. Stapeldon held an ordination in the Lent of 1308. At its dissolution the revenues of the college amounted to £89 15*s.* 8*d.*

In Lacy Reg., vol. iii. fol. 233, is an indulgence granted, Jan. 10, 1439, for the construction, repair, and maintenance, "loci vulgariter nuncupati a Keye situati in litore maris apud Tewen Blustey." This is now called New Quay.

On March 24, 1612, King James I. granted, amongst many other parcels of property, the deanery of Carantoc, and the church of S. Columb Minor, and the prebend called Gose, to Francis Morice and Francis Phelips, gentlemen, in the following terms:—

"Ac eciam totum illum decanatum nostrum de Crantocke et Sanctam Columbam in comitatu nostro Cornubie ac totam illam prebendam nostram vocatam Gose prebend in dicto comitatu Cornubie cum eorum juribus membris et pertinentiis universis nuper collegio de Crantocke modo dissoluto quondam spectantes et pertinentes ac parcellam possessionum inde quondam existentem, ac eciam omnia et singula mesuagia molendina grangias domos edificia terras tenementa tofta cotagia prata pascua pasturas communias vasta jampna brueras moras mariscos terras glebales decimas garbarum bladorum granorum et feni ac alias decimas quascunque tam majores quam minores, necnon oblaciones obvenciones fructus proficua commoditates advantagia et emolumenta quecunque dictis decanatui de Crantock et Sancte Columbe ac prebende vocate Gose prebend seu eorum alteri ullo modo spectantes vel pertinentes aut ut membrum partem vel parcellam eorundem decanatus et prebende sive eorum alterius antehac habitam acceptam usitatam dimissam locatam sive reputatam existentem necnon omnes et omnimodas illas decimas nostras garbarum bladorum granorum et feni ac alias decimas quascunque tam majores quam minores annuatim et de tempore in tempus provenientes crescentes et renovantes in Crantock et Sancta Colombâ predictis in predicto comitatu Cornubie ac nuper prebendis Doctoris Morgan, Henrici Killigrewe, clerici, Ricardi Bodwyn, Johannis Symes alias Shumes, Willielmi More, clerici, Georgii Pollard, clerici, Edmundi Weston, et Willielmi Harman, dicto nuper collegio de Crantock spectantibus et pertinentibus ac parcella possessionum inde quondam existente ac eciam omnia et singula alia mesuagia molendina grangias terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas communias vasta jampna brueras moras mariscos redditus revenciones et servicia terras glebales penciones porciones oblaciones obvenciones ac omnia alia proficua commoditates emolumenta et hereditamenta quequnque cum eorum pertinentiis universis in Crantock et Sancta Colomba predictis seu alibi in dicto comitatu Cornubie dicto nuper collegio de Crantock quoque modo spectantes vel pertinentes ac parcellam possesionum vel revencionum inde quondam existentem annualis redditus sive valoris sexaginta librarum et decem solidorum ac quondam fuerunt parcella possessionum pertinens nuper collegio de Crantock modo dissoluto."

The following stipends are made payable to the curates of Crantock and St. Columb:—

"Et prefati Franciscus Morice et Franciscus Phelips pro se heredibus et assignatis suis conveniunt et concedunt ad et cum nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes quod ipsi prefati Franciscus Morice et Franciscus Phelips heredes et assignati sui octo libras de predicto decanatu de Crantock et Sancte Columbe in predicto comitatu Cornubie ac predicte prebende vocate Goose prebend cum pertinentiis annuatim exeuntes ac curato ecclesie parochialis de Crantock pro stipendio suo annuatim solubiles, necnon septem libras de eisdem premissis annuatim exeuntes ac curato ecclesie Sancte Columbe predicte pro stipendio suo annuatim solubiles annuatim et de tempore in tempus imperpetuum persolvent ac nos heredes et successores nostros inde acquietabunt exonerabunt et indempnes conservabunt imperpetuum."

Deans.

Henry de Trefeuwa was collated by Bp. Stapeldon Oct. 20, 1309. He had fixed his prebend at six marks. (Reg. fol. 45.)

John de Pulton was collated, Sept. 22, 1311, by the same prelate.

William Skynard. His prebend was sequestered by Bp. Grandisson Oct. 27, 1328; but restored Nov. 18, after.

Bernard de Marynyhac succeeded April 28, 1332. He was a foreigner. His deanery was rated at £6. (See Grandisson's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 184.)

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William de Londa collated Oct. 7, 1336. He resigned for Little Torrington, when

Siger de London succeeded Oct. 2, 1337, and appears to have improperly joined with his brethren in letting out their houses to laymen and their families. For so doing they were visited with the displeasure of Bp. Grandisson, who addressed a formal remonstrance on March 11, 1347, and directed the immediate ejectment of the new occupiers. (Register, vol. i. fol. 152.)

William Janne collated June 30, 1347.

William Trevenwyth occurs Feb. 1, 1351.

Thomas Hendeman occurs as dean Dec. 8, 1390. (Bp. Brantyngham's Reg., vol. i. fol. 214.)

John Soor, on whose cession

John Waryn was collated July 27, 1414.

William Talkarn succeeded May 11, 1418, on Waryn's cession.

John Kelly was collated Jan. 16, 1430, on Talkarn's death: he exchanged for Mighlestow, with

John Carbura Aug. 13, 1437. (Lacy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 153.)

John Michell was collated Aug. 6, 1455, on Carbura's cession.

John Edmund, on whose resignation for a pension, (the amount of which is omitted in Bp. Oldam's Register fol. 54,)

Richard Carlion was collated March 14, 151¾, on whose cession

James Jentle succeeded. He held it in 1535, when the valuation was made by virtue of the commission of King Henry VIII. Under him were nine prebendaries and four vicar chorals. On his death (Veysy's Reg. vol. i. fol. 120)

Christopher Sanders, Sept. 6, 1547, became dean. He was the last dean, and in 1553, as we learn from Willis's Hist. of Abbeys, vol. ii. p. 52, was still in the enjoyment of a pension of £12 6 11.

	£	s.	d.
Prebendary Henry Morgan had a pension of	6	13	4
John Ellis, Wm. Weston, Wm. More, each	5	0	0
Henry Kellifray	4	15	10
John Pollard, Wm. Hardman, each	3	12	0
John Symmes, incumbent	4	13	4
William More, incumbent	4	10	0

Num. I.

Carta prioris et conventus Montis acuti pro episcopo Exoniensi.

(Sewed in at the end of Bishop Quivil's Register.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos scriptum presens pervenerit frater Marcus humilis prior Montis acuti et ejusdem loci conventus eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos caritatis intuitu de communi voluntate nostra, necnon Domini abbatis Cluniacensis assensu, dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie beate virginis Marie et beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et venerabili Patri Domino Willielmo Exoniensi episcopo et ejus successoribus quicquid juris unquam habuimus aliquo tempore preterito vel in posterum aliquo casu habere possemus in ecclesia Sancti Karentoci in Cornubia cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, nullo nobis jure penitus in eadem reservato, habendum et tenendum Domino Willielmo et ejus successoribus Exoniensis ecclesie episcopis libere quiete integre et pacifice imperpetuum. Dedimus eciam et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Deo et ecclesie beate virginis Marie et beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et canonicis beati Petri Exoniensis de communi consilio et voluntate nostra necnon et assensu domini abbatis Cluniacensis ecclesiam de Alternon in Cornubia cum omnibus suis pertinentiis et quicquid juris unquam in eadem aliquo titulo vel nomine habuimus vel usquam quocunque nomine habere possemus nil nobis penitus in eadem ecclesia vel ejus pertinentiis reservantes, tenendam et habendam predicto capitulo Exoniensi in perpetuum libere quiete integre et pacifice cum omnibus rebus ad eam pertinentibus usibus illis scilicet profuturam ad quos Dominus Willielmus Exoniensis episcopus et capitulum Exoniense de communi eorum voluntate et assensu illam duxerint deputandam. In cujus rei perpetuam firmitatem et confirmacionem presens scriptum sigillis nostris duximus roborandum. Actum anno gracie millesimo ducentesimo tricesimo sexto mense Julii *.

Num. II.

De ecclesiâ beate Virginis de Alternone.

(In the possession of the Custos and college of the vicars choral, Exeter.)

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit decanus et capitulum Exoniensis ecclesie salutem in Domino. Tenore presencium unanimiter confitemur et recognoscimus nos ex collacione et concessione venerabilis patris domini Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi, interveniente eciam assensu et voluntate prioris et conventus de Monte acuto necnon et abbatis Cluniacensis consensu, ecclesiam de Alternon tum subscriptis tantum oneribus divine caritatis intuitu cum omnibus suis pertinentiis liberam et solutam recepisse. Tenemur siquidem vicario perpetuo in eadem ecclesia perpetuo personaliter residenti et eidem deservienti qui curam habeat animarum sustentationem de bonis illius ecclesie bonorum virorum arbitrio competentem sine difficultate providere, ita quod summam quinque marcarum non excedat vicaria. Quem quidem vicarium successive tenemur domino Exoniensi qui pro tempore fuerit presentare, qui quidem vicarius domino episcopo et archidiacono et eorum officiali in omnibus integre respondeat de hiis in quibus rector illius ecclesie ex consuetudine antiqua et ordinaria respondere consuevit. Tenemur eciam ex gracia et liberalitate ordinationis domini episcopi viginti quatuor vicariis Exoniensis ecclesie duodecim marcas, et duodecim clericis de secundâ formâ sex marcas, quatuordecim vero clericis pueris de tercia formâ horis statutis circa cultum Dei in eadem ecclesia laborantibus septem marcas annuas inter se juxta statum cujuslibet predicti gradus pro equis porcionibus distribuendis per manus senescalli capituli solvere, quorum predictorum vicariorum quinque, de secunda forma quinque, et de pueris predictis quatuor cotidiane misse beate Virginis in capellâ ipsius in eadem ecclesia Exoniensi omni excusatione postposita diligenter intererant et devote; quod qui facere neglexerit, nec alium sui ordinis ad hoc necessarium pro se subrogaverit, per ministrum altaris beate Virginis super hoc accusatus et convictus coram decano et capitulo Exoniensi penam subtraccionis portionis diei sibi debite gratis et sine contradiccione pro defectu cujuslibet diei subibit et quod ei scilicet absenti hac de causa fuerit subtractum presentibus ejusdem gradus vel alterius ejusdem ecclesie clericis eodem die defectum adimplentibus, ita quod dictus numerus non diminuatur, sine dilacione accrescat. Fiet autem distribucio inter predictos vicarios et clericos ut predictum est qualibet septimana die sabbati, ita quod quilibet vicarius predictorum quinque pro quâlibet die unum denarium, clerici vero predicti et pueri pro quâlibet die obulum recipient. Quolibet autem termino, quando fient taillagia canonicorum de residuo per senescallos capituli, fiet inter omnes distribucio ita quod qui-

* Bishop Brewer the year following granted Alternon church to his dean and chapter, saving a payment not exceeding five marks to its vicar for his maintenance, and of twelve marks to the twenty-four vicars of the cathedral, and of six marks to the twelve clerks of the second form, and of seven marks to the fourteen clerical boys of the third form. They were bound also to keep the anniversary of the said bishop, and of "nobilis viri laudabilis memorie W. Briwer Senioris benefici nostri." St. Nonna's chapel de Nonnestonys in Alternon parish was licensed by Bp. Stafford on Sept. 18, 1400. (See Reg., vol. i. fol. 48.) On May 18, that year (1400), he had licensed, in favour of John Trelawny and his wife Matilda, an oratory at Trelawny, in this parish, and another at Woleston and Treganek. St. Nun, or Nonna, was the mother of St. David, patron of Wales.

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libet in suo gradu de summa residui portionis sibi assignate sit contentus. Tenemur eciam et volumus, post decessum memorati domini Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi nostri, quolibet anno imperpetuum die obitus sui anniversarium suum solempniter et devote celebretur, ita dumtaxat quod singuli canonici qui secundum antiquam ecclesie consuetudinem et approbatam anniversarii sui celebrationi interfuerint, quatuor denarios; vicarii quoque similiter presentes duos; alii vero quicumque fuerint in choro sive in primâ sive secundâ formâ debito more unum denarium. Clerici vero et pueri quotquot similiter in choro fuerint, scilicet in terciâ formâ, singuli singulos obulos dicto die percipient. Ob ipsius eciam reverenciam concessimus eidem ut singulis annis die obitus nobilis viri laudabilis memorie Willielmi Briwer senioris, benefici nostri, celebretur in ecclesia nostra solempne anniversarium ejusdem, observata annua prestatione denariorum in choro tempore misse secundum quantitatem in obitu magistri Ysaac*, vel obitu consimili taxatam. Ad predicta siquidem tenenda in omnibus et in singulis bona fide servanda et facienda, nos sigillatim et communiter presentium testimonio obligavimus; et ad perpetue memorie firmitatem in predictorum omnium et singulorum testimonium et evidentiam pleniorem communi sigillo nostro et privato presens scriptum duximus roborandum. Datum apud Exoniam anno Domini M°.CC°.XXX°.VII°.†

Num. III.

Ordinatio pro vicariâ ecclesie S. Karentoci et capelle S. Columbe minoris.

(Quivil's Register, fol. 123, b.)

Petrus, &c. Dilecto filio magistro Roberto de Marisco salutem graciam et benedictionem. Ob probitatis tue merita que de te nedum crebro audivimus quam per vestram honestam et laudabilem conversacionem quam multis retro temporibus fide cognovimus occulata, persone tue tanquam tibi debitam graciam facere volumus quam possumus in presenti vicariam parochialis ecclesie Sancti Karentoci et capelle Sancte Columbe minoris ab eadem dependentis tibi conferimus intuitu caritatis, volentes et ordinantes quod vicaria ipsa consistat in omnibus fructibus et proventibus prebendarum que aliquando fuerunt dominorum Nicholai de Brimmore et Johannis de Sancto Kerano in ecclesia Sancti Karentoci predicta, exceptis duodecim marcis, in quibus predictas duas prebendas pro equali porcione consistere volumus liberas et quietas ab omni cura et onere quocumque, sive sit ordinarium sive extraordinarium consuetum aut insolitum seu alio quocunque nomine censeri liceat; quam quidem curam et onus ut premittitur volumus ut tibi et successoribus tuis incumbat omnino, statuentes ut de ipsis duodecim marcis per te et successores tuos vicarios qui pro tempore fuerint duobus canonicis quibus ipsas prebendas futuris temporibus nos vel successores nostri duximus conferendas utrique scilicet eorum singulis annis de sex marcis ad duos anni terminos, videlicet Sancti Michaelis et annunciacionis Dominice, in ecclesia Sancti Karentoci predicta in perpetuum satisfiat equis porcionibus absque ulteriori mora seu dilacione quacumque sub pena eciam perpetue privacionis ab ipsa vicaria; si tamen solucione dictarum duodecim marcarum in toto vel in parte suis terminis vel aliquo ipsorum fuerit, quod absit, cessatum prout nobis et successoribus nostris magis videbitur expedire. Volumus insuper quod tu et successores tui vicarii habeatis et inhabitetis domos que fuerunt domini Johannis de Sancto Kerano, quodque in predicta capella manuteneas Henricum capellanum sumptibus tuis et successorum tuorum divina inibi continue celebrantem, taxacionem et ordinacionem dicte vicarie augendi seu minuendi seu alias de ipsa libere disponendi nobis et successoribus nostris reservantes per omnia potestatem. Datum in parco de Lannert nonis Martii anno Domini M°.CC°. octogesimo tercio et consecracionis nostre quarto.

Num. IV.

Ordinacio decanatus ecclesiæ Sancti Karentoci.

(In the possession of the dean and chapter of Exeter.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem et perpetuam memoriam rei geste. Eterni pastoris disponente pietate inter apostolorum successores aggregati, licet non ex merito nostre accionis, eorum, quantum nobis inspiraverit altissimus, vestigiis officii nostri debitum nos instanter admonet sedulo adherere, ut divino cultu ampliato in templo Dei expulsis errorum umbraculis fulgor resplendeat charitatis diebusque nostris non cessent in eodem laudes Creatoris. Sane ecclesia collegiata Sancti Karantoci nostre diocesis ac nostri patronatus que olim in suo ordine et ordinis institutione celebris extitit et preclara et diversis gratie donis multiformiter adornata continuis ut decuit gaudebat obsequiis suorum ministrorum et in recepcione hospitum et pauperum caritatis in ea viguit amplitudo. Sed ecce quod dolenter referimus claritas que ibidem in occulis Dei resplenduit ut lucerna miserabiliter obumbratur, et caritas que fervebat exinde penitus exulatur. Visitantes namque nuper sub anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nono auctoritate diocesana ecclesiam antedictam, invenimus quod debita ministrorum residencia in eadem dampnabiliter deseritur, subtrahitur hospitallitas, animarum cura negligitur, patrimonium Christi exinde proveniens in aliis usibus et locis aliis consumitur, et debitus honor laudis in templo Dei nullatenus frequentatur, in lesionem proximi pariter et offensam ipsius Dei. Hec nempe columba dici valens sponsa Christi ecclesia Sancti Karantoci pro cantu promit ejulatum, que dudum floruit collegio secum juxta vocis sensum simul collecto, desolata relinquitur atque fere sola a sponso cum lacrimis remedium prestolando. Nos igitur ejus suspiriis intime condolentes, ut ex nostre professionis voto astringimur, ipsius lapsum erigere et ipsius statum reformare volumus votivis affectibus auxilio Salvatoris. Ut autem hec reformacio efficacius valeat expediri, magister David de Molton et dominus Philippus de Schillingford clerici duas nuper habentes prebendas in ecclesia predicta tota cura ipsius parochie et ecclesie Sancte Columbe minoris eidem annexe oneratas, qui eandem curam congrue gerere prout decuit nequibant nec diucius propter earundem prebendarum exilitatem personaliter residere in ecclesia memorata, ex hac et aliis legitimis causis easdem prebendas suas in manus nostras libere resignarunt, nosque hujusmodi resignaciones suas duximus eo libencius acceptandas quo de eisdem prebendis in voto gessimus salubrius ordinare ad laudem et honorem Dei. Sed ne ipsa beneficia per hujusmodi resignaciones vacantia in ordinacione subscripta facienda de eisdem legitimo careant defensore, magistrum Rogerum de Otery canonicum ecclesie Exoniensis officialem nostrum eisdem prebendis sic vacantibus pro tempore vacacionis eorundem ad lites et negocia ipsas contingentes et contingencia deputavimus yconomum seu curatorem in hiis que ad curatoris seu yconomi officium pertinent in hoc casu, sibi concedentes plenarie potestatem. Pro reformacione igitur premissorum, sumptis viribus in Christo Salvatore, habito super hiis cum capitulo nostro Exoniensi propter hec et alia convocato sollempni diligenti et sufficienti tractatu, vocatis ad hec legitime omnibus canonicis ejusdem ecclesie Sancti Karantoci et omnibus aliis quorum interest prehabitis eciam omnibus que in hac parte, requiruntur de consilio et consensu ejusdem capituli, necnon curatoris seu yconomi supradicti in hac ordinacione presentis, et prehabita debita deliberacione expresse asserentis expedire ipsis beneficiis vacantibus ac eciam ecclesie Sancti Karantoci predicte de ipsis ordinari prout inferius continetur, Ordinamus et ordinando statui-

* Isaac died archdeacon of Barnstaple in 1227. See Le Neve.

† The obverse of the appendant seal presents the chapter house with this legend:

✠ SIGILLVM . CAPLI . EXONIENSIS . ECCLE.

Reverse: a ship on the waves, a cross at the mast-head, and in the ship the head of St. Peter with a mitre on it. Motto—

PETRI NAVICLAM DICIM⁹ ECCLIAM.

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mus virum honestum et sufficienter litteratum fore decetero per nos et successores nostros in eadem ecclesia Sancti Karantoci preficiendum qui sub nobis et successoribus nostris curam habeat animarum ipsius collegii ministrorum ipsius et omnium parochianorum tam clericorum quam laicorum predicte ecclesie Sancti Karantoci et ecclesie Sancte Columbe minoris que ipsi ecclesie collegiate est annexa per quem ipsam curam et predictum collegium regi volumus, et ex eo ipsum decanum [et sunt verba in ordinacione presenti missa ad curiam Romanam loco verborum ipsum decanum fore decrevimus perpetuo nuncupandum, videlicet, ipsum decanum et in dignitate decanatus constitutum fore decrevimus preficiendum et perpetuo nuncupandum *] fore decernimus perpetuo nuncupandum. Et ut liberius ac melius predictum collegium et ministros ipsius ecclesie Sancti Karantoci regere valeat in futurum, in omnes et singulos canonicos et ministros ejusdem collegii et ecclesie collegiate volumus statuimus et ordinamus quod auctoritate presencium ordinacionis et statuti plenam habeat jurisdictionem et potestatem mores actus et vitam omnium et singulorum canonicorum et ministrorum predictorum canonice corrigendi et puniendi et super eisdem si oporteat inquirendi, institutione dictorum canonicorum et destitucione nobis et successoribus nostris omnino reservata. Ita tamen quod predicti canonici et ministri ecclesie Sancti Karantoci propter hoc et nostra et successorum nostrorum jurisdiccione immediata nullatenus eximantur. In negociis autem et causis coram eodem decano primitus inchoatis ad nos et successores nostros erit absque medio imposterum legittime appellandum, faciatque predictus decanus prefatis ecclesiis Sancti Karantoci et Sancte Columbe minoris et parochianis earundem in divinis officiis et sacramentis ecclesie ministrandis per sacerdotes idoneos suo periculo suisque sumptibus et expensis preficiendos et sustentandos sufficienter et honeste temporibus perpetuis deserviri. Ut autem predictus decanus habeat unde hujusmodi onera et alia incumbencia valeat suportare, statuimus quod percipiat et habeat omnia messuagia terram redditus servicia decimas tam majores quam minores oblaciones et quoscunque fructus et obvenciones et omnia alia quos quas et que magister David de Molton et dominus Philippus de Schillingford clerici et aliquando canonici et prebendarii in predicta ecclesia percipere consueverunt. Habeat eciam omnes oblaciones et obvenciones ad capellam Sancte Ambrusce virginis in cimiterio predicte ecclesie Sancti Karantoci situatam provenientes, ita tamen quod ipsam capellam quociens opus fuerit cum auxilio instauri ejusdem, si quid fuerit, alioquin sumptibus propriis de cetero reparet totaliter et sustentet. Solvat eciam et agnoscat omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria ad predictas prebendas que olim fuerunt predictorum David et Philippi ab antiquo pertinencia et eisdem in posterum imponenda; de fructibus vero et proventibus duarum prebendarum predictarum taliter unitis assignatis et ordinatis nomine unius prebende quod commutavimus in nomen decanatus resecamus ordinamus et statuimus unam prebendam sex marcarum et in sex marcis consistentem in ecclesia antedicta non curatam, cujus curam transfundimus in decanum qui pro tempore fuerit antedictum. Volumus quoque totalem curam que prius duabus prebendis predictis annexa fuit una cum pretactis juribus, jurisdictione, prerogativa, commodis, et honore, que altra hoc adjecimus et attribuimus superius, decanatui antedicto apud decanum predictum remanere. Ordinamus insuper et ordinando statuimus quod eadem prebenda sex marcarum et residentia et quocumque alio onere tam ordinario quam extraordinario libera sit et immunis per nos et successores nostros cum canonicatu in eadem ecclesia personis idoneis de cetero libere conferenda, quas quidem sex marcas nomine hujusmodi prebende canonico et prebendario, cui hujusmodi canonia et prebenda rite collate fuerint, dictus decanus qui pro tempore fuerit infra octo dies proximos et continuos post festum Sancti Michaelis annuatim numerandos in dicta ecclesia Sancti Karantoci plene persolvat sub pena quadraginta solidorum pro singulis terminis in quibus in solucione dictarum sex marcarum defecerit in toto vel in parte eo ipso incurrenda [et fabrice ecclesie nostre Exoniensis persolvenda †], dum tamen super hujusmodi solucione facienda per dictum canonicum et prebendarium vel ipsius procuratorem sufficientem aut lapsu hujusmodi termini congrue fuerit requisitus. Ceteri vero canonici ejusdem ecclesie, illo dumtaxat excepto cujus prebenda sic consistit in sex marcis, ad residendum in predictis beneficiis suis quolibet termino de quatuor terminis anni secundum consuetudinem nostre Exoniensis ecclesie inchoandis et finiendis per triginta dies et totidem noctes continue vel interpolatim et ad deserviendum ipsi ecclesie in divinis officiis nocturnis pariter et diurnis, prout secundum ordinem ipsorum per eundem decanum intitulati fuerint, decetero personaliter teneantur et ad predictam residenciam per nos et successores nostros et ad deserviendum eidem ecclesie ut premittitur cum presentes fuerint per prefatum decanum per subtraccionem fructuum prebendarum suarum et alias censuras ecclesiasticas, sola monicione premissa, absque alia juris solempnitate statuimus compellendos. Pro predicta etiam residencia non factata et aliis causis legitimis per nos et successores nostros privari valeant dicti canonici suis canonicatibus et prebendis in forma juris si hoc exegerit culpa contumacia vel protervitas eorundem. Super hujusmodi autem residencia inibi facienda ad certum tempus ex causa legitima per nos et successores nostros valeat dispensari. Ut autem predictus decanus hujusmodi regimen sibi commissum diligenter studeat exercere, statuimus quod quelibet persona cui dictus decanatus de cetero conferetur tempore collacionis sibi facte sit ad minus in ordine diaconatus constitutus in proximis sequentibus ordinibus in presbyterum promovendus, alioquin nulla sit sibi facta collacio ipso jure; necnon quod in eadem ecclesia resideat personaliter continue vel interpolatim per tres partes cujuslibet anni diebus singulis computatis, et quod in collacione hujusmodi decanatus sibi facta, vel statim post, seu ad tardius infra decem dies a tempore collacionis sibi facte et pacifice possessionis habite, coram nobis et successoribus nostris, si presentes fuerimus vel fuerint in diocesi Exoniensi, vel si persona cui facienda est hujusmodi collacio in nostra vel successorum nostrorum conferencium presencia tempore collacionis facte vel saltem infra predictas decem dies fuerit constituta, alioquin vel si sedes Exoniensis tempore hujus collacionis vacaverit, coram officiali Exoniensi seu decano aut precentore ecclesie Exoniensis per se vel per procuratorem ad hoc specialiter constitutum tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis corporale prebeat juramentum quod in ipsa ecclesia Sancti Karantoci toto tempore quo ipsum decanatum tenuerit ut premittitur residebit, quodque predictas sex marcas nomine prebende taliter per nos ordinate ipsam prebendam ex titulo canonico optinenti suis terminis predictis, cum pena quadraginta solidorum predicta si commissa fuerit, fideliter et plenarie persolvet prout superius est ordinatum. Volumus etiam et statuimus quod singuli canonici prefato decano vel ipsius vices gerenti, cui quoad jurisdiccionem subesse debent ut est dictum, per se vel per procuratores ad hoc specialiter constitutos tempore induccionis sue in corporalem possessionem suarum prebendarum, vel post, canonice obediencie prestent juramenta; ceterique ministri ipsius ecclesie simili modo id idem faciant per eundem decanum requisiti temporibus oportunis, ad quod urge rivaleant censuris canonicis per decanum antedictum. Cupientes igitur hujusmodi statutum saluberrimum juris execucione suppleri statuimus quod si decanus in eadem ut premittitur preficiendus etiam non requisitus hujusmodi juramentum infra predictum terminum non prestititerit in forma superius annotata, omni juri quod sibi adquisitum fuerit per collacionem antea sibi factam, etiam nulla monicione premissa, ipso jure sit privatus et extunc absque aliquali processu predictus decanatus alteri libere conferatur: mortuo vero hujusmodi decano testamenti sui executores vel alii ad quos bonorum ipsius administracio devenerit inter cetera libere disponant de omnibus minoribus decimis et oblacionibus que ante mortem hujusmodi decani sibi efficaciter debebantur et de majoribus decimis suis antea separatis a solo. Si vero decanus ipsius ecclesie ante festum pasche decesserit, expensas impositas in cultura sanctuarii ipsius decanatus

* The words between the brackets are written on a separate strip of parchment sewn to the original, and are referred to by a double cross. They indicate a correction of the text from the word *ipsum* to the word *nuncupandum*.

† The words between brackets are interlined, and referred to at the end of the document.

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testamenti ipsius executores percipiant a successore, cui fructus sic exculti solutis predictis expensis integraliter remanebunt. Si vero post pascham ante festum beati Michaelis obierit, in ultima sua voluntate vel inter vivos libere disponere valeat de fructibus in dicto sanctuario sic excultis, quos ad ipsum volumus integraliter pertinere. Cetera autem ad predictum decanatum pertinencia antea non percepta nec efficaciter sibi debita percipiat successor ejusdem, salvo jure nostro et successorum nostrorum super percepcione fructuum ipsius decanatus dum vacaverit prout est in aliis hujusmodi beneficiis vacantibus in nostra diocesi consuetum. Ita quod quilibet decanus hujusmodi superstes seu defuncti executores vel bonorum ipsius administratores omnia onera ejusdem decanatus agnoscant pro rata temporis quo fructus ipsius decanatus percipit et percipient ab eodem et pro modo quantitatis eorundem. Hec autem omnia que sunt ut premittitur salubriter ordinata in omnibus et singulis decanis in prefata ecclesia Sancti Karantoci imposterum preficiendis perpetuis temporibus statuimus observanda, nostris et successorum nostrorum necnon ecclesie Exoniensis et archidiaconi Cornubie juribus libertatibus consuetudinibus jurisdictione cohercione auctoritate et dignitate in omnibus semper salvis. Ut autem premissa omnia et singula robur habeant perpetue firmitatis, presencium ordinacionis et statuti scripturam nostri sigilli munimine duximus roborandam. Nosque capitulum Exoniensis ecclesie comuniter habito tractatu sollempni et sufficienti ac deliberacione plena in capitulo nostro in ecclesia Exoniensi cum venerabili patre episcopo Exoniensi predicto ac canonicis ecclesie Sancti Karantoci predicte, necnon yconomo seu curatore prenominato, vocatis ad hoc omnibus quorum interest, premissis omnibus et singulis prout superius statuuntur et ordinantur communem gratum et benivolum prebemus consensum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum commune capituli nostri presenti scripto duximus apponendum. Ac ego Rogerus yconomus seu curator antedictus premissis omnibus et singulis gratum prebeo consensum et assensum et in premissorum testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum duxi apponendum. Datum in capitulo ecclesie Exoniensis vicesimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo nono. Et interlineantur ex certa sciencia in trecesima quarta linnia ante consignacionem hec verba "et fabrice ecclesie nostre Exoniensi persolvenda."

[The seal of the chapter, representing St. Peter seated, robed, and decorated with the pallium and mitre, holding a church in his right hand and a key in the left; of the bishop; and also of Roger de Otery, are attached.]

Num. V.

Ordinacio ecclesiæ collegiatæ Sancti Karantoci.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 170, b.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. Recensita ordinacione laudabili felicis memorie Walteri secundi quondam Exoniensis episcopi predecessoris nostri super statu ecclesie nostre collegiate Sancti Karentoci et Deo famulancium in eadem, et per nos diligenter inscripta, ipsam velud provida deliberacione et utiliter editam, merito commendamus. Ceterum sollicite considerantes quod dicte ecclesie nostre vicarii numero septennario constituti singularum prebendarum singulas decimas minores pro ipsorum sustentacione separatim hactenus obtinentes nequeant absque penuria de decimis hujus victitare, propter quod divina obsequia in eadem plus debito subtrahuntur cum ea occasione nulli inveniantur ad deserviendum eidem ecclesie in divinis quos morum et harum sufficiencia reddiderunt efficaces; ut igitur in eadem deinceps ecclesia devocius serviatur et cultus ibi divinus juxta ipsius ecclesie facultates imposterum stabilius perseveret habito cum dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exonie communi tractatu et diligenti in hac parte requiritur, et solempni de ipsorum consilio pariter et assensu necnon de collaudatione unanimi et consensu dilectorum in Christo filiorum domini Willielmi Trevenwyth, decani, et magistrorum Ricardi Gyffard, Rogeri de Stanford et Roberti Begech, eciam dominorum David de Wollovere Henrici Whyte canonicorum et prebendariorum prefate ecclesie collegiate Sancti Karentoci, magistris Willielmo Polmorna et Thoma Caynges ac eciam Reginaldo Soor ejusdem ecclesie nostre canonicis et prebendariis ad certos competentes locum et terminos propter et ad premissa et alia canonice facienda peremptorie et debite convocatis, ipsisque preconizatis sufficienter et expectatis ac eciam nullo modo comparentibus, contumacibus merito reputatis, in ipsorum pena contumacie rite procedentes, ordinacioni predicte predecessoris nostri adjiciendo statuimus et eciam ordinamus, quod exnunc quatuor sacerdotes ydonei et honesti moribus et sciencia ad deserviendum in divinis officiis congruis temporibus in ecclesia nostra collegiata supradicta ac eciam successive cum eorum aliqui decedant vel aliter racionabililiter fuerint amoti ipsorum loco consimiles subrogandi per ipsius ecclesie decanum de consensu canonicorum hujusmodi vel majoris partis eorundem presentes tunc preficiantur et eciam amoveantur cum id secundum Deum perspexerit expedire. Quos in una domo simul et in communi viventes decimas minores omnium et singularum prebendarum hujusmodi unitas et confusas integraliter et in solidum percipere volumus et habere, in quarum administracione ipsorum sufficientior presit quem idem decanus duxerit eligendum qui ceteris de administratis hujus modi raciocinia annis singulis reddere teneatur. Et quia in ordinacione predicta inter cetera continetur quod singuli prefate ecclesie nostre canonici singulis terminis per triginta dies in eadem ecclesia residenciam faciant personalem sintque nonnulli in nostris obsequiis aliique in diversis partibus multum distantibus ex causis probabilibus absentes adeo assidue occupati quod ad hujusmodi residenciam faciendam optime nequeant se transferre, statuimus et statuendo decernimus quod singuli canonici antedicti de prebendis suis antedictis hujusmodi in recompensacionem et relevacionem oneris hujus debite residencie tali faciende ad exhibicionem duorum clericorum et duorum vel trium puerorum competentium instructorum ad divinum officium exercendum in ecclesia nostra prelibata prefatis quatuor sacerdotibus pecuniarum summas singulis annis contribuant infrascriptas, magistri, videlicet, Ricardus Gyffard triginta solidos, Willielmus Polmorna sexdecim solidos, Thomas Caygnes tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios, Rogerus de Stanford octo solidos et octo denarios, et Robertus Begeth sex solidos et sex denarios, dominus David de Wollovere sexdecim solidos, Henricus Whyte quinque solidos et sex denarios, et Reginaldus le Soor quatuor solidos sterlingorum, quas pecuniarum summas dictorum canonicorum successores qui pro tempore fuerint de prebendis suis hujusmodi singuli singulariter annuatim solvere teneantur; canonicum vero dicte ecclesie nostre quemcunque contribuere ut supra premittitur renitentem vel non contribuentem ad residenciam pariter faciendam per sequestrum omnium fructuum prebende sue et aliis modis et censuris canonicis secundum tenorem ordinacionis prenotate compelli distincte decernimus et artari; supradictos vero clericos et pueros per dictum decanum de consensu sacerdotum hujusmodi eligendos in victualibus secundum decenciam status sui cum eisdem sacerdotibus vivere volumus in communi. Quorum utrique clericorum pro omnibus aliis necessariis in festis Sancti Michaelis et pasche sexdecim solidos sterlingorum, ipsi eciam pueri eisdem terminis octo solidos ejusdem monete equalibus porcionibus percipiant annuatim. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium atque fidem sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo dictorum decani et capituli fecimus hiis apponi. Et nos decanus et capitulum memorati premissis omnibus et singulis concorditer assentientes sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in capitulo nostro Exonie primo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo. quinquagesimo primo et consecracionis nostre vicesimo quinto.

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Num. VI.

Valor Eccl. Hen. VIII.

Collegium de Carontok,
unde Willielmus Warweste quondam Episcopus Exon. est fundator.

	£	s.	d.
Jacobus Gentle decanus ibidem habet per annum de claro	21	9	0
Quatuor vicarii chorales habent per annum de claro equaliter	20	0	0
Thomas Wise prebendarius ibidem habet per annum de claro	1	6	8
Magister Pollard prebendarius ibidem habet per annum de claro	6	0	0
Johannes Gybons, Edmundus Weston, Richardus Fitzherberd, Nicholaus Manweryng et magister Courtenay prebendarii ibidem juxta ratam cujuslibet eorum c^{a}. per an.	25	0	0
Magister Heyson prebendarius ibidem habet per annum de claro	12	0	0
Magister Manchester prebendarius ibidem habet per annum de claro	4	0	0
Summa	£89	15	8
Decime	8	19	7

Prebendal Church of St. Probus *,

DEANERY OF POWDER.

N the Exeter Domesday (p. 187) we find the following entry:—"Terre Sancti Probi de Cornugallia. Canonichi Sancti Probi habent unam mansionem que vocatur Lanbrabois quam tenebat Edwardus rex, ea die qua ipse fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea est una hida terre et una virga et nunquam reddidit gildum. Hanc possunt arare octo carrucce. Ibi habent canonici quatuor carucatas et dimidium et tres villanos et octo bordarios et quinque servos et viginti animalia et centum sexaginta oves te viginti agros pascue. Et valet per annum quadraginta solidos."

King Henry I. gave the property of this collegiate church to the bishop and chapter of St. Peter's, Exeter. (Tanner's Notitia, citing Plac. coram rege 2 Ric. II.) It had been in the habit of paying two pieces of gold yearly to the treasurer of Exeter cathedral, when, in the year 1242, Bishop Brewer, considering the inadequacy of the revenues of that dignitary to the duties charged upon him, and to enable him to provide extraordinary lights on the feast of the dedication of the cathedral, as on Christmas day, on the feast of the commemoration of St. Paul (June 30), on the feast of that saint's conversion (Jan. 25), and on the feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, appropriated to his office the church of St. Probus, but without the cure of souls; assigning to him the power of collating to the five prebends, and presenting the vicar, who was to perform the office of parish priest. (Post Num. III.) On the 14th of April, in the same year, the bishop added the church of Nympton Episcopi to the office. (Ibid.)

Bishop Peter Quivil, on Feb. 22, 1287, confirmed this appropriation of St. Probus to the treasurer's office; but in the mean time Henry de Bolhay, dean of St. Probus, had resigned to the see of Exeter, on the part of himself and his successors, on Jan. 19, 1268, the right of collating to the prebends of St. Probus whenever they should become vacant; and from that time at least, the collation to such prebends was uniformly claimed and exercised by the ordinary. This bishop further required the treasurer to supply lights on the feast of S. Peter in cathedrâ (Feb. 22), as on the day of the Martyrdom of SS. Peter and Paul (June 29). In the appendix will be given the endowment of the vicarage of St. Probus, bearing date April 24, 1312. The vicar had been very inadequately provided for, until this bishop assigned to him the manse and all the land which he then occupied, with all the small tithes and the altalage †.

On St. Probus depended the chapels of St. Coan at Merther, and Gorgoth or Groguth ‡.

In King Henry VIII.'s Valor the treasurer of Exeter cathedral is stated to receive from the church "Sancti Pli" (Probi) the sum of £22. 10. 7. In Bishop Veysy's return to the crown, dated Nov. 3, 1536, we read,

	£	s.	d.
Vicaria de Probus, Groguth et Merther; Johannes Chymmowe	13	16	8
Quinque prebende intra ecclesiam ibidem viz.	16	16	4
Prebendarii Henricus Parker	4	0	0
Ricardus Eryngton	5	6	8
Johannes Gebbons	2	13	4
Willielmus Myddleton	3	0	0
Rogerus Elys	1	16	4

William, bishop of Hippo, was collated to the vicarage of St. Probus Aug. 26, 1537, which he resigned in Jan. 1550. The last time that we meet with this prelate in the registers is when he conferred holy orders, as suffragan of Bishop Veysy, in the episcopal palace at Exeter, on Sept. 22, 1554 §.

* St. Probus, a native of Sida, in Pamphylia, is recorded to have suffered martyrdom with his companions, Tarachus and Andronicus, during the persecution of Diocletian, at Anazarbus, in Cilicia, A.D. 304. There was another Probus, bishop of Ravenna, whose feast was kept the 10th of November.

Sir H. Ellis, in his valuable introduction to Domesday, (vol. i. p. 393,) seems to have supposed that the church of S. Probus was identical with, or situate in, S. Just.

† This altalage, or altilage, or altarlage, as we find in Bishop Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 52, in his taxation of Luppit vicarage, on July 11, 1344, consisted in oblations, obventions, funerals, anniversaries, purifications, tenths, from the profits of mills, apples, hay, lambs, calves, and kids; geese, pigs, pigeons, doves, cheese, butter, milk, flax, hemp, onions, and wool; and, generally, in all small and minute tithes.

‡ Bishop Lacy granted an indulgence, June 16, 1447, in favour of the chapel "Sancti *Georgii* in villa Sancti Probi." (Register, vol. iii. fol. 293.)

§ Nicholas Herle, of Trenowth, in the parish of St. Probus, Esq. made his will, dated May 7, 1559, and desired to be buried in Jesus aisle in the parish church of Probus, by the side of his wife Elizabeth.

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This establishment was dissolved by the operation of the Act 1 Ed. VI. c. 14, and on March 24, 1612, King James I. granted, amongst many parcels of property, to Francis Morice and Francis Phelips, gentlemen, "omnia illa prebendaria nostra Sancti Probi in comitatu nostro Cornubie cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis in dicto comitatu Cornubie ac omnia et singula mesuagia terras tenementa domos edificia horrea stabula columbaria hortos pomaria gardina terras prata pascua pasturas communias terras glebales decimas garbarum granorum et feni ac alias decimas quascunque tam prediales quam personales majores et minores, necnon oblaciones obvenciones fructus proficua commoditates advauntagia emolumenta et hereditamenta quecunque dicte prebende spectantia et pertinentia annualis redditus sive valoris decem librarum septem solidorum et duorum denariorum parcellam possessionum ad manus Edwardi Sexti nuper regis Anglie devenientem vigore actus parliamenti editi pro dissolucione collegiorum cantariarum et aliorum hujusmodi in dicto comitatu Cornubie quondam existentium."

Num. I.

Carta Henrici de Bollegha de prebendis S. Probi.

(Sewed into the end of Bp. Bronescombe's Register.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Henricus de Bollegha decanus ecclesie Sancti Probi Exoniensis diocesis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sacrosanctam Exoniensem ecclesiam pro modulo parvitatis mee cupiens honorare, collacionem seu dispositionem prebendarum sive portionum dicte ecclesie Sancti Probi quociens eis vacare contigerit venerabili patri domino Waltero Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo et successoribus suis canonice substituendis pro me et successoribus meis et ecclesia mea predicta mera et spontanea voluntate pure simpliciter et absolute perpetualiter dono concedo et assigno, ita videlicet ut idem dominus episcopus et successores sui post ipsum de eisdem prebendis seu porcionibus disponere seu eas libere conferre valeant in perpetuum prout viderint expedire. Ad ea insuper que gesta sunt perfectius securanda propositis et inspectis sacrosanctis evangeliis eidem domino episcopo in verbo Dei gratis promitto quod contra hanc meam gratuitam concessionem per me vel per alium ullo unquam tempore qualitercumque venire attemptabo. In cujus rei testimonium has literas meas eidem domino episcopo confeci patentes. Hiis testibus. Rogero de Derteford canonico Exoniensi. Willielmo de capella cantore Cridetoni. Hugone de Plimptone rectore ecclesie de Uggebergh clericis. Petro de Guldeford presbitero et aliis. Datum apud Clyst xiiij kalendas Februarii anno gracie M°CC°LX° octavo.

Num. II.

Taxacio vicarie Sancti Probi.

(Stapeldon's Register, fol. 74, b.)

Universis ad quos presentes littere pervenerint Walterus etc. Exoniensis episcopus salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Nuper ecclesiam collegiatam Sancti Probi nostre diocesis ex officii nostri debito visitantes non invenimus vicariam ejusdem ecclesie que eciam ecclesia parochialis existit in certis porcionibus fuisse taxatam, quin pocius comperimus quod canonici in eadem ecclesia prebendati tantum de provenientibus ejusdem percipiunt, quodque vicarius ejusdem nequit de residuo cum incumbentibus oneribus commode sustentari. Hinc est quod, vocatis ad hoc thesaurario ecclesie Exoniensis qui in predicta ecclesia Sancti Probi nomine predicte thesaurarie non modicam percipit porcionem predictisque canonicis in eadem ecclesia prebendatis et omnibus aliis quorum interest et quos presens negocium contingit, prehabitis et omnibusque in hac parte de jure vel consuetudine requiruntur, predictam vicariam taxamus et ordinamus in hunc modum; videlicet, quod vicarius qui nunc est et ejus successores nomine vicarie predicte habeant totum mansum quod idem vicarius nunc inhabitat cum tota terra quam similiter nunc occupat ad idem pertinente, quod mansum et que terra ad prebendam quam Martinus de Sutton in predicta ecclesia optinet ante pertinebat. Habeant eciam omnes minutas decimas et totum altillagium ecclesie supradicte et capellarum ejusdem. Item habeant a Willielmo de Harpedene canonico in eadem ecclesia prebendato et ejus successoribus predictam prebendam optinentibus annuam pencionem dimidie marce tantummodo singulis annis in festo Sancti Michaelis persolvendam. Cetera autem in quibuscunque bonis juribus seu rebus pertinentibus divisim ad canonicas et prebendas seu quecumque beneficia ipsius ecclesie consistant ipsis canonicis prebendariis et beneficiatis, illis dumtaxat exceptis que superius predicto vicario parcialiter sunt assignata, per omnia semper salvis. Solvant autem iidem vicarii Martino de Sutton canonico in eadem ecclesia prebendato et ejus successoribus predictam prebendam optinentibus singulis annis in festo Sancti Michaelis decem solidos annue pensionis. Item predicti vicarii suis sumptibus agnoscant omnia onera ordinaria ejusdem ecclesie et capellarum ejusdem ad rectoriam et vicariam de jure vel consuetudine pertinencia tam in libris, ornamentis, cancello, procuracionibus archidiaconorum, et aliis hujusmodi oneribus universis, hoc excepto quod procuracionem episcopi Exonie vel alterius superioris predictam ecclesiam seu collegium ejusdem visitantis non persolvant nec quicquam contribuant ad eandem. Extraordinaria vero a predictis thesaurario canonicis et vicario secundum taxacionem singularum porcionum prius inde factam persolvantur, ita videlicet quod quilibet solvat pro porcione sua secundum eandem taxacionem quam per presentem ordinacionem et taxacionem vicarie diminui nolumus vel augeri. Salva nobis et successoribus nostris potestate dictam vicariam augmentandi et imminuendi et predictam ordinacionem seu taxacionem interpretandi et mutandi si et prout viderimus et viderint expedire. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum de nostro mandato presentibus est appensum. Datum et actum in ecclesia parochiali de Chuddelegh die Lune proxima ante festum Sancti Marce evangeliste videlicet octavo kalendis Maii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo, et consecracionis nostre anno quarto.

Num. III.

Transumptum cartarum per quas ecclesia S. Probi thesaurario Exoniensi est appropriata.

(Bothe's Register, between folios 44 and 45.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis, ad quos presentes littere seu presens publicum transumptum pervenerint seu pervenerit, Jacobus Carslegh, officialis principalis consistorii episcopalis Exoniensis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ex parte discreti viri magistri Michaelis Lercedekene, in legibus bacallarii, thesaurarii Exoniensis, quatuor litteras, videlicet, unam litteram recolende memorie domini Willielmi miseracione divina quondam Exoniensis episcopi, de consensu et assensu capituli Exoniensis, ut in eadem asseritur, factam, ipsorum sigillis; necnon aliam litteram ejusdem Willielmi quondam episcopi, suo sigillo; ac terciam litteram decani et capituli Exoniensis eorum sigillo; et quartam litteram bone memorie domini Petri dudum Exoniensis episcopi de consensu decani et capituli Exoniensis, ut in eadem scribitur, factam, ipsorum sigillis, ut prima facie apparuit, sigillatas, nobis in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi pro tribunali sedentibus realiter exhibentis, cum non modica instancia fuerat supplicatum ut cum idem magister Michael thesaurarius antedictus prefatas litteras, ut apparuit, non habeat duplicatas, et necesse habeat easdem in diversis mundi partibus et locis remotis, ac non modicum a se distantibus, presentare et exhibere, ac eciam eis uti pro jure et defencione suis, prefate littere possent dum ad hujusmodi loca portarentur, propter et per viarum discrimina, maris pericu-

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lum, litterarumque hujusmodi vetustatem, ac alios diversos et adversos casus inopinatos et fortuitos, qui frequenter accidunt, verisimiliter deperire, idemque magister Michael propter dictarum litterarum difficilem aut forsan impossibilem exhibicionem simul et semel in diversis mundi partibus et multum distantibus, ut prefertur, faciendam, grave periculum incurrere poterit et jacturam, quatenus litteras predictas et earum sigilla diligenter inspicere palpare et examinare curaremus, et, si easdem inspectas palpatas et examinatas invenerimus non cancellatas, non abrasas, non abolitas, nec suspectas, auctoritate nostra ordinaria per notarium publicum subscriptum easdem transumi, exemplari, subscribi et in formam publicam redigi, mandaremus, ut hujusmodi earum transumpto, sicuti dictis litteris originalibus fides valeat adhiberi ubilibet in agendis, quarum quidem litterarum veri tenores seriatim sequuntur in hec verba:

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos littere presentes pervenerint Willielmus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos, consideratis tenuitate proventuum thesaurarie ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, et onere quod eidem ad sustentacionem luminis in ecclesia Exoniensi penitus incumbit, de consensu et assensu capituli nostri Exoniensis concessisse thesaurarie predicte ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, ad sustentacionem luminis maxime in festo dedicacionis ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, sicut in die natalis Domini, et in commemoracione necnon et in conversione beati Pauli sicut in die circumcisionis Domini, ecclesiam Sancti Probi in Cornubia in proprios usus perpetuo sine omni cura animarum habendam et possidendam cum collacione prebendarum et omnibus aliis pertinenciis, de qua quidem ecclesia dicta thesauraria duos aureos annuos percepit, ordinato vicario in dicta ecclesia Sancti Probi nobis et successoribus nostris a thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit presentando qui omnem curam animarum habebit et omnia onera dictam ecclesiam contingencia sustinebit, reservata nobis vel alicui de successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerit dicte vicarie taxacione. Volumus eciam et statuimus, ut liceat thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit libere et quiete auctoritate presencium dictam ecclesiam Sancti Probi, nobis aut successoribus nostris irrequisitis, ingredi et prebendas conferre cum easdem vacare contigerit. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum unacum sigillo capituli nostri apponi fecimus. Datum Exonie consecracionis nostre anno decimo octavo."

"Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos littere presentes pervenerint, Willielmus divina miseracione Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos diligentissime pensatis et consideratis dignitate et onere thesaurarie ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, volentes eam in hac parte temporibus nostris prout decet relevare, concessisse ecclesiam manerii nostri de Nimeton cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicte thesaurarie necnon et thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit perpetuo habendam et possidendam, salva in eadem vicarii sustentacione qui omnia onera tam spiritualia quam temporalia sustinebit, qui eciam nobis et successoribus nostris a thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit erit presentandus. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus litteris sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Torre XVIII kalendis Maii anno consecracionis nostre decimo octavo."

"Universis Christi fidelibus presentes litteras visuris vel audituris, decanus et capitulum Exoniense salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos litteras Bonifacii permissione divinâ Cantuariensis archiepiscopi inspexisse sub hac forma. —Bonifacius permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, tocius Anglie primas, universis presentes litteras inspecturis salutem eternam in Domino. Noveritis nos litteras bone memorie Willielmi quondam Exoniensis episcopi non cancellatas, non abolitas, non in aliqua sui parte viciatas, inspexisse sub hac forma:—Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos littere presentes pervenerint Willielmus divina miseracione Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos diligentissime pensatis et consideratis dignitate et onere thesaurarie ecclesie Exoniensis, volentes eam in hac parte temporibus nostris prout decet relevare concessisse ecclesiam manerii nostri de Nimeton cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dicte thesaurarie necnon et thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit perpetuo, habendam et possidendam salva in eadem vicarii sustentacione, qui omnia onera tam spiritualia quam temporalia sustinebit, qui eciam nobis et successoribus nostris a thesaurario qui pro tempore fuerit erit presentandus. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus litteris sigillum meum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Tywardray XVIIJ kalendas Maii anno consecracionis nostre XVIIJ.—Inspeximus eciam litteras magistri Constantini clerici nostri fungentis vice nostra officialis officio in eadem diocesi Exoniensi, sede vacante per mortem bone memorie Ricardi Exoniensis episcopi sub hac forma: —Universis presentes litteras inspecturis vel audituris magister Constantinus de Mildehal officialis Exoniensis, sede vacante, a domino Cantuariensi archiepiscopo tocius Anglie primate deputatus, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos inspexisse privilegia domini Walteri filii pro thesauraria Exoniensi per que invenimus eam esse satis munitam quoad retencionem dicte thesaurarie et aliorum beneficiorum suorum: ad hoc invenimus per inquisicionem legittimam quod dicta thesauraria est sine cura animarum et quod ecclesiam de Barestapolia est adeptus ante concilium Lateranense. In quorum testimonium litteris presentibus sigillum officialitatis Exonie apposuimus. Datum Exonie anno Domini MCC quinquagesimo septimo die Lune proxima post festum beati Petri in cathedra.—Nos autem dictarum litterarum formam acceptantes universis nostre jurisdiccioni subjectis tam episcopis quam aliis inferioribus mandamus et districte eciam inhibemus ne dictum Walterum contra tenorem premissorum super premissis inquietent indebite vel molestent. In cujus rei testimonium litteris presentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Otteford in festo beati Gregorii pape anno Domini M°CCLIX°. In hujus rei testimonium nos decanus et capitulum Exoniense presentibus litteris sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum Exonie in Ebdomada Pentecostes anno Domini MCC sexagesimo quarto."

"In nomine Dei amen. Inter dilectos filios prepositum et capitulum Glasense pro prepositura sua ex parte una, et Willielmum thesaurarium ecclesie Exoniensis pro thesauraria sua ex altera, super ecclesia Sancti Probi nostre diocesis materia contencionis exorta, nos Petrus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus ipsum prepositum et omnes alios quorum quomodolibet interesset legittimo et peremptorio fecimus edicto citari quod certis die et loco coram nobis vel nostro commissario comparerent cum omnibus actis munimentis et juribus ecclesiam ipsam tangentibus proposituros peremptorie et ostensuros quod sibi expedire viderint in hac parte prout in nostro citatorio apparere poterit intuenti. Ipsis vero preposito et capitulo Glassensi die et loco in citatione contentis per procuratorem suum legitime comparentibus nichil ex parte ipsorum in eodem peremptorie vel aliquo die sequenti propositum extitit quod prefatam ecclesiam Sancti Probi contingeret ullo modo. Eodem ergo negocio coram commissario nostro diucius agitato, cum nichil adhuc pro ipsis preposito et capitulo sit propositum vel ostensum, per quod eos in dicta ecclesia seu ad ipsam ecclesiam Sancti Probi apparere valeat aliquod jus habere nos Petrus episcopus antedictus presentis negocii meritis plenius intellectis jurisperitorum communicato consilio, prefatis preposito et capitulo Glasensi super pretacta ecclesia Sancti Probi perpetuum silencium imponimus per diffinitivam sententiam in hiis scriptis, non obstante unione seu collacione que per nos prepositure Glasenensi de ipsa ecclesia Sancti Probi asseritur esse facta, de qua ut premittitur, si que fuit, in peremptorio termino vel aliquo die sequenti mencio non fiebat nec ipsa unio seu collacio commissario nostro vel nobis ostensa, que eciam, si objecta vel ostensa fuisset, ipsos juvare non poterat nec debebat, tum quia, cum aliquando eadem ecclesia Sancti Probi thesaurarie Exoniensis per bone memorie Willielmum quondam Exoniensem episcopum predecessorem nostrum unita seu appropriata fuisset, nos, factum ignorantes probabiliter alienum, ipsam unionem seu collacionem si qua fuit fecimus procul dubio circumventi, quam si nobis de collacione per predecessorem nostrum facta fuisset expressum non processisemus veraciter ad secundam, tumque collacione hujusmodi priori minime revocata secunda surrepcione extitit impetrata, tumque thesaurario Exoniensi, cujus racione pretacta vocari intererat, non vocato, non presente ut dicitur, nec se contumaciter absentante, ipsa secunda collacio facta fuit, tumque omnibus antetactis cessantibus dicti prepositus et capi-

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tulum sibi imputare debebant quod eam in termino peremptorio vel aliquo die sequenti ut premisimus hanc opponere curaverunt. Et quia per documenta legitima nobis constat prelibatam ecclesiam Sancti Probi thesaurarie Exoniensi per prenominatum predecessorem nostrum appropriatam concessam seu unitam fuisse, ex quo patuit evidenter et patet eandem ecclesiam Sancti Probi ad ipsam thesaurariam pertinere debere, nos prefatam ecclesiam Sancti Probi thesaurario prelibato nomine thesaurarie sue ac ipsi thesaurarie adjudicamus sentencialiter in hiis scriptis, decernentes ut concessio appropriacio seu unio hujusmodi debitum sorciatur effectum, eundem thesaurarium nomine thesaurarie sue in corporalem prelibate ecclesie possessionem mittendum. Ipsam eciam appropriacionem concessionem seu unionem innovantes, de consensu decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis statuimus et immutabiliter ordinamus ut thesaurarii Exonienses qui temporibus futuris extiterint sepedictam ecclesiam Sancti Probi thesaurarie sue appropriatam nomine ejusdem thesaurarie sine cura animarum prout in priore concessione pretacta cavetur cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et juribus pacifice possideant et quiete, salva et retenta nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exoniensibus collacione prebendarum memorate ecclesie Sancti Probi cum vacaverint, quam collacionem de decani et capituli Exoniensis ac thesaurarii prelibati consensu ea racione potissime reservamus quod nullus unquam thesaurarius hactenus exstitit in possessione vel quasi juris conferendi easdem, sed semper per predecessores nostros Exonienses episcopos et per nos non obstante concessione predecessoris nostri pretacta conferri solebant. Quum autem in festo gloriosi pastoris nostri Petri quod cathedra nuncupatur, quo claves regni celorum commisse fuerunt eidem dignitatis sue pastoralis sumpsit inicium, Cephas tunc primo proprie nominatus ac unius cujusque rei principium pars potissima reputatur honorem pastoris ejusdem in ecclesia nostra Exoniensi in ipsius nomine dedicatam in pretacto festo annua revolucione perpetuo dignum duximus augmentandum, ordinacioni predecessoris nostri Willielmi prelibati addentes, ac de consensu decani et capituli nostri tenore presencium statuentes ut thesaurarius qui pro tempore fuerit luminaria et alia que in ecclesia Exoniensi thesaurarie incumbunt plenarie suis et thesaurarie sumptibus ministret et exhibeat in futurum in pretacto festo beati Petri in cathedra sicut in passione Apostolorum Petri et Pauli plenius ministrari et exhiberi secundum consuetudinem ejusdem ecclesie debebuntur et hucusque solebant. Ut autem hec omnia perpetua firmitate et securitate vallentur, sigillum nostrum unacum sigillo capituli nostri Exoniensis presentibus est appensum. Datum et actum in capitulo majoris ecclesie Exoniensi septimo kalendis Marcii anno gracie M°.CCLXXX°. septimo secundum cursum ecclesie Anglicane. Nos decanus et capitulum Exoniense presentem sentenciam ordinacionem innovacionem et reservacionem approbantes ac eisdem auctoritatem impercientes pariter et assensum ipsas sentenciam ordinacionem innovacionem et reservacionem quantum in nobis est tenore presencium confirmamus. In testimonium autem approbacionis auctoritatis consensus et confirmacionis nostre presens instrumentum perpetuo valiturum sigilli nostri communis appensione munimus. Datum et actum ut supra."

Nos igitur officialis antedictus attendentes supplicacionem hujusmodi fore consonam juri, factis primitus vocacione et preconisacione omnium et singulorum quorum interest in hac parte in dicta ecclesia cathedrali in genere predictas litteras et sigilla eisdem apposita in notarii et testium subscriptorum presencia inspeximus palpavimus et examinavimus diligenter, et quia invenimus easdem litteras sanas et integras omnes et singulas ac sic ut prefertur sigillatas non cancellatas non abrasas non abolitas non viciatas sed omni prorsus vicio et suspicione sinistra carentes ne predicto thesaurario propter et per casus predictos vel aliquem eorundem probacionis copia contentorum in eisdem auferatur in futuro aut dampnum vel prejudicium aliquod eidem vel suis successoribus in posterum generetur ad omnem juris effectum qui inde sequi poterit nostris auctoritate et decreto publicavimus litteras prelibatas ac ipsas per notarium publicum infrascriptum transumi exemplari subscribi et in formam publicam redigi ipsiusque signo signari mandavimus consueto: quibus sic transumptis et in presenti instrumento publico de ipsis transcripto fideliter copiatis sicut originalibus litteris antedictis plenam fidem adhibendam fore in posterum in quantum de jure possimus decrevimus et decernimus ubilibet in agendis. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium huic presenti nostro sigillum presidentis dicti consistorii quod ad manus habemus presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi predicta vicesimo secundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo nono, indiccione octava pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri domini Martini divina providencia pape quinti anno duodecimo, presentibus tunc ibidem venerabilibus viris magistris Rogero Walter precentore et Waltero Colles in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi canonicis ac magistris, Rogero Coker advocato et Johanne Polyng registrario dicti consistorii in legibus bacallariis, necnon Benedicto Drew auctoritate apostolica notario publico Exoniensis diocesis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis ac aliis in multitudine copiosa.

Ego Robertus Stephyn clericus Exoniensis diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius prefatarum quatuor litterarum omnium et singularum superius descriptarum per dictum magistrum Michaelem Lercedekene thesaurarium exhibicioni supplicacioni ac earum per dictum dominum officialem palpacioni inspeccioni examinacioni ac publicacioni ceterisque omnibus et singulis superius recitatis dum sic ut premittitur per eundem dominum officialem et coram eo sub anno Domini indiccione pontificatu mense die et loco proxime superius designatis agerentur et fierent unacum testibus ibidem nominatis presens personaliter interfui dictasque litteras tales quales superius describuntur ac omnia alia et singula ibidem prout suprascribitur acta gesta seu facta sic agi geri et fieri vidi et audivi scripsi transumpsi exemplavi et quia facta diligenti collacione insuper et fideli de prefatis litteris originalibus omnibus et singulis unacum earum transumpto hujusmodi suprascripto ea in omnibus concordare inveni nil addito vel mutato quod facti substanciam immutaret vel variaret intellectum. Igitur predicta publicavi in hanc publicam formam redegi manuque propria me hic subscripsi ac presens publicum instrumentum seu transumptum signo meo solito et consueto, sigillo precedentis dicti consistorii quod ad manus habet officialis predictus primitus sigillatum, signavi ad hec omnia et singula supradicta facienda per dictum officialem de auctoritate et mandato suis jussus ac per dictum magistrum Michaelem thesaurarium rogatus instanter et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium permissorum.

Num. IV.

Divisio garbarum Sancti Probi inter thesaurarium et prebendarios ibidem.

(Bothe's Register, fol. 44, 45; also Harl. MSS. 6600.)

Cornubia—

Merther—tota decima garbarum capelle ibidem pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Gorgoyth—tota decima garbarum capelle ibidem pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Trelowthas Voer, Trelowthas Vyghan* et terre molendini ibidem, idem parcellum pertinet ad thesaurarium.

* *Vor* and *vigan*, *bigan*, or *vean*, are constant affixes to Cornish names, signifying *great* and *small* respectively. *Wollas* and *wartha* are also common, and mean, respectively, *lower* and *higher*. Where they occur in this list they must be taken in connexion with the preceding name.

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Carwosa, Trevolghan, Baghtalever, Penpons, Grauntpond, Engew et clausum in Tregelest et terre subtus Vighan ecclesiam in Trethynicke. Idem parcellum pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Treweres, Wolvedon, Tredenen, et Euyssant et Wolvedone Vighan et Bressa. Idem parcellum pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Trestrell Woles et Croft in Trevozvowe pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Trenythyn channceller terre dominice de Sancto Probo Lonselyk ac proprium tenementum in Sancto Probo. Idem parcellum pertinet ad thesaurarium.

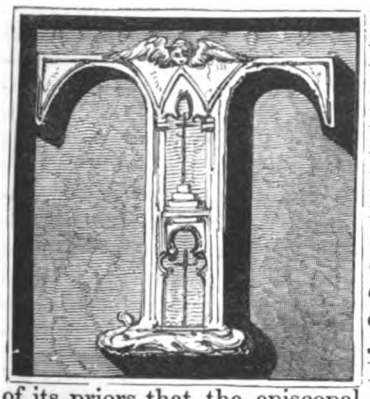
Tresawell Wartha, Tregoys, Hellon Wartha, Hellon Woles, Fentengleder, pertinet ad thesaurarium.

Omnia ista supradicta pertinent ad thesaurarium sine diminucione.

Trewythgy voer, Trewythgy Vighan, Broncois, Namabon. Trewosan, Treworgans, Knoll, Resperweth, Carvighan	Medietas decime ibidem pertinet ad thesaurarium. Inde sexta parte garbarum prebende magistri Radulphi Drewe et alia medietas pertinet ad prebendam Walteri Baylye. Inde pars dicto magistro Radulpho Drewe.
Treswell Wartha, Resweghy, Trevylves Wartha, Tententewyn, Tresawel Wolas, Naminec	Eodem modo dividitur inter eosdem.
Trevozvowe Quilibet prebendarius habet decimas garbarum tenentium ibidem	Quarta pars corporis ville pertinet ad thesaurarium. Inde sexta pars ad prebendam magistri Radulphi Drewe. Alia quarta pars ad prebendam Walteri Bayly. Inde sexta pars ad prebendam dicti magistri Radulphi. Alia quarta pars ad prebendam Johannis Treloff. Inde quarta pars dicto magistro Radulpho. Alia quarta pars ad prebendam magistri Johannis Hancok. Inde tertia pars ad prebendam Willielmi Elme.
Tregagill, Hendreneythen, Trevylwes Wolas	Medietas pertinet ad thesaurarium. Inde decima octava pars magistro Radulpho Drewe. Alia medietas dividitur in tres partes inter prebendas, videlicet, una pars ad prebendam Walteri Bayly. Inde sexta pars ad prebendam magistri Radulphi Drewe. Alia pars ad magistrum Johannem Hancock. Inde tertia pars ad prebendam Willielmi Elme. Alia pars ad prebendam Johannis Treloff. Inde quarta pars ad magistrum Radulphum Drewe
Tresawell Cuhell, Trenowith, Treverbyn, Nanskylly, Namelyn, Trewethen Wolcok, Sozn, Trewethen John	Medietas ad magistrum Johannem Hancok. Inde tercia pars ad Willielmum Elme. Altera medietas ad Johannem Treloff. Inde quarta pars ad magistrum Radulphum Drewe.

Talkarn, Talthar, or Minster, Priory,

DEANERY OF TRIGGE MINOR.



THIS alien cell or priory was dependent on the abbey of SS. Sergius and Bacchus at Angers, and was dedicated to St. Merthiana*. William Fitz Nicholas probably founded it in the reign of King Henry II. We subjoin copies of an inspeximus of certain instruments recording its property, by John Bothe, bishop of Exeter. The only names of its priors that the episcopal registers offer are the following:

Galfridus of Swansea, admitted by Bp. Bronescombe August 26, 1263, on the presentation of Reginald de Botreaux†, and of Galfridus, prior of Tywardreth. (Reg. fol. 27.)

Robert Stormy occurs as prior in an agreement made on Sunday next after the feast of St. Gregory the pope (March) 1289, with Sir William de Botreaux, respecting a mill "in terrâ de Trelaye." (Orig. penes Lord Arundell of Wardour.)

Philip. He was licensed by Bp. Stapeldon to go abroad on April 2, 1311, but under the positive condition of returning to his post at the ensuing Pentecost. (Reg. fol. 60.)

Richard Portel, admitted Feb. 26, 1313.

William Bouges, collated to the priory July 20, 1323, "qui tanto tempore vacavit," by Bp. Stapeldon. (Reg. fol. 176.) On Nov. 17, 1333, this prior was translated to Tywardreth.

Gehol or *Joel de Perrer*, appointed Oct. 7, 1335. On July 24, two years later, the extended value of the priory property was £29 3*s.* 0½*d.* (See Num. IV. post.)

William de Huna, collated by Bp. Grandisson Sept. 20, 1341. The abbot of the mother house had ventured to present a most unsuitable person to this priory or parish church, who was indignantly rejected by the bishop. (See Reg. vol. iii. fol. 45.) William died in office, April 26, 1349.

William Decimarius succeeded July 8, 1349, and died at the commencement of the year 1375. Whilst he was prior, the yearly value of his receipts, as certified by Bp. Brantyngham to King Edward III., was ten marks

* It should be observed that the *Minster* mentioned under Glaseney (ante, p. 48,) is another name for Manaccan. See Lysons' Cornwall, p. 212.

† Within Botreaux castle, situate in the parish of Minster, was the chapel of St. James, often mentioned in the episcopal registers.

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and seven pence half-penny from the church of Minster, and eight marks and nine pence half-penny from the chapel of Botreaux castle.

Milet Andrew was confirmed his successor March 12, 1375.

John de Stratton occurs as prior June 2, 1386, and is believed to have been the last prior. In Stafford's Register (vol. i. fol. 61) we read of him, "domos et cetera edificia ejusdem prioratus tempore suo diruta et collapsa reficere et restaurare minime curavit."

In consequence of the parliamentary seizures in the reign of Hen. IV. a priory had ceased to exist here in 1407: for the king in that year presented to the vacant church Reginald Welleslegh, who was accordingly instituted rector by Bp. Stafford on June 28 in the same year*.

The following instruments, inspected and certified under the seal of Bishop Bothe on February 4, 1476, are in the possession of Lord Arundell of Wardour.

Num. I.

Carta Willielmi filii Nicholai pro monachis S. Sergii.

Sciant hii qui modo sunt et illi qui venturi sunt quod ego Willielmus filius Nicholai pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum dedi et concessi in quantum ad me pertinet ecclesiam Sancte Merthiane de Laminster cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et terram que vocatur Kennegi et Trelay cum pertinentiis suis Deo et monachis Sancti Sergii Andegavensis ibidem Deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris libere et quiete in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Dedi eciam eisdem monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris manerium meum quod vocatur Polefant† cum pertinentiis suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere et quiete, excepto regali servicio cum venerit, quod monachi reddent michi vel heredibus meis et nos regi. Preterea dedi et concessi eisdem monachis quantum ad me pertinet medietatem decimarum provenientium de dominico de Wolvedeston et medietatem decimarum provenientium de dominico de Trefoward et medietatem decimarum provenientium de dominico de Tredawell et medietatem decimarum provenientium de dominico de Trevaga et medietatem decimarum provenientium de dominico de Holwode in puram elemosinam. Quod ut ratum permaneat presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impressione idem roboravi. Hiis testibus, Willielmo filio Toront, Aufre filio Ruault, Willielmo Dure, Renaldo filio Lone, Galfrido filio Pagani, Willielmo Estorun, Bernardo filio Nicholai, Baldewino filio Reign, Nicholao filio Russell, magistro Waltero filio Rogeri et multis aliis.

[This gift was confirmed by Bishop Henry Marshall between 1194 and 1206.]

Num. II.

Carta Willielmi de Botreaus pro ecclesiâ S. Merthianæ et monachis S. Sergii.

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus de Botreaus eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me pro Dei amore et salute anime mee concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancte Merthiane et monachis Sancti Sergii ibidem Deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris omnes donationes et possessiones et decimas et concessiones quas antecessores mei, scilicet, Willielmus filius Nicholai et Aufredus filius Rualdi fecerunt, scilicet, ecclesiam de la Minster cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et terram que vocatur Kennegi et Trelay, et sicuti rivulus labitur de Nadderwell et cadit in bivio, et ita de Nadderwell sicut fossatum se extendit contra montem usque ad fossatum de Karkeberloe, et inde sicuti quedam via se extendit contra vallem usque ad fontem Helem, et inde sicut fossatum eminet usque ad Nunnewall, et inde contra vallem usque ad Minicheslake, et inde usque in bivio, videlicet, in bosco et plano, in viis et semitis et aquis, solutas et quietas ab omni servicio in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, excepta una acra in Trelayn unde prior regale servicium debet facere quando evenit, et manerium de Polefant, solutum et quietum per regale servicium quod prior debet reddere michi et ego domino regi quando evenit, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam; et decimas omnium de redditu in kalendis Maii, et medietatem omnium decimarum proveniencium de dominico de Wolvediston [then follow the same moieties as in the above grant Num. I.] Et si monachi voluerint sequi molendinum meum, debent molere post illud bladum quod in trimodio erit per consuetudinem redditam tantum avene ‡. Si vero cursum suum expectare voluerint, sine omni consuetudine molere tenentur, scilicet, breffrumentum et omne unum bladum et avenam. Et insuper pannagium de bosco nostro commune et communem pascuam eisdem monachis et hominibus suis cum hominibus meis ubicumque mecum fuerimus, et omnia necessaria sua ad ignem suum de blastario § meo ubicumque voluerint. Quod et ratum et inconcussum permaneat presentis scripti testimonio et sigilli mei impressione idem roboravi. Hiis testibus, Alano de Formeaus, Olivero de Brueria, Willielmo Sturme, Willielmo filio Roberti, Waltero filio Roberti, Johanne filio Bernardi, Nicholao Blondo, Rogero Russel, Rogero de Duneham, Luca de Molendino, Baldwino fratre ejus, Philippo et multis aliis.

[William de Botreaux, son of the above William and of Sibilla his wife, confirmed his father's grant, but added the following clause: "Ego et heredes mei debemus habere de bosco prioris quantum opus fuerit solumodo ad unam carucam sustinendam per licenciam prioris et per visum prioris vel alicujus suorum." The witnesses are Robert Fitzrichard, Andrew Kaherdinam, Reginald de Botreaux, Robert de Umfravil, Ralph Giffard, Ralph le Sor, David de Penhel Hobbe, John de Lalere, and many others.]

Num. III.

Lis inter priorem de Talcarn et Thomam de Duneham auctoritate Apostolicâ pacata.

Omnibus fidelibus presens scriptum inspecturis prior de Sancto Nicholao et magistri Henricus de Warwick‖ et Ysaac, canonici Exon., salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos mandatum domini pape suscepisse in hec verba. Innocentius¶ episcopus, servus servorum Dei, filiis priori Sancti Nicholai et magistris Henrico et Ysaac canonicis Exon. salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Querelam prioris de Talcarn recepimus continentem quod Thomas de Duneham et quidam alii Exoniensis diocesis quasdam terras et res alias ad ipsum de jure spectantes contra justiciam detinent et reddere contradicunt, alias graviter injuriantes eidem; ideoque discrecioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatenus partibus convocatis et auditis hinc inde propositis quos justum fuerit, appellatione postposita, statuatis, facientes quod statuitis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari. Testes autem, etc.—Hujus igitur auctoritate man-

* In 31 Hen. VI. Sir Will. de Botreaux, as patron of Talcarn, obtained a prohibition against the bishop of Exeter for entertaining a suit between Thomas Hogg, parson of Talcarn or Minster, and the rector and fellows of St. Mary, Slapton, respecting the right to a moiety of the tithes in the parish of Poundstock. (See Year Book, 31 Hen. VI. p. 13.) The result is not reported.

† Bp. Grandisson, in May 1339, certified, in his return to the king's writ, that the prior de la Minstre was taxed "pro temporalitate apud Polifount" at xx*s*.

‡ See and compare this with deed Num. XVI., ante, p. 41. The "termodio" there, and the "trimodio" here, probably mean the *trémie* or hopper of the mill. See Kennett and other glossaries, voc. Tremuta, Treumia, &c. Tremodius occurs in the same sense in a charter of the Palatine of Pomerania, A.D. 1312, (9 Ludewig, Reliquiæ &c. 589.) The apparent object of the provision was to obtain priority over others who brought grist. The monks were not to be obliged to wait their turn (cursum suum expectare). S.

§ "Blestaria" (which also occurs ante p. 42, Num. XIX.) seems to mean a place where peat is dug. In the new edition of Ducange (Paris, 1840) several authorities are given to show that *blesta* is synonymous with *gleba*. See also Cowel and Cotgrave, voc. Bleta, and Blete, and Kelham's Dict. voc. Blester. S.

‖ This Warwick was the first chancellor of Exeter, and died April 28, 1227.

¶ Innocent III., between 1198 and 1216.

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dati partibus convocatis et causa aliunde coram nobis ventilatâ lis tandem amicabiliter conquievit hoc modo, scilicet, quod Thomas de Duneham miles coram nobis resignavit pro se et heredibus suis totam terram de Polifant * cum pertinentiis in manu prioris de Talcarn, procuratoris abbatis de Sancto Sergio in illâ causa, et recognovit jus domûs de Talcarn quod predictus prior clamavit versus illum. Reddidit etiam dictus Thomas munimenta omnia que habuit de dicta terra, et tactis sacrosanctis juravit quod nunquam post modum predictam terram reclamabit, et quod non prestabit consilium vel auxilium quod domus de Talcarn super predicta terra vexetur. Prior eciam de Talcarn securitatem fecit de tresdecem marcis predicto Thome pro hac recognicione solvendis. Et ne concordia postmodum revocari possit vel irritari, presenti scripto et sigillorum nostrorum appositione et sigillo predicti Thome roboratur. Hiis testibus, domino Johanne tunc priore Totton, et magistris Rogero de Didesham, et Ricardo de Croiland, et Rogero de Mewi, et Ricardo personâ de Stokes, et Waltero decano de Treneglos, et Martino clerico et multis aliis.

NUM. IV.

Extenta facta inter Willielmum de Hardeshull clericum et Johannem Hamely vicecomitem Cornubie, 24 die Julii, A.D. 1337.

[Among the extents of alien priories, 11 Ed. III.]

BONA et catalla inventa in prioratu de Talcarn.—In camera prioris j lectus pro priore pretii vj^{s}. viii^{d}. Item j lectus pro commonachis suis pretii iij^{s}. remanentes in custodia dicti prioris. Item j pelvis cum lavatorio pretii xij^{d}. Item in stauro xij boves pretium cujuslibet vj^{s}. Item iij vacce pretium cujuslibet iiij^{s}. Item iij boviculi pretium cujuslibet ij^{s}. Item vj porci pretium cujuslibet xx^{d}. Item vj porcelli pretium cujuslibet vj^{d}. Item xv auce pretii xxij^{d}. obolum. Item blada in terris vij acre frumenti, pretium acre ij^{s}. Item x acre ordei pretium acre ij^{s}. Item xxx acre avene pretium acre xij^{d}. Item lviij oves matrices pretium cujuslibet vij^{d}. Decime ecclesie de Ministr, videlicet, blada et fenum juxta verum valorem taxantur ad x^{li}. Item xliiij hogastri pretium cujuslibet vj^{d}. Item xl agni pretium cujuslibet iij^{d}. Item j equus pretii xx^{s}. Item ij afferi pretii viij^{s}. Item redditus assise lxvj^{s}. viij^{d}. Alteragium dicte ecclesie non potest estimari, sed remanet in custodia vicecomitis.

Summa xxix^{li}. iij^{s}. obolum.

St. James' Priory, Tregony,

DEANERY OF POWDER.

N the Exeter Domesday, p. 471, we find that Turstinus, the sheriff of Cornwall, held of the earl of Mortain one manor called Tregona, which had been taken from the possessions of St. Petrock, and had paid to that church 15*d.* per annum. It has not been ascertained when it became appropriated, as it afterwards was, to the abbey and convent of St. Mary de Valle, in the diocese of Baieux in Normandy.

A letter is preserved in Bp. Bronescombe's Register, fol. 86, bearing date, London, May 29, 1278, and addressed to the prior and convent of Merton in Surrey, in which the bishop sanctions the exchange which they had lately made of their property in the diocese of Bayeux with the above-mentioned abbey for the patronage of Tregony. At the same time Merton priory also seems to have acquired from the same abbey Canonteign, with the patronage of Ashcombe, of St. Laurence, Exeter, and of Berry Pomeroy†. Bp. Peter Quivil confirmed his predecessor's sanction on April 26, 1282, but distinctly states that the church of St. Kyby (now Cuby) formed a portion obtained by the prior and convent of Merton. Now, and long since, the church of Cuby has become merged in that of St. James, Tregony. From that time until the dissolution of religious houses, the presentation was vested in the said prior and convent. In the valor of Henry VIII., Tregony, with its tithes, was rated at £6 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum.

Of its priors, only the following have been recovered:

Nicholas de Sancto Remigio, who was admitted by Bp. Bronescombe, March 30, 1260; and

Geoffry de Algid (*Auge*), a canon of the mother-house, who succeeded January 27, 1263.

* The rector of Minster is still lord of Poliphant, in right of his church.

† In this last parish we find mention of the chapels of SS. Margaret and James, in Bp. Lacy's Register, Nov. 6, 1433, and Dec. 8, 1434.

NUM. I.

De ecclesiis S. Jacobi de Tregoney et S. Kybi per prioratum de Merton regendis.

[Quivil's Register, fol. 124, b.]

OMNIBUS sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Petrus miseracione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ea que locis piis et personis religiosis intuitu caritatis juste collata vel alio modo adquisita noscuntur, firma debent stabilitate gaudere et ne malignantibus occasio tribuatur delinquendi nostre solicitudinis interest operam et diligenciam adhibere. Hinc est quod cum religiosi viri prior et conventus Merton ecclesias sanctorum Jacobi de Tregony et Sancti Kybi nostre diocesis cum omnibus ad ipsas spectantibus occasione cujusdam permutacionis facte cum abbate et conventu de Valle in diocesi Baiocensi in Normannia canonice sint assecuti, dominus Walterus Exoniensis ecclesie episcopus predecessor noster regimen et administracionem dictarum ecclesiarum Sancti Jacobi de Tregoni et Sancti Kybi cuidam canonico congregacionis Merton, alio concanonico eidem associato, liberaliter commisisset, nos, zelum religionis gerentes et bonum spirituale considerantes, domino priori de Merton et suis successoribus eosdem canonicos seu alios quos ibidem duxerit seu duxerint transmittendos ad suum monasterium revocandos, alios eorum loco substituendos quociens sibi et monasterio suo viderint expedire, qui nobis et successoribus nostris de spiritualibus, priori vero de Merton et successoribus suis de temporalibus et ordinis observantiâ, respondeant, vel per vicarium unum ydoneum, per predictos priorem et conventum de Merton qui pro tempore fuerint nobis et successoribus nostris presentandum, cui porcio competens assignabitur et cura animarum per nos et successores nostros committatur, ecclesias memoratas Sancti Jacobi de Trygoni et Sancti Kybi, cum religiosi de Merton supradicti hoc duxerint eligendum, faciant deservire, tenore presencium liberam concedimus facultatem. In testimonium premissorum has literas sigillo nostro signatas eisdem priori et conventui Merton fieri fecimus patentes. Datum apud Horslegh VI kalendarum Maii anno Domini M°CC° octogesimo secundo, consecracionis nostre secundo.

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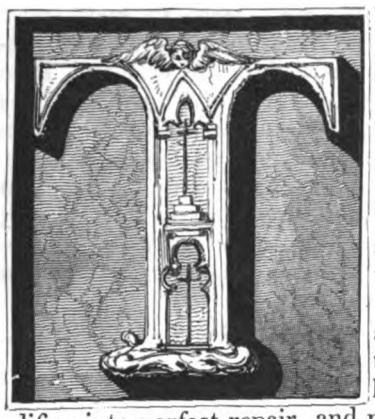
Collegiate Church of St. Michael, Penkevel,

DEANERY OF POWDER.



THE parish of S. Michael Penkevel lies in the deanery of Powder, about three miles south-east of Truro. Here Bishop Bronescombe, on Aug. 13, 1261, dedicated a church in honour of St. Michael. (Reg. fol. 20.) Its advowson was attached to the manor of Fentongollan.

About half a century after this dedication its patron, Sir John de Trejagu, knt., undertook to put the edifice into perfect repair, and proposed to found a chantry within it for four chaplains, where perpetual prayers might be offered for himself and his Lady Jane, and his parents John and Agnes de Trejagu; for Walter Stapeldon, then bishop of Exeter, his brother Sir Richard Stapeldon, knt., and his parents, William and Arabella Stapeldon; for the royal family; for Simon and Lucy de Trejagu; for Philip and Mary Le Sor; Stephen and Melora de Trewethenek and for the Mullaborne family. The proposal was approved and confirmed by the above bishop, who erected the church into a collegiate one, and the head chaplain of the four clergymen who served it into an archpriest, who was specially charged with the care of the parishioners. This instrument, dated Exeter, Feb. 7, 1319, has, we believe, never yet been published. The archpriest's socii, or fellows, lived under his roof, shared his table, and were to receive from him yearly two marks, "pro stipendio et robâ suâ."

The chantry property was reunited at the dissolution to the manor of Fentongollan, from which it had been detached by the founder. See Hals in Davies Gilbert's Parochial History of Cornwall, vol. iii. p. 208.

Num. I.

Ordinacio archipresbiteratus de Penkevel in Cornubia.

[Bishop Stapeldon's Register, fol. 163.]

Exon. septimo die mensis Februarii emanavit litera sub hâc formâ. Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint, Walterus, permissione divina, Exoniensis episcopus, salutem in Domino. Postulancium desideriis libenter annuimus et exhibitas nobis peticiones favorabiliter exaudimus, dum a nobis petitur per quod vivis consulitur cum augmento cultûs divini, et prestatur suffragium resolutis. Oblata siquidem nobis domini Johannis de Trejagu militis, patroni ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Penkevel, nostre diocesis, que de nostro feodo existit, petitio continebat, quod cum in eadem ecclesia, quam suis propriis sumptibus jam noviter reparavit in totum, ob honorem Dei quandam cantariam quatuor capellanorum qui, in ipsa ecclesia divinis obsequiis jugiter intendentes, diebus singulis pro salubri statu nostro, et domini Ricardi de Stapeldon militis, germani nostri, ac dicti domini Johannis et Johanne uxoris sue, dum viximus et vixerint, nobisque ac ipso Ricardo Johanne et Johanna ab hac luce subtractis, pro animabus nostra et eorundem, necnon Johannis et Agnetis, patris et matris ipsius domini Johannis, filiorumque suorum, ac eciam pro animabus domini Edwardi, filii regis Henrici quondam regis Anglie illustris, Willielmi de Stapeldon, Mabille uxoris sue parentum nostrorum, Simonis et Lucie de Trejagu, Philippi et Marie le Sor, Stephani et Melore de Trewethenek, Willielmi de Mullabourne, et pro salubri statu eorundem Melore et Willielmi dum vixerint, animabusque parentum ipsius Willielmi et omnium fidelium defunctorum, et specialiter pro felicitate heredum dicti domini Johannis, qui pro tempore fuerint domini manerii de Fentegollen, orare ac celebrare debeant, et eidem ecclesie nihilominus in divinis deservire, fundare desiderat, nobis humiliter supplicavit quatenus hujusmodi cantariam fundandi licenciam sibi concedere, ipsamque fundatam confirmare, ac predictam ecclesiam pro sustentacione hujusmodi capellanorum assignare seu eidem cantarie appropriare, interveniente capituli nostri consilio et assensu, auctoritate ordinaria dignaremur, necnon circa ipsorum capellanorum statum, qualem in dicta cantaria et quem gradum inter se obtinere debeat, statuere seu ordinare sicut nobis expedire videretur et ipsorum honestati congrueret, curaremus; Nos itaque attendentes pie devocionis affectum, quo domini Johannis militis predicti in hac parte viscera commoventur, ac ipsum exigentibus meritis favore benevolo prosequentes, ipsius supplicacionibus exaudicionis graciam, quantum cum Deo possumus, et ad nos pertinet, cupimus impertiri. Habito igitur super hoc cum decano et capitulo nostro Exoniensi communi tractatu et solempni qui requiritur pleniori, de ipsorum consilio et assensu, eidem Johanni fundandi hujus cantariam primitus concessâ licenciâ, ipsam sic fundatam auctoritate ordinaria confirmamus, statuentes et ordinantes quod officium archipresbiterii sit amodo perpetuum in eadem, ita videlicet quod unus capellanorum hujusmodi, quem archipresbiterum eo quod aliis presbiteris preerit servituris, ibidem volumus nominari, nobis et successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint quocies, sede Exoniense non vacante, preficiendus fuerit per dictum dominum Johannem et heredes suos, dominos manerii de Fentengolen quod ab ecclesia nostra Exoniensi tenetur in feodum, ad quod manerium advocacio ipsius ecclesie pertinet, presentetur; qui tam ad hujusmodi presbiteratus officium quam ad curam et regimen ipsius parochialis ecclesie quam ad presens vacantem eidem presbiteratus officio pro sustentatione ipsius archipresbiteri et aliorum trium capellanorum appropriamus, et eisdem archipresbitero et capellanis in proprios usus ipsius ecclesie in qua hac occasione plus solito divine laudis officium persolvetur de cetero, utilitate pensata, accedente dictorum decani et capituli consilio et assensu, perpetuo institucionis titulo possidendam concedimus, si ydoneus fuerit, admittatur, de faciendo in ecclesia predicta continuam residenciam personalem ac observando hujusmodi nostras ordinaciones et statuta in institucione sua juramenti vinculo perstringatur; alioquin ipsius institucio seu admissio nullius penitus sit momenti. Volumus eciam et ordinamus quod idem archipresbiter qui pro tempore fuerit et fructus perceperit autumnales, cedens vel decedens post fructus perceptos ante festum invencionis Sancte Crucis quecumque omnia onera tam in sustentacione capellanorum quam alia incumbencia usque ad id festum invencionis proximo secuturum teneatur modis omnibus subportare, jure seu consuetudine quod vel que de media quadragesime in nostra diocesi hactenus usitatis in aliis rectoribus locum optinet, non obstante juribus et consuetudinibus in admissione seu repulsione rectorum et aliorum preficiendorum in nostra diocesi in aliis articulis hactenus usitatis, circa admissionem et repulsionem hujus archipresbiteri, quibus per premissa de rogare non intendimus, in suo robore plenarie permansuris. Quod si forte, cedente vel decedente archipresbitero, hujusmodi archipresbiteratus vacaverit, herede dicti domini Johannis seu alio ad quem dictum manerium pertinebit

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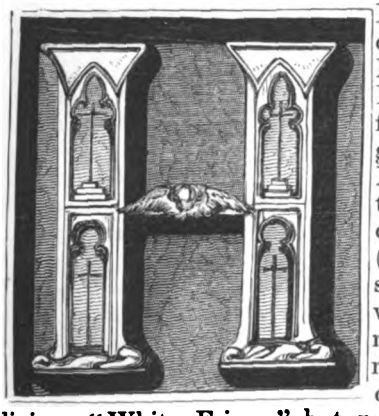
infra etatem legitimam secundum consuetudinem regni Anglie constituto, et in nostra seu successoris nostri qui pro tempore fuerit racione feodi predicta custodia sive gardia existente, ad nos vel successores nostros conferendi dictum archipresbiteratum persone ydonee libera pertinebit facultas; sede vero Exon. pastoris solacio destituta et hujusmodi herede ut premittitur infra etatem existente, et dominus noster rex Anglie qui pro tempore fuerit racione baronie nostre et ecclesie Exoniensis, que tunc in manu sua erit, jure suo ad eundem archipresbiteratum supradictum vacare tunc contigerit poterit presentare, ita videlicet quod per hujusmodi nostras vel successoris nostri sive regis collaciones seu presentaciones, heredibus dicti domini Johannis dominis ipsius manerii cum ad etatem legitimam pervenerint in aliis vacacionibus, quo minus presentare valeant ad eundem archipresbiteratum et ecclesiam, nullum prejudicium generetur. Hujusmodi vero archipresbiter sic ut premittitur institutus tres capellanos viros utique ydoneos et honestos de ipsius fundatoris vel heredum suorum assensu eligat et assumat, quos absque causa racionabili nolumus amoveri, qui preter horas canonicas et missam de die quas ab omnibus capellanis in ipsa ecclesia seu parochia horis competentibus dici precipimus in communi plenum obsequium tam pro vivis quam pro defunctis, videlicet, Placebo, Dirige, et commendacionem ac tres missas pro animabus prenominatorum vel duas ad minus et tercia de Sancta Maria, in qua nichilominus commemoracionem pro dictis tam vivis quam defunctis fieri volumus, in eadem ecclesia seu parochia, cessante impedimento legitimo, dicere cotidie teneantur, uno semper, videlicet archipresbitero predicto, circa curam parochie et jura episcopalia et archidiaconalia cum oportuerit exhibenda sumopere vigilante. Tenore etiam presenciam prohibemus ne quis capellanorum hujusmodi quocumque colore quesito in aliis ecclesiis vicinis vel circa aliud quodcumque obsequium divinum, preter quam in dicta parochia clericorum aut laicorum precepto seu prece, valeant ministrare, dum dictorum capellanorum numero voluerint aggregari; quod si secus egerit, nisi tercio per episcopum aut ejus officialem, archidiaconum Cornubie aut ejus officialem, seu per predictum archipresbiterum commonitus, noluerit a talibus abstinere, a suo ibidem habito beneficio, sit ipso jure privatus, et de eodem repellatur omnino, et alius loco sui juxta formam precedentem ydoneus subrogetur. Quantum ad gradum inter eos habendum et quis anteferri debeat, statuimus et ordinamus quod is, cui regimen tocius parochie est commissum, quem, ut premissimus, volumus archipresbyterum nuncupari de bonis dicte ecclesie, ipsi ut premittitur appropriate libere disponendi prout rectoribus aliarum ecclesiarum nostre diocesis jus sive consuetudo permittit, habeat facultatem; ita tamen quod tam ipse quam alii capellani quos sibi socios appellabit in eadem domo simul cotidie se simul et similiter reficiant et habitent in communi, quodque idem archipresbiter de bonis provenientibus de ecclesia predicta singulis capellanis pro stipendio et roba sua singulis annis duas marcas ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, in festo pasche et Sancti Michaelis pro equalibus porcionibus solvere teneatur; qui quidem archipresbiter tam in administracione bonorum, ut premittitur, quam honoris prerogativa ceteris preferatur, aliis capellanis inter se illum gradum in sedibus et aliis quem ordo temporis quo in societate hujusmodi fuerint illis attribuit habituris, juxta legem que dicit quod is gradus ceteros antecedat quem in eodem genere militandi labor prolixior fecerat anteire. Quas quidem ordinaciones nostras quilibet capellanus qui ibidem recipiendus fuerit in sua admissione se suo tempore quantum ad ipsum pertinet servaturus, prestito juramento, corporaliter affirmabit, salva nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exonie qui pro tempore fuerint potestate premissis addendi seu detrahendi eisdem si, prout, et quando nobis aut ipsis videbimus seu viderint expedire, et salvis jure et jurisdictione ecclesie nostre Exoniensis ac etiam archidiaconorum Cornubie et suorum officialium qui pro tempore fuerint in omnibus et singulis ac eciam auctoritate quibus per premissa in nullo volumus nec intendimus derogare. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo decani et capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exonie presentibus est appensum. Datum Exonie septimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo decimo nono.

Convent of Dominican Friars at Truro,

DEANERY OF POWDER.



HERE was a Dominican * convent founded by the Reskymer † family (Num. II. post); but of which few particulars can be gleaned. Bishop Walter Bronescombe dedicated their conventual church on Michaelmas-day, 1259. (Reg. fol. 7.) It was situated between Kenwyn ‡ Street and the river. Leland, in his Itinerary, (vol. iii. p. 27,) has incorrectly styled these religious "White Friars;" but rectified this mistake in a subsequent part (vol. vii. p. 120) of the same work. Though many names of its members occur in the lists of the ordinandi in the episcopal registers, and though the community had the reputation of excelling in theological science, we have been unable to recover the names of more than two of the priors, viz.—

John, in March, 1330.

Benedict Lugans, a man apparently of much merit, and highly esteemed by Bp. Brantyngham: his name often occurs between 1380 and 1390.

In Bp. Grandisson's Register (vol. iii. fol. 66) is his commission, dated Sept. 10, 1328, to John, prior of Bodmin, to reconcile the church and cemetery of the Dominicans at Truro, reputed to have been recently violated. To this community the same bishop bequeathed the sum of 40*s*.

The site was granted by King Edward VI., A. D. 1553, to Edward Aglionby. About a century ago, parts of the

* The founder of this order of Friars Preachers, or Black Friars, St. Dominic, was of the illustrious house of the Guzmans, in Old Castille. His rule was confirmed by Pope Honorius III. on Dec. 26, 1216. The death of the saint occurred at Bologna, Aug. 6, 1221, æt. 49: and in the same year the first convent was founded in England, at Oxford. At the dissolution of monasteries the number of Dominican houses did not exceed sixty.

† Arms, arg. three bars gules, in chief a wolf passant, azure. The king (as we shall see, post Num. I.) also claimed to be founder. There was, however, no legal repugnance in this double claim of foundership.

‡ The church of S. Kenwyn was dedicated by Bp. Bronescombe Sept. 27, 1259, and on the following day "capella S. Marie de Truru." We learn from Bp. Grandisson's Register, that his lordship "dedicavit majus altare de Truru," Nov. 6, 1328. This parochial church of St. Mary was long in the gift of the Bodrigans. Bp. Lacy, Dec. 7, 1420, licensed the celebration of divine service "in capella S. Georgii de novo constructa in Parochiâ S. Marie de Truru." Early in the sixteenth century the tower and the church of St. Mary's were rebuilt with stone granted to the parishioners, May 6, 1504, by Sir John Arundell.

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church, and of a holy well, were distinctly visible in the meadow called the Friary. Afterwards, a tan-yard was formed in the precincts. From the information of E. J. Spry, Esq., we learn that the site is now intersected from north to south by Castle-street, and from east to west by Frances-street, crossing each other at right angles.

Through the kindness of Albert Way, Esq., director of the Society of Antiquaries, we are enabled to submit to the reader an impression of the beautiful convent seal. It is singular that the matrix was found in 1842 in the vicarage garden of St. Nicholas' Church, Sturry, Canterbury. The centre of the oval is occupied by our Saviour seated, and in the act of teaching and blessing. The legend is,

✠ S . CONVENT' . FRATRV̄ . P'DICATOR' . DE . TRIVERV.

The following documents show that the acquisition of property by the religious houses of this order, in their corporate character, was of ordinary occurrence in this country, and was sanctioned by the law, and Num. II. is an example of the mode of indirectly making wills of land practised before the Statute of Wills.

Num. I.

Licentia tenendi terras, Statuto de terris ad manum mortuam etc. non obstante, data priori et conventui Fratrum Predicatorum villæ de Truro.

[Pat. 49 Ed. III. p. 2, m. 26.]

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod cum prior et conventus fratrum de domo ordinis predicatorum ville de Truri in comitatu Cornubie per progenitores nostros fundate perquisierint sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum de Ricardo Custofre duas placeas terre que de nobis non tenentur, continentes centum pedes in longitudine et quinquaginta pedes in latitudine, eandemque terram ingressi fuissent et eam claudi fecissent in elargacionem clausi mansionis sue in villa predicta post et contra formam statuti de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis editi, per quod dicta terra virtute statuti predicti nobis forisfacta existit, nos de gratia nostra speciali perdonavimus forisfacturam terre predicte nobis sic virtute statuti predicti incursam, volentes et concedentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est quod prefati prior et conventus dictam terram cum pertinentibus habeant de dono nostro et teneant eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis in elargacionem clausi mansionis sue predicte inperpetuum de eisdem dominis feodi de quibus et per eadem servicia per que dicta terra tenebatur ante perquisicionem predictam, statuto aut forisfactura predictis non obstantibus. In cujus etc. Teste rege apud Blatherwyk xxiiij die Augusti. Per breve de privato sigillo.

Num. II.

Enrolment of a declaration of uses of the will of Ralph Reskymer in favour of the Friars Preachers of Truro.

[Rot. Claus. 2 Ed. IV. n. 101, d.]

To all those to whom this present writyng shall comme Rauf Reskymer squier send gretyng. Where as I the seid Rauf have enfeoffed William Bere, Roger Crestowe clerk, Michell Sule clerk, and John Kemp of and in all my manoirs londes and tenementes rentes and services with thappurtenances in the shire of Cornewaill and estate therof to theym by me delyvered to thentent to fulfill my wyll as well that that is conteyned in wrytyng declared at the tyme of the seid estate made as that that I shulde to theym for my wyll bi writynge in tyme aftirward, I will and bi this present writyng declare that my seid feoffees over these thynges conteyned in the seid writyng declared upon the seid estate shall make a sure estate unto the beholf of the priour and covent of the house of Freres Prechours of Truru in the seid counte, of the which house myne auncestres been foundours, of and in a medowe two gardeyns and a culverhous adjoynyng to the seid house of freres in the west side therof beynge nowe in the handes of John Arundell squyer to have and to holde to the seid priour and covent and to their successours for evermore by way of eschaunge for suche londes and tenementes as I have enfeoffed my seid feoffees bi their discrecion to susteyn a masse dayly to be songen for the soules of me and of myne auncestres aboute the houre of x in the chauncell of the seid freres at the auter of the Trinite, before the whiche auter I will that my seid feoffes provyde for my body to be leyed of the issues and profites commyng of my seid liflode. Also if it so be that eny of myne heirs trouble or interrupt in eny wise my seid feoffees in pursuyng of eny part of my will conteyned as well in this my present writyng as of eny part conteyned in the seid writyng declared upon the seid estate, than I will that my seid feoffees have holde and rejoyse all my seid manoirs londes and tenementes wherof I have enfeoffed theym accordynge to the dede of the estate therof by me to theym made, to dispose therof for me aftir their discrecions. In witnesse wherof to this my present will I have put my seale. Yoven the xth day of the moneth of November the seconde yere of the reigne of Kynge Edward the iiijth.

Et memorandum quod predictus Radulphus venit in cancellariam regis apud Westmonasterium undecimo die Novembris anno presenti et recognovit scriptum predictum et omnia contenta in eodem in forma predicta.

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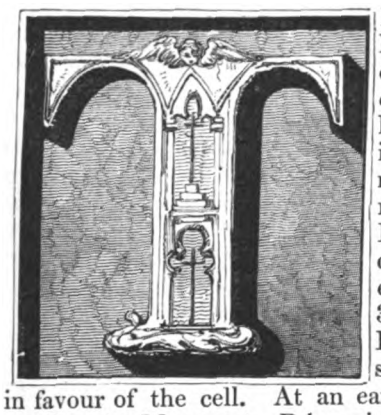
The Cell of S. Cyrus, Ciricus, or Ciricius,

IN THE DEANERY OF WEST.



THE first, and it is believed the only occasion, on which this "little celle of Saint Cyret and Julette *," as Leland terms it, (Itin., vol. iii. p. 25,) is noticed in our episcopal registers, is in Bishop Bronescombe's, where a document (Num. I.) is entered, bearing date May 30, 1236, by which Bp. Brewer charged the bishopric with an annuity in favour of the cell. At an early period it was an appendage to Montacute Priory in Somersetshire. In the charter of King Henry II., confirming the possessions of that priory, it is designated as "Sanctus Cairocus in Cornubia," and in another of King Edward III. as "Cella de Sancto Carrico †." (Monast. Angl., vol. v. pp. 167—8.) It appears from the valor of Henry VIII. that the superior was removable at the pleasure of the prior of Montacute. He had but two religious persons under his government, and the sum total of its rents, according to the same valor, was £11. 1. 0. The only prior whom we have met with was the last, Laurence Casteltown. (See Valor of Henry VIII.) On Sept. 3, 1545, the King granted, in fee, to Laurence Courtenay and Dorothy his wife "capitale messuagium nuper celle Sci Karochi ac etiam capellam voc. St. Karroch, etc. habendum eis et heredibus ipsius Laurentii imperpetuum," &c. (Originalia 37 Hen. VIII. rot. 28.)

Num. I.

Carta episcopi Exoniensis pro cella S. Cyrici.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 25, b.)

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus, miseracione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis eternam in Domino salutem. Cupientes ecclesiam Sancte Nonne in Cornubia usibus illis integre cedere, ad quos illam provida deliberacione duximus deputandam, nolentes eciam cellulam Sancti Cyrici, que singulis annis de dictâ ecclesiâ sex marcas, quatuor solidos, et tres obolos recipere consuevit quacunque racione defraudari, nos divine caritatis intuitu de capituli nostri consensu, dedimus et concessimus eidem cellule quinque marcas de bonis episcopatus nostri solvendas eidem singulis annis pro equis porcionibus ad eosdem terminos quibus dictam pensionem sex marcarum quatuor solidorum et trium obolorum recipere consuevit, donec eidem fuerit per nos vel aliquem successorum nostrorum competencius vel eque provisum. Quod quidem facere tenemur quam cito poterimus commode: et ut hec nostra collacio futuris temporibus rata et inconcussa permaneat, presens scriptum sigilli nostri, necnon et decani et capituli cathedralis sigillorum munimine fecimus roborari. Datum Exon. anno gracie M°.CC°.XXXVj°. II kalendas Junii consecracionis nostre anno xiij.

Num. II.

Computus ministrorum domini regis temp. Hen. VIII.

[Transcript of Roll. 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.]

Cella Sanctæ Carokæ.

Computus Johannis Tubbe, Johannis Kaylleway et Rogeri Tubbe firmariorum ibidem per dictum tempus.

Arreragia.

Nulla, quia primus computus.

Summa nulla.

Firma cellæ predictæ.

Sed respondet de £11. 1. de firma totius capitalis messuagii ibidem cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis necnon omnium illorum messuagiorum terrarum tenementorum redituum revensionum et servitiorum cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis jacentibus et existentibus in parochia de Dewle Lantegles in comitatu Cornubiæ ac etiam capella quæ vocatur Saint Karoche alias Saint Karicke cum suis pertinentiis per quæcumque nomina cenciantur sive cenciatur necnon tota garba parochiæ de Saint Veppa cum omnibus decimis et proficuis ac commoditatibus rectoriæ de Saint Veppa prædicta pertinentibus unacum firma totius manerii de Govan (Gorun?) et Saint Karoche necnon omnium illorum messuagiorum terrarum tenementorum pratorum pascuarum et pasturarum, communia, boscorum reddituum revensionum et servitiorum cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinentiis sic dimissa prefatis computantibus per indenturam datam ultimo die Junii anno 29 Henrici VIII. pro termino vitæ eorum et unius eorum diutius viventis solvendis ad festa paschæ et Sancti Michaelis archangeli equis porcionibus, reparationibus præmissorum in omnibus ad onus dictorum firmariorum prout in indentura inde confecta ad largum irrotulatam plenius continetur, viz. pro duobus hujusmodi festis infra tempus hujus computi accidentibus ut supra.

Summa £11. 1.

Summa totalis firmæ prædictæ £11. 1.; quam liberaverunt Thomæ Arundell militi receptori domini regis ibidem sine billa, sed tamen ex recognitione super hunc computum.

Et eque.

* Bp. Grandisson had dedicated the parish church of Vepe, in which this cell was situate, July 1, 1336, "de novo constructam in honore SS. Ciricii et Julitte." Reg., vol. ii. fol. 201.

The infant Cyrus and his mother, Julitta, suffered martyrdom under Diocletian, about the year 304. Their festival was kept June 16. Several churches and chapels in the diocese of Exeter were dedicated in their honour; Vicaria de Nyweton, Sanctorum Ciricii et Julitte juxta Exon, (Newton St. Cyres,) occurs in Bp. Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 68. A chapel of their name, within Calstock parish, is mentioned by Bp. Stafford's Reg., vol. i. fol. 125; and in folio 246 of the same register we find the church at Luxulian was called after them. We are not a little surprised that Dr. Whitaker (Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. i. p. 199) should have imagined these saints to be man and wife.

† According to Tanner, and the documents noticed above, the infant was called by the various names of Cyre, Cyrus, Cyret, Syriac, Karroc, Carokus, Caroka, Karicke, Carricus, and Carricius. The site is now called S. Cadix. In the Golden Legend, and some other early authorities, he is called S. Quiricus.

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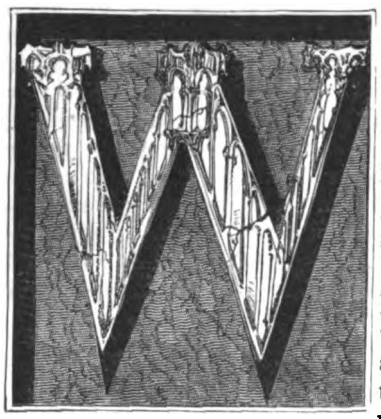
The Cell of S. Michael de Lammana,

IN THE DEANERY OF WEST,



AS situate on an isle in Talland parish, opposite Looe. After its foundation for two monks, it was granted to the abbot and convent of Glastonbury. It certainly was part of the possessions of that celebrated abbey in 1144. About a century later, Richard, earl of Cornwall, authorised the abbot and convent to farm out this property, or to dispose of it altogether. By the silence of our episcopal registers from the year 1257, it is not improbable that they availed themselves of his licence. That a chantry existed here in the middle of the fourteenth century is evident from Bishop Grandisson's Register, vol. iii. fol. 98. There are still some remains of the chapel.

Helias appears to have been prior of the cell when Hastutus, son of John de Solenneio, executed a deed of confirmation. (Post Num. I.) The patronage of the priory was in the abbey. (Domerham, vol. ii. p. 423.)

Num. I.

Carta Hastuti insulam S. Michaelis ecclesie Glastoniensi confirmans.

[Ad. de Domerham de rebus gestis Glastoniensibus, ed. Hearne. vol. ii. Auct. p. 599.]

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Hastutus filius Johannis de Solenneio, salutem in Domino. Universitati vestræ notificetur, quod ego Hastutus filius Johannis de Solenneio concessi et presenti carta confirmavi Deo et ecclesiæ beatæ Virginis Mariæ Glaston et ejusdem loci conventui totam insulam Sancti Michaelis de Lammana cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et terris, et decimis, quam ab antiquo dono prædecessorum meorum tenent, ut in omnibus, tam libere, et quiete, et honorifice ab omni servitio seculari et exactione servili, ipsam possideant, integre, plenarie, et pacifice, in planis et pascuis, et in omnibus consuetudinibus liberis, sicut ego melius et liberius terram meam in dominiis meis possideo, et ut omnia pecora sua cum meis ubique pascantur. Concedo etiam eis plenarie decimas dominii mei omnes de Portlo, et ut jura, libertates, et consuetudines, sicut ego in mea curia, ita ipsi in sua curia habeant. Prohibeo siquidem, ne aliquis ex ballivis vel servientibus meis illis quacumque occasione aliquam molestiam inferat vel seculare servitium ab eisdem exigere præsumat, unde fratres mei, monachi Glastonienses in præfato loco Lammana Deo servientes, ab eisdem famulatu ullatenus prepediantur. Si quis autem huic concessioni meæ fidem et effectum adhibuerit, a pio judice mercedem condignam inveniat. Qui vero eam in irritum ducere presumpserit, deleat eum Deus de libro vitæ, et cum Juda proditore sine fine pœnas exolvat. Ne igitur facti mei tenor vacillet in dubio, præsentis scripti paginam sigilli mei appositione roboravi. Hiis testibus, Helya tunc ejusdem priore, et ejus socio monacho Johanne, Henrico filio Milonis, Willielmo milite, Grimbaldo, Roberto clerico, Jordano decano, Angero de Luitecote, Jocelino milite fratre ejus, Gervasio capellano de Sancto Marco, Rogero Ruffo, Rogero Cileintenat, Willielmo filio Roberti et multis aliis *.

Num. II.

Carta Ricardi comitis Cornubiæ per quam sectas curiæ et consuetudines ratione terrarum de Lammana remittit, et licentiam alienandi concedit abbati Glastoniensi.

[Ibid. p. 603.]

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit, nobilis vir Ricardus comes Cornubiæ salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos, pro salute nostra, et hæredum et successorum nostrorum remisisse et quieta clamasse imperpetuum, pro nobis, hæredibus, et successoribus nostris, viris religiosis abbati et conventui Glaston ac ecclesiæ ejusdem loci, hospitia cum arreragiis, sectas comitatus, schirehundredorum, ac curiæ de factum † et omnes alias sectas et consuetudines, quæ ad nos et hæredes et successores nostros, alicujus jure, pertinebant seu pertinere poterant de terris et possessionibus suis de Lammana, cum pertinentiis, videlicet, pro x. solidis sterlingorum annuatim solvendis senescallo nostro, vel ballivo Cornubiæ apud castrum de Lanstavetone ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Concessimus etiam in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dictis abbati et conventui et ecclesiæ Glaston pro nobis, et heredibus et successoribus nostris imperpetuum plenam licentiam et liberam potestatem ponendi ecclesiam et insulam de Lammana, præfatas ecclesias, terras, et possessiones ejusdem loci, cum pertinentiis, ad firmam, alienandi insuper eas, si voluerint, vel aliter de eisdem pro ipsorum beneplacito disponendi sine aliqua contradictione, exactione, vel impedimento nostri, vel heredum aut successorum nostrorum. Et ut hæc nostra remissio, quieta clamantia, et concessio rata sit, et in posterum perseveret, huic scripto sigillum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, dominis Ricardo de Latur, Willielmo Talebot, Petro Gandi, Olivero de Aspervile, Petro de la Mare, militibus; Johanne de Latur, Ricardo Basset et aliis.

* The same appendix contains a release, by Roger Fitzwilliam, of his interest in the lands of Lammana; and a grant by Robert de Cardinam of a ferling of land of Trewodlowan, "scilicet, Fentenfilgi," to hold of him "per legale servitium et hutiban quando evenerit," together with housebote and firebote, &c. There is also a composition, A.D. 1239, between the convents of Glastonbury and Launceston respecting the tithes of certain lands near Looe.

Johannes de Soleigny occurs as a land-owner in Cornwall, tempore Richard I. (Carew's Survey, 49, b.); and Harsculfus, or Hasculfus, de Soligneio, or Suleni, occurs at the close of the twelfth and beginning of the thirteenth centuries in Norman records. (See Rot. Norman, 4 Joh. p. 85, ed. 1835, and Rot. Scacc. Norman, ed. 1840, Preface, p. 65; see also Pipe roll. 3 Joh. p. 208, ed. 1833.) It should seem that the family name was derived from Soligni in Normandy, and that *Hastutus* ought to be *Hasculfus*.—S.

† So in Hearne's copy.

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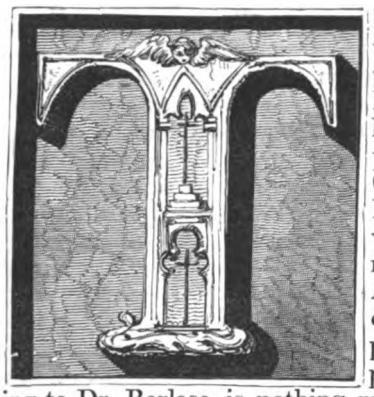
S. Achabrannus, or Keverne,

IN THE DEANERY OF KERRIER.



THIS church, which at the time of the Domesday survey seems to have been collegiate, and was then valued at forty shillings, appears to be identical with Chebrans, or Keveran's, or Kaveran's, now St. Keverne. The entry in that record is "Canonici Sancti Achebranni tenent Lannachebran, et tenebant tempore regis Edwardi." The prefix *a* to Chebran, according to Dr. Borlase, is nothing more than a preposition in the Cornish language, and Lannachebran, or Lan-a-kebran, means the church of St. Kebran, or Keverne. (See Whitaker's Ancient Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. ii. p. 13*.)

This property was granted by Richard, earl of Cornwall, to his father's foundation at Beaulieu, Hants, and was confirmed to that monastery by Bishop Brewer, and by Pope Gregory IX. In 30 Edw. I. that abbey was allowed by the justices in eyre extensive liberties in their vill of S. "Kaveran," under the grants of the two preceding kings. (See Placita de quo warranto, p. 108.) Until the dissolution of religious houses, the vicars of S. Keverne were presented by the abbot and convent of that Cistercian abbey. After the transfer of the property to the abbey, the church does not appear to have retained its collegiate character. In Bishop Bronescombe's Register, fol. 1, we meet with the abbot of Beaulieu, Sept. 15, 1258, paying obedience to this prelate, "pro ecclesia Sancti Keverane quam habuit in proprios usus." The same bishop, on June 10, 1266, admitted William Postjoye to this vicarage on the presentation of the abbot and convent, (Register, fol. 34,) and on the Tuesday after, S. Laurence, 1269, the same bishop fixed the portion of the vicar, viz. the premises hitherto occupied by his predecessors, "et totum altalagium una cum decimis fabarum et pisorum in antiquis curtilagiis," reserving to the abbey of Beaulieu the whole tithe of the fishery, and the tithe of beans, peas, and vetches, and of all other things growing within the fields of the parish. (See also fol. 82 of his Register, August, 1279.) In Bishop Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 24, we find the return of that prelate to the king's writ, dated Westminster, Dec. 3, 1242. He certifies, after due research and inquiry, that "dicta ecclesia Sancti Keverani est et fuit die quinto decimo Aprilis, 1342, et per centum annos ante et amplius," in the possession of the abbot and convent of Beaulieu. On Dec. 5, 1330, this illustrious prelate had licensed the absolute appropriation of this church by the said abbey.

* If *a* is here a mere sign of the genitive, it is not easy to account for its use in the preceding word, "Achebranni." Besides, the prefix is not used after *Lan* in other entries. See the last note but one to the next article.—S.

S. Pieran, or Perran, in Sabulo,

IN THE DEANERY OF PYDER.

IN this parish, of which the Cornish name is Piran in Treth, the Irish saint is supposed to have died, and been buried in the year 549. Here also, according to Leland, "ejus mater Wingela cum sanctis virginibus habitabat*." (3 Itin. 195.)

The record of Domesday proves that a dean and canons were settled here as early as the reign of the Confessor. The property is there called Lanpiran, and is stated to be free from taxation. The earl of Moretain appears, by that record, to have seized two of the estates of the church which, at the time of the survey, were held by Bernerus and Odo. From the Exeter Domesday (fol. 188—220) we learn that Tregrebi was the name of one of the estates, "Mansio est de honore Sci Perani." One of the entries, which contains a reference to a curious and obscure tenure, is subjoined.

Henry I. granted, or restored, this church to the cathedral of Exeter, and his donation was confirmed by succeeding sovereigns. It still remains parcel of the possessions of the cathedral, to whose history it properly belongs. In Bp. Bronescombe's Register, fol. 41, is the taxation of its vicarage, dated Tuesday after the feast of St. Laurence, 1269. The collation had lapsed to the bishop for that turn; and, in preferring Drocus to it, he assigned to him, "pro vicariâ, totam altilagium matricis ecclesie et capelle et omnes obvenciones de turnis reliquiarum provenientes;" but the vicar was to pay six marks per annum to the dean and chapter of Exeter. This endowment is copied, verbatim, (March 15, 1413,) into Bishop Stafford's Reg., vol. i. fol. 195. It is probably this "capella" which was discovered in 1835 roofless and almost buried in the sands. It is by some supposed to have been the oratory of the saint †.

Norden, who wrote his Cornish work in 1584, observes, in page 68, that "this parish of Peran is almost drowned with the sand, in such sorte, as the inhabitants have bene once already forced to remove their church." (See Whitaker's Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. i. p. 329.)

The mother church being again threatened to be overwhelmed with the drifting sands, it became necessary to

* There are two other parishes called after St. Pierran, or Perran, in Cornwall; one in Udno, or Uthno, (Perranuthno,) in the deanery of Penwith, where a chapel of St. James, juxta Petrys, was begun by John Andrew in 1400. On Sept. 12, in that year, Bp. Stafford invited the faithful to contribute towards its completion. (Reg., vol. i. fol. 46.) The other St. Pieran (Perran Arwothal) is in the deanery of Kerrier, and is held with the vicarage of St. Stethyan, or Stithians. An altar, dedicated to St. John the Baptist and SS. Blase and Pieran, formerly stood in the nave of Exeter cathedral, at which obituary services were performed for the bishops of Exeter. (See Bronescombe's Reg., fol. 46.) Leland, Tanner, and several biographers of British saints, have treated S. Kieran, S. Keverne, and S. Pieran as the same person.

† This discovery has formed the subject of a book of some popularity, called "Perranzabuloe, or the Lost Church," &c., the title-page of which will remind some readers of Simon's "Hope of Israel, or the Missing Ten Tribes discovered in the Aborigines of the Western Hemisphere." 8vo. 1829. A work on the same subject is promised by the Rev. W. Haslam.

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remove the site to Lambourn, a central situation, where a new edifice was erected on land granted by the late Francis Gregor, of Trewarthenick, Esq., and opened for public worship on July 18, 1805.

In the will of Sir John Arundell, Knt. dated April 18, 1433, and proved on June 7 following, is the following bequest, "Item lego ad usum parochie Sancti Pyerani in Zabulo ad claudendum capud Sancti Pyerani honorifice, et meliore modo quo sciunt, quadraginta solidos." Lacy's Reg., vol. iii. fol. 503.

Num. I.

Extract from the Exeter Domesday, vol. i. fol. 206, b. (fol. 188, printed ed.)

Terre S. Pierani in Cornugallia. Canonichi S. Pierani habent I mansionem que vocatur Lanpiran quam tenebant liberam ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In eâ sunt III hidæ. Has possunt arare VIII carruce. In ea habent canonici I carrucam, et villani I carrucam. Ibi sunt IIII villani et VIII bordarii et II servi et VIII animalia et XXX oves et X agros pascue, et valet per annum XII solidos, et quando comes accepit valebat XL solidos. De hâc mansione ablate sunt II mansiones que eâ die quâ rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus reddebant canonichis S. Pierani firmam quatuor septimanarum*, quarum unam tenet Bernerus de Comite, et de aliâ hidâ quam tenet Odo de Sancto Pierano abstulit Comes totam pecuniam. Iste II mansiones reddebant decano pro consuetudine XX solidos preter predictam firmam.

Num. II.

Cartæ regum Johannis et Henrici Tertii ecclesiam S. Pyrani aliasque ecclesias episcopis Exoniensibus confirmantes.

(Bronescombe's Reg., fol. 102; Rot. Cart. 55 Hen. III.)

Inspeximus cartam Domini Johannis regis patris nostri factam ecclesie Exoniensi in hec verba:—Johannes Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hybernie, etc. Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Sancte Marie et Sancto Petro Exoniensis ecclesie et Henrico Exoniensi episcopo et successoribus suis has subscriptas ecclesias, videlicet, ecclesiam Sancti Petroci, Sancti Stephani, Pyrani, Thohon†, Probos. Preter hec autem tres ecclesias in Devonia, scilicet, ecclesiam de Plympton, de Braunton, et ecclesiam Sancti Stephani intra ipsam civitatem Exon, necnon et ecclesiam de Coliton, cum omnibus terris et decimis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, tam liberas et quietas ab omnibus geldis, querelis, et consuetudinibus sicut fuerunt temporibus antecessorum nostrorum Henrici regis avi ac patris nostri, sicut carta ejusdem Henrici regis rationabiliter testatur. Concessimus etiam et confirmavimus predictis Exon ecclesie et Henrico ejusdem ecclesie episcopo et successoribus suis capellariam de Boseham cum terris et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis cum libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis imperpetuum tenendam et possidendam adeo libere, quiete, et pacifice, sicut aliquis eam umquam melius et liberius tenuit. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicta Exon ecclesia et predictus Henricus ejusdem ecclesie episcopus et successores sui post eum habeant et teneant omnes predictas ecclesias et predictam capellariam de Boseham, bene, et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie, et honorifice, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis in omnibus locis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus. Testibus, Philippo Dunelmensi episcopo, Gaffrido filio Petri, etc.—NOS igitur donationes et concessiones predictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est concedimus et confirmamus, sicut carte predicte rationabiliter testantur. Hiis testibus; venerabilibus patribus W. Eboracensi archiepiscopo, W. Wygorniensi episcopo, etc.

* This tenure by the service of "four weeks" is adverted to by Sir H. Ellis in his Introduction to Domesday, vol. i. p. 261. The name of Lanpiran in this entry, as in the case of Lanprobus and other instances, designates not the church, but the temporal property of the church.

It seems to be equivalent to Church-Perran, and not the church of S. Perran.—S.

† In Cart. 36 Ed. III. m. 12 (which represents the charter of Henry I. to be only confirmatory of those of prior kings), this name is stated to be *Tohon*. (See 2 Dugd. Monast. p. 539.) As no such church can be identified among the possessions of the see, is it not possibly only an adjunct to the preceding name, and equivalent to Perran *Towan*, i. e. Perran in the sands?

The Hospital of S. John the Baptist, Helston,

IN THE DEANERY OF KERRIER.

Its earliest name was that of St. Mary Magdalen. The first time we meet with it in the registers is on October 7, 1411. (Stafford's Reg., vol. i. fol. 135.) Again it is mentioned on July 4, 1435, in Bishop Lacy's Register. The valor of Henry VIII. attributes the foundation of it to an archdeacon of Cornwall, but that honour is assigned, by Leland, (Itin., vol. iii. p. 12,) to a member of the Killigrew family. Its rental amounted to £14. 7*s.* 2½*d.* per annum, as we learn from the Valor of Henry VIII., from which the following payments were deducted:—

	s.	*d.*
To the lord of Methley for the lands of Pensenton, Meneth, Clusow, Nicham, and Melyns Goys	7	4½
To the lord of Trelegan for the lands of Kelcan, Tregentalen, and Trelegan	2	6
To the mayor of Helston Borough for a tenement	–	10
To the prior of Bodmin, charged on a house in St. John Street	–	6
To John Reskymer	–	6

The last superior of the house was John Harrys, as we collect from Bishop Veysy's Valor, and Willis's Mitred Abbies, vol. ii. p. 54.

The Lazar House of S. Mary Magdalen, Liskeard,

IN THE DEANERY OF WEST.

This ancient house is frequently mentioned in the registers, but there is no entry of sufficient importance or interest to be extracted †.

† The chapel of our Lady, in the park of Liskeard, is also often mentioned, and seems to have been much frequented. On Nov. 1, 1441, Bishop Lacy granted an indulgence to penitent persons contributing to repair the way to it. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 234.) There was also a hermitage in the same place.

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Cell of S. Nicholas of Scilly.

AS early as in the reign of the Confessor the abbey of Tavistock had possessions in the Scilly Islands. Henry I. confirmed to them and to Turoldus, one of the monks of Scilly, all the churches and land of Scilly as they had heretofore held them, and granted them his special protection. The form of the charter makes it probable that Turoldus was at this time the superior of a dependent priory in those islands; and it is observable that it does not convey to them (as some have supposed) a property in all the islands and their churches, but only confirms them in the possession of all they had heretofore enjoyed. Later documents show that this property was confined to certain islands, which, either from the change of names, or the defective spelling of them, can now, it seems, only be partly identified. A qualified right of wreck was given, or confirmed, to them by Reginald, earl of Cornwall, and allowed to them by the king's justices on a quo warranto, 30 Edward I. (Placita de Quo Warranto, p. 110.) During the wars with France, which rendered the continuance of a monastic establishment in the islands insecure, Edward III. authorised the parent abbey so far to deviate from the conditions of the endowment as to celebrate daily service there by secular instead of regular clergy. (Post Num. IV.)

It will be seen by the documents in the appendix that the name of Scilly is not confined to one island, but is applied to the whole group of islands, which are very numerous*. Both the abbots of Tavistock and the earls of Cornwall seem to have been lords of Scilly according to their several signories or interests, and when the islands have been held as fiefs, or otherwise, under the earl, the duke, or the crown, the feoffee or lessee has usually assumed the same title. (See post Num. IV.; Lysons' Cornwall, p. 331, 332; Will. de Worcestre, p. 116.)

The islands have been immemorially subject to the jurisdiction of the see of Exeter since the annexation of Cornwall to that see, but no instance has been found in the registers of a personal visitation of them by the bishop. Bishop Grandisson, (Reg., vol. i. fol. 37,) in his letter to Pope John XXII., says, "habet episcopatus Exoniæ insulas maris ubi nunquam aliquis episcopus accedit, sed aliquos fratres (sicuti non feci) mittere consuevit †." Accordingly commissions were often issued, directed to the prior of S. Nicholas, in S. Mary's island, to inquire of delinquencies, to correct offenders, and provide remedies for abuses.

The priory consisted of but two members, and it is not clear whether the house had a corporate character distinct from that of the mother abbey. The grant of wreck by Reginald is to the "monks of Scilly," and not, like that of Henry I., to the abbey of Tavistock; yet in the pleadings and the quo warranto above referred to, the claim is made by the abbey, and not by the priory. Neither the valor of Henry VIII., nor the published minister's accounts for Tavistock abbey, notice any revenues accruing from the Scilly property. Indeed the islands appear to have passed unnoticed in the ecclesiastical valuation, as they had before been omitted out of the Domesday survey.

Of the priors we have met with the following names:—

Turoldus, who appears to have been superior in the time of Bishop William Warelwast, between 1107 and 1136.

Alan de Cornwall, who became abbot of Tavistock June 8, 1233, and died in that dignity February 28, 1248.

Robert Denys occurs January 2, 1331. Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. p. 141.

John Durant, who at length was removed from superiority by Bishop Brantyngham, "propter senectutem, debilitatem et impotenciam." Reg. vol. ii. fol. 27, when

Richard Auncel succeeded in 1371, and remained in office until his translation to the priorship of S. Michael's mount, Dec. 7, 1385.

John Denyngton occurs as prior March 8, 1442. Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 248. He was elected prior of Tavistock in 1451.

Num. I.

Carta Regis Henrici de Insulis de Sullya.

(Ex cartulario penes Joh. Maynard, fol. 3, a‡.)

Henricus rex Anglorum Willielmo episcopo Excestrie et Ricardo filio Baldwini, et justiciæ suæ de Devenesira et Cornegallia, salutem. Sciatis me dedisse in perpetuam elemosinam Osberto abbati et ecclesie de Tavystok, et Turoldo monacho suo omnes ecclesias de Sullye cum pertinentiis suis, et terram, sicut unquam monachi aut heremite melius eam tenuerunt tempore regis Edwardi, et Burgaldi episcopi Cornegalliæ. Et volo et precipio quod ipse Turoldus et omnes monachi de Sully sicut proprii præbendarii mei habeant firmam pacem cum omnibus que ad eos pertinent. Et prohibeo ne aliquis ullo modo eis noceat aut ullam injuriam faciat. Quod si quis presumpserit, corporis sui membrorumque suorum dampnum sustineat. Testibus, Radulpho archiepiscopo Cantuarie et Turstano archiepiscopo Eboraci, et Willielmo episcopo Wyntonie, et Roberto episcopo Lincolnie, et Ricardo episcopo Londonii, et Ranulpho cancellario, et Roberto comite de Mellent, et Nigello de Albineio. Apud Bornam in transitu.

* The usage of calling the islands by the general name of Scilly (in the singular number) is still common in ordinary language. In strictness, only one small uninhabited rock among them is locally known by that name. An eminent naturalist, Mr. Couch, conjectures, with great plausibility, that the islands have borrowed their name from the provincial name of the conger-eel, or selya, once an article of considerable trade in them. (Cornish Fauna, part i. p. 48.) Modern writers, following Camden, have usually identified the islands with the Cassiterides of antiquity, from which the Phœnicians derived their supplies of tin. It is, however, the opinion of competent judges that the islands are not, nor ever were, productive of that metal in sufficient quantities to tempt adventurers; and it is certain that the surface of the country presents few or none of those unequivocal indications of ancient workings which are every where observable on the stanniferous moors of Devon and Cornwall. Indeed the want of streams of running water in these islands would alone have been an almost insuperable obstacle to mining before the invention of other mechanical powers. If, therefore, they are identical with the Cassiterides, we must conclude that they obtained their old name for some other reason than the production of tin, or must have undergone extensive changes from the operation of natural causes.—S.

† In Bishop Stapeldon's Register, fol. 117, is the prelate's commission, bearing date Feb. 24, 1316, to Wm. Le la Were to receive from Sir Ralph de Albo Monasterio, knt., lord of the island of Scilly, in the diocese of Exeter, the person of John De Were, clerk, who had been committed to prison by the knight, on a charge of felony, for having broken the coffer of Robert de Henkastel, and taken therefrom the sum of forty marks. The delivery of the prisoner was duly made on the Tuesday after the feast of SS. Peter and Paul, 1317, by Sir Michael Petit, knt., steward to the said lord of the island, and the culprit was transferred to the episcopal prison. (Reg., fol. 122.) To this Ralph de Albo Monasterio (Blanchminster, or Whitminster) of Binamy castle, in Stratton, King Edward II. granted a license for embattling, "mansum suum de Inor in insula de Sulleye" (probably the same place as Ennor and Enmour in other records) Rot. Pat. 8 Ed. II.); and it appears from the Inquis. post mortem, 22 Edward III., (1348,) that the knight held his castle with the islands "ut de Castro de Launceston," to which castle or honour the lords of Scilly were bound to render annually a certain number of puffins. The more ancient tenure was by the service of maintaining armed men to keep the peace. See the records cited by Lysons, Cornwall, p. 332, 333. This fief of the duchy eventually became vested and merged in the crown, jure ducatûs.

‡ This and following documents from Maynard's cartulary are reprinted from Dugdale's Monasticon, N. E. vol. ii. The instrument printed by Dugdale from Rot. Cart. 1 Joh., under the head of Scilly (Num. II.) relates to the Norman abbey de Silleio and not to the English cell.

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Num. II.

Confirmatio Reginaldi filii Regis Comitis Cornubiæ, de eodem et de wrecco.

(Ibid.)

Reginaldus regis filius comes Cornubie omnibus baronibus suis et ballivis suis Cornubie et Sully salutem. Sciatis me pro anima Henrici regis patris mei et mea, et pro carta ipsius quam vidi, concessisse et confirmasse in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam monachis de Sully sicut propriis prebendariis patris mei, omne wrec quod in insulis quas ipsi totas tenent advenerit preter cetum et navem integram, hoc est, in Rentemen et Nurcho et insula Sancti Elidii et Sancti Sampsonis et Sancte Teone*. Et prohibeo super forisfactum meum, sicut prohibuit pater meus per cartam suam, ne quis eis aliquam injuriam faciat aut molestiam; quoniam nolo ut de aliquo tenemento suo in Sully aut libertate vel consuetudine quam eis concessi alicui amodo intendant nisi michi et abbati Tavystochie. Teste, Radulpho de Bosco-Roardi, apud Dorecestriam.

Num. III.

Confirmacio [Bartholomei] Episcopi Exoniæ de decimis de Sully.

(Ibid. 14.)

Omnibus fidelibus ad quos presens scriptura pervenerit B. divina miseracione dictus episcopus Exonie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me vidisse et legisse cartam Ricardi de Wicha† in qua continetur se concessisse et in liberam ac perpetuam elemosinam dedisse omnes decimas suas de Sully, et nominatim de cuniculis quas injustè aliquamdiu detinuerat eo quod de rebus hujusmodi decimas dandas esse non putavit, abbati et conventui Tavistochie et fratribus monasterii beati confessoris Nicholai de Sully, pro salute anime sue et parentum suorum, necnon et Reginaldi quondam comitis Cornubie domini sui; et hanc donationem super altare beati Rumoni Tavistochie per librum evangeliorum manu propria obtulisse in presentia B. abbatis et conventus ejusdem loci et multorum aliorum. Quoniam autem tam monasterium Tavistochie quam tota terra predicti Ricardi de Sully ad meam pertinet diocesim, ego sicut episcopus diocesanus prenotatam ipsius Ricardi donationem auctoritate episcopali presenti scripto, et sigilli mei, sicut eam quam gratam et ratam habeo, appositione confirmo. Hiis testibus, B. archidiacono Cornubiensi; M. priore Plympton; Roberto de Auc.; Petro filio Ricardi; Johanne Tavistoch; Petro Pic.; Willielmo Lumb; Johanne Walenci; Radulfo de Eisse; Waltero de Camera, et Radulpho, et multis aliis.

Num. IV.

Carta Regis Edwardi Tertii de canonicis secularibus loco monachorum apud Syllam ad tempus collocandis.

(Pat. 19 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 5.)

Rex omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis ad quos, &c. salutem. Supplicarunt nobis dilecti nobis in Christo abbas et conventus de Tavestoke, domini insule de Sully infra mare inhabitate, ut cum abbatia predicta, ad quam insula predicta pertinet, per progenitores nostros quondam reges Anglie fundata existat, et idem abbas et ceteri abbates abbatie predicte, qui pro tempore fuerint, duos capellanos commonachos suos infra insulam predictam, ratione terrarum et tenementorum suorum ibidem existentium, pro animabus eorundem progenitorum nostrorum, et heredum suorum, singulis diebus celebraturos in perpetuum invenire teneantur; iidemque monachi, tam propter guerram inter nos et homines de Francia motam, quam aliis variis ex causis hiis diebus ibidem non audeant immorari, velimus eis concedere quod idem abbas duos capellanos seculares divina loco monachorum predictorum singulis diebus infra insulam predictam celebraturos invenire possit, durante guerra supradicta: nos eorum supplicationi favorabiliter annuentes, concessimus eidem abbati, quod ipse duos capellanos seculares idoneos divina infra insulam predictam, loco predictorum monachorum, singulis diebus celebraturos invenire possit, durante guerra supradicta, dum tamen iidem capellani hujusmodi onera que iidem monachi ibidem debite supportare solebant interim supportent, ut est justum, absque impedimento nostri, vel heredum nostrorum, justitiariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vicesimo octavo die Maii.

Num. V.

Literæ protectionis pro Priore S. Nicolai infra insulam de Sully.

(Ex cartul. Maynard, fol. 11. a.)

Edwardus, Dei gratia, rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie et Aquitannie, universis et singulis ducibus, comitibus, baronibus, admirallis, militibus, majoribus, vicecomitibus, magistris et marinariis navium, ballivis, ministris, ac aliis amicis et fidelibus et subditis suis quibuscumque, ad quos præsentes litere pervenerint, ac constabulario castri in insula de Enmour in Sully qui nunc est vel qui pro tempore fuerit, salutem. Monstravit nobis dilectus nobis in Christo prior prioratus Sancti Nicholai in insula de Sully qui per progenitores nostros quondam reges Anglie fundatus et de patronatu nostro existit, ac de possessionibus pro sustentacione sua et monachorum ac capellanorum secularium ibidem Deo deservientium, et pro animabus ipsorum progenitorum nostrorum et salubri statu nostro ac heredum nostrorum dum vixerimus et pro animabus nostris, cum ab hac luce migraverimus, preces assiduas Deo fundendo dotatus fuisset, et prioratus predictus per frequentes accessus marinariorum navium universarum regionum per ipsam insulam transeuntium defectu tuitionis in tantum destructus et depauperatus existat, quod dictus prior rationabilia onera eidem prioratui incumbencia supportare non sufficit, et suas preces et devotiones ac alia pietatis opera que pro nobis et dictis progenitoribus et heredibus nostris ibidem fieri solebant in multum subtrahuntur et plus subtrahi formidatur, nisi sibi de alio remedio per nos provideatur. Unde nobis supplicavit ut dictum prioratum contra hujusmodi malefactores tueri velimus et defendere. Nos supplicationi predicte annuentes gratiosi suscepimus ipsos priorem, prioratum, monachos, capellanos, ac homines, servientes, possessiones, et res suas quascumque in protectionem et defensionem nostras speciales. Et ideo vobis fidelibus et subditis nostris mandamus vobisque amicis, quatenus ipsos priorem, prioratum, monachos, capellanos, homines servientes, possessiones et res suas quascumque, sicut predictum est, manuteneatis, protegatis, et defendatis; non inferentes eis, vel ab aliis inferri permittentes injuriam, molestiam, dampnum, inquietationem, impedimentum aliquod, seu gravamen. Et si quid eis forisfactum fuerit vel injuriatum, id eis sine dilatione debite reformari faciatis et emendari. Et tu, prefate constabularie, eisdem priori, monachis, capellanis, hominibus et servientibus super reformatione quarumcumque injuriarum sibi de cetero in hac parte inferendarum, posse tuo auxilians sis et intendens, eosque similiter manuteneas et protegas in forma predicta. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso, apud Westmonasterium xxviij die Octobris, anno regni nostri quadragesimo primo.

* From the confirmation of Pope Celestine, A.D. 1193 (2 Monast. 498), it appears that the abbey also possessed "duas boscatas terræ in insula de Aganas," and three others "in insula de Ennor." Nurcho is there called Nutho.

† Richard de Wike appears in the Rolls of the Curia Regis, 6 Ric. I., as owner of the islands of "Hagenes," and "Puor in Sullia," 1 Rot. Cur. p. 86.

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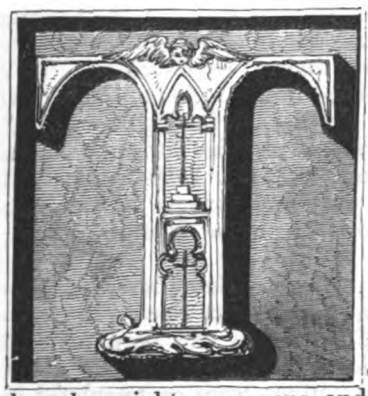
Monasticon Dioecesis Exoniensis.

DEVONSHIRE.

Collegiate Church of the Holy Cross at Crediton,

IN THE DEANERY OF KENNE.



THE church of Crediton, though deprived of its brightest gem by the removal of the pontifical dignity in the year 1050 to Exeter, was regarded as the first in rank among the collegiate churches in the diocese. For a considerable time she appeared to emulate the magnificent establishment of her more favoured sister, the cathedral of Exeter: she could show her eighteen canons and her eighteen vicars; she was rich in relics; she was distinguished with many privileges by the holy see; and the diocesans themselves, lords of the manor* of Crediton, loved to dwell in her bosom, and to give her frequent proofs of their affectionate veneration. By degrees, however, this church of the Holy Cross shared in the calamities of the times; her endowments were curtailed, and she saw herself obliged to move in a more contracted sphere, to reduce the splendor of divine worship, (Bronescombe's Register, fol. 41, b. fol. 50, b.) and to support only twelve canons and twelve vicars.

By an ordinance of Bishop Blondy, dated Exeter, Christmas day, 1253, every canon of this collegiate church was authorised to bequeath, by will, the proceeds of his prebendal income, for the year after his decease, towards any pious uses he might direct. This license was confirmed by his successor, Bishop Bronescombe, Oct. 10, 1261. (Reg., fol. 22, b.) The last mentioned prelate, actuated by a generous determination to reinstate her, did not desist from his purpose until he had secured to her sufficient endowment for six other canons, and six other vicars. With this view he first granted them the church of Eglosheil; but this being insufficient, in 1272 he exchanged its appropriation for that of Lanant†, in the deanery of Penwith. Three years before, viz. July 29, 1269, he had confirmed the appropriation of the parish church of Coleridge, made to them by Sir John Wiger, knt.

A remarkable event is recorded in fol. 107 of Bishop Stapeldon's Register, which probably contributed to increase the public veneration towards the church of Crediton. A man called Thomas Orey, a fuller by trade, and who had the misfortune of being totally blind, arrived at Crediton from Keynesham, in the diocese of Bath and Wells, on the Wednesday before Aug. 1, 1315. He remained in the church from that day until the Friday next ensuing, the feast of S. Peter ad vincula (Aug. 1). Whilst the bishop (Stapeldon) was celebrating mass on this festival, after reading the Epistle of the day, and before he commenced the Gospel, the said Thomas Orey, who was instant at prayer before the altar of S. Nicholas, suddenly recovered his sight. When mass was over, the event was reported to the bishop, who prudently observes, "super talibus nimis de facili credi non debebit‡," and he directed the man to be kept in the church until he should be able to take cognizance of the affair. Repairing to the ad-

* In Bishop Stapeldon's Register, fol. 9—11, is contained this rental of Crediton manor amongst others belonging to the see.

Crediton redditus.	£	s.	d.
De redditu manerii ibidem tam liberorum qum villanorum	34	7	0
Unde solvuntur ad festum Sancti Michaelis	8	16	1
Ad festum Natalis Domini	8	8	9
Ad festum Pasche	8	12	7
Ad festum Natalis beati Johannis Baptiste	8	9	7
Crediton burgam.			
De redditu burgi	2	19	11
Unde ad festum Pasche	1	9	11½
Et ad festum S. Michaelis	1	9	11½
Summa totalis redditus	37	6	11
Molendina.			
De firma duorum molendinorum Crediton solvenda in quatuor terminis principalibus	11	6	8
De firma molendini de Nepeworth	1	16	0
De firma molendini de Cnolle	1	0	0
De firma molendini fullatici Crediton	1	4	0
Summa totalis firme molendinorum	15	6	8
Berbiagium.			
De berbiagio ad terminum de la Hockeday uno anno 25 oves matrices; et alio anno 16 oves matrices et 5 hoggs.			

† In Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 232, may be seen the agreement, dated Sept. 28, 1433, between the precentor and canons of Crediton as proprietors of S. Ewinus of Lanant, and of the chapel of S. Ye there of the one part, and Richard Portelond, rector of S. Felicitas (now corrupted into Phillack) and of St. Gothian's dependent chapel, (now Gwithian,) on the other part. The tithe of fish taken by the parishioners of Lanante and S. Ye, and landed "in Cover Sonde and Rayver Sonde" (i. e. Conner and Rovier sands) is yielded up to the precentor and canons of Crediton. S. Ewinus, now called Uny, is said to have been brother to S. Ye or Hy, or Hya, now called S. Ives. Lanant (now Lelant) appears, by old records, to have formerly been a place of some importance.

‡ Our bishops were far from being so credulous as is sometimes imagined. In vol. ii. of Bishop Grandisson's Register, fol. 234, b, is an excellent mandate of that prelate, dated from Chudleigh, Feb. 12, 1340, in consequence of the bells of Exeter Cathedral having been rung on the morning of Sexagesima Sunday last past, "pro quodam ficto miraculo." It is addressed by his lordship to the dean, subdean, and vicar general, and states that he had heard with pain and surprise of such ringing of the bells—that too much caution against illusion and superstition can hardly be observed—that he peremptorily forbids any such ringing in celebration of similar events, until juridical evidence has been taken, and his episcopal sanction delivered—that no solemn honours are to be allowed to any who have not been previously canonized by the see apostolic; and he commands the appearance of the person on whom the supposed miracle is said to have been wrought, as well of the parents and of the custors of the cathedral, and of other credible witnesses, before him or his commissary, in the chapel (S. Michael's) in his manor court at Chudleigh, to answer to the interrogatories there to be made. The result appears, fol. 236, in his lordship's letter to the dean, subdean, and official, before mentioned. After stating that Satan is wont to transfigure himself into an angel of light—that under the guise of simplicity, he deceives the unwary—and that we are admonished not to believe every spirit, he says that John le Skynner, the person alluded to, had, after much evasion and perjury, been clearly convicted of feigning to have been restored to sight—that his motive had been filthy gain—that he was at length brought to confess that he had been blind of one eye for the last seven years, and still remained so; and that the vision of the other eye was not at all improved. See also vol. i. of the same bishop's Reg. fol. 215, where his very proper commission, dated August 29, 1361, is entered, for inquiring into the several cures said to have been performed at the tomb of Richard Buvyle, in the church of Whitstone, Cornwall. This Richard had been admitted rector July 8, 1350, and had died a few years later in the repute of great sanctity.

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joining Lady chapel, Thomas and his wife, and some other persons of the town of Crediton and of his lordship's suite, being present, and all being sworn on the Gospels, Thomas then deposed, that whilst he enjoyed his sight he worked at the fulling trade in Keynsham; that on Thursday, in the preceding Easter week, after dinner in his house there, he laid himself down to sleep in the full possession of sight, that he awoke entirely blind, and from that hour had not seen, or could see, any thing. Being asked by the bishop if he could see then, he answered in the affirmative; and was tested by inquiring on what finger, and in which hand, the bishop wore his episcopal ring, with many other questions; to all, the man returned satisfactory answers. He was then questioned about his neighbours at Keynsham, who were acquainted with him. He replied that Walter de Greneweye, John Raulfe, Walter Keteford, John Keteford, William le Thechere, Adam le Trechere, and many others were his neighbours, who had seen him from the hour he was struck blind until his departure for Crediton. Being asked what he knew of Crediton, or how he came to think of coming hither, he answered that he dreamt that if he should visit the church of the Holy Cross there, he should recover his sight. His wife was now questioned as to the truth of her husband's assertions, who confirmed all upon oath, excepting the vision in his dream. Other persons of Crediton then submitted to an examination, who had seen Thomas Orey since his arrival there, and they declared, from their own observations, that he was a blind man. On this evidence the bishop considered himself justified in ordering the bells to be rung, and a solemn thanksgiving to be offered on the spot to Almighty God for his manifestation of his mercy and power.

This illustrious prelate proved himself a benefactor to Crediton church. By his active zeal and industry, he obtained from King Edward II. two additional fairs to the one already possessed by the town, and he assigned the tenth of the tolls of all three to the benefit of this collegiate establishment. In gratitude for this favour, its precentor, as head of the chapter, with the canons and vicars, bound themselves to commemorate his birthday (Feb. 1) in special prayer for his prosperity during his lifetime, and to solemnize his anniversary for ever after his death. (Post Num. IV.) The old fair certainly existed as early as the fifteenth year of the reign of King Henry III. (1230). (Cal. Rot. Cartarum, fol. 48.) In Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 9 (post Num. V.) is an ordinance of this eminent prelate, dated from the chapter-house of his cathedral July 1, 1333. He had observed at his late visitation that the choir service was not performed with suitable dignity and solemnity in this collegiate church, and he therefore appoints four young clerks, "vocem virilem habentes," who should always assist in surplices: one of these was further to be under the control of the treasurer, and to have charge of the sacristy, books, and ornaments; another was to look after the bells; a third was to be stationed near the high altar, and attend to the offerings, lest the canons be defrauded of their wax, and the vicars of their money; and the fourth was to instruct four younger persons "vocem puerilem habentes," and to inspect their morals. For the support of these eight additional choristers the following yearly pensions were to be collected in even portions at Easter and Michaelmas.

	s.
From the precentor (who held the prebend of Wolsgrove, which comprised about 102 acres of land)	16
From the prebends of De la Pole, Hempstill, and Stowford, each	14
From the prebends of Alre, Rigge, and Wodelonde	12
From Carswell, (attached to the office of treasurer Prustcomb,) and la Crosse	10
From Cridie and West Sandford	8
From the six bursal prebends founded by Bishop Bronescombe	2

On Sept. 24, 1347, the same prelate ordained that every canon resigning his prebend should pay 20*s.* "ad fabricam ecclesie Sancte Crucis."

The three principal dignitaries of the church were, 1st, the precentor. He was the head of the chapter, and had the direction of the choir service *. 2nd, The treasurer, who had the charge of the fabric of the church, with its appurtenances †. 3rd, The dean, who was in fact the vicar of the parishioners. Leland is incorrect in saying of him, "he is no prebendarie of course." (Itin., vol. iii. p. 68.) Owing to the laborious duty of attending to the spiritual concerns of such an extensive parish, he was for the most part exempted from assisting, "diurnis et nocturnis et officiis in choro ecclesie." His residence, built in the form of a quadrangle, at the south side of the street, still called Dean-street, came, after the dissolution of the college, into the possession of the Northcote family, and long retained the name of Northcote-court ‡.

It is manifest that the nave of this collegiate church was appropriated to the use of the parishioners, and that the choir was reserved for the members of the college. Yet it appears from Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 9, that an ancient parochial church had existed formerly, and that it was in his contemplation, A. D. 1333, to rebuild it: and he therefore allows the "clerici aquebajuli" of the parishioners to assist at the divine offices of the choir "donec parochialis ecclesia antiqua ibidem reedificetur." This prelate was a staunch supporter of the rights of the parish. Shortly after his accession to the see, having ascertained that they formerly possessed a peculiar jurisdiction, he issued a formal prohibition, Oct. 23, 1329, against all attempts to summon the men and tenants of Crediton manor before the consistorial court of Exeter. (Reg., vol. ii. fol. 133.)

On May 7, 1387, Bishop Brantyngham issued a commission to Hugh Hycklyng, precentor of Exeter, to reconcile the cemetery of Crediton, which had been polluted in an affray by the effusion of blood. Probably about this period considerable alterations were contemplated in the fabrick and adjoining buildings; for we find Bishop Stafford, on July 31, 1409, urging the precentor and canons to exert themselves more vigorously "ad completionem operis tam in choro quam in ambulatoriis ecclesie." And the will of the bishop's cousin, William Langton, dated January 29, 1413, contains a considerable legacy towards the fabrick of the nave, then in a state of ruin, "ad fabricam navis jam fere ad terram prostrate." The will also of Thomas Barton, canon of Exeter, and rector of Ilfracombe, dated June 27, 1415, proved March 31, next following, contains this clause: "Lego altari Sancti Michaelis in ecclesia de Crediton tabulam meam de alabaster pulchriter depictam nisi parochiani de Ilfracombe voluerint contribuere XL^{s} ultra summas in manibus Domini Thome Baker existentes et collectas de executoribus mortuorum et sepultorum in navi ecclesie de Ilfracombe predicte." Towards the conclusion of his will he grants the sum of twenty pounds of gold towards the construction of a new window in Crediton church, and towards giving additional height to some of the smaller windows; as also towards timber for the roof of the north gable of the chapel where Sir John Sully, knt., lieth, "capelle in quâ Johannes Sully § miles jacet Crediton;" provided the

* The pre-eminence of a precentor in chapter still prevails in St. David's cathedral, in Wales, and at Palermo, in Sicily.

† The messuage, called "the treasurer's house," was sold by the executors of the will of Sir Robert Killigrew, June 2, 1634, to George Wilton and Malachy Dudeny.

‡ It was sold by the present baronet, Sir Stafford Henry Northcote, Aug. 28, 1815, to Mr. Benjamin Luxmoore.

§ A fair monument, supposed to be erected to this baron of Torrington, and owner of Rookford in Crediton parish, has lately been removed from the north transept to the extremity of the south aisle of the choir; but we doubt if it be as ancient, though in Scipio Squier's time (1607) the Sully arms "were painted all over him;" it has certainly no insignia of the garter. A cenotaph to his memory may yet be seen in Ideslegh church. The evidence of this distinguished and aged warrior in pages 46 and 74 of the Scroop and Grosvenor Controversy, is particularly important. Too infirm to move, the veteran hero was waited upon by the royal commissioners at his house, "a Yerdeleye" or Ideslegh, on July 2, 1387. He was now 105 years old, and had been engaged in the profession of arms during a period of eighty years—had been in the fight of Halidon Hill, at the siege of Berwick, at the battles of Cressy, Najara in Biscay, and Poictiers, and afterwards had fought in Spain. The following extract from Bishop Brantyngham's Register will show that this gallant knight of the garter survived his examination but a very few weeks.

Fo. 175: "Apud Continbek, 11 August, 1387, emanavit mandatum directum decano de Toriton ac curatis ecclesiarum parochialium de Beauford, Winklegh et de Yeddeslegh ad sequestrandum bona Domini Johannis de Sully militis defuncti."

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canons and the parishioners will finish it in the style of the other gable; otherwise his legacy must be employed solely about the high altar.

The dimensions of the church, as given in William of Worcester, make the length, including the chapel of the Blessed Mary, 120 steps; the breadth of the transepts, 50 steps. There were six arches in the nave, of which the width with the aisles was 32 steps.

At the beginning of the sixteenth century, viz. March 27, 1511, we have the following report of the disastrous state of the fabric from Bishop Oldam:—"Nunc dierum in ruinam et deformitatem misere est collapsa in cooperturâ ecclesie et defectu ornamentorum, cui, nisi celeriter remedium adhibeatur, ad irrecuperabilem dissolutionis jacturam deducetur." Bishop Veysy, his successor, begins his Statutes (Appendix, Num. VII.) by describing it as "ad desolacionem prodiens," and he calls upon the members to contribute to its substantial repair. Probably their efficient exertions to restore it led Leland to his vague assertion, that "it hath no maner or token of antiquite*."

On July 23, 1534, Richard Erington, precentor, and canons Walter Mugg and George Mason, subscribed to the king's supremacy.

Richard Froste, a canon residentiary here, rector of Shobrooke, and also of S. Mary Arches, Exeter, by his will dated May 29, 1534, had desired to be buried before the altar of S. Catharine, in the church of the Holy Cross. He directs a penny dole to every one that attends at his funeral; but if the precentor should assist, he was to receive for his pains 6*s.* 8*d.*; the dean, 5*s.*; each vicar, 2*s.*; each of the two clerks, 16*d.*; and every other priest that may come, 8*d.* for their dinner and labour.

The guild or brotherhood of Our Lady in Crediton church is perpetually mentioned in ancient wills.

In all probability this collegiate church would have been demolished at the Reformation, if the parishioners had not paid the sum of £200 to save their church. The acknowledgment of their faithful payment of that sum is recorded in King Edward VI.'s letters patent of April 2, 1547†.

In fo. 176 the probate is entered: "Penultimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini MCCCLXXX septimo probatum fuit testamentum Domini Johannis Sully militis defuncti coram magistro Willielmo Piers cancellario reverendi in Christo patris ac domini Thome Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopi et commissario per eundem reverendum patrem in hac parte legitime deputato et pro eodem testamento per dictum commissarium legitime pronunciatum, in quo quidem testamento nominati sunt executores Willielmus Monk dominus Hugo rector ecclesie parochialis de Esseregni Nicholaus Forster et Dominus Robertus Bikelegh capellanus, disposuitque et ordinavit idem defunctus quod administracio omnium bonorum suorum legatorum et non legatorum committeretur prefatis Nicholao Forster et Roberto Bikelegh capellano suo ad administrandum ea secundum disposicionem ipsorum duorum; quibus Nicholao et Roberto prefatus commissarius ad comparendum coram prescripto reverendo patre seu ejus commissario in hac parte specialiter deputato in ecclesia collegiata Sancte Crucis Criditonie die Martis proximâ post festum nativitate beate Marie proxime futurum ex certis causis legitimis prefixit et eciam assignavit ad jurandum super fideli inventario conficiendo et ulterius tunc faciendo et recipiendo quod juris fuerit." We find that as patron of Challacombe the knight had presented Roger Bonde, clerk, April 4, 1361.

* Far from showing no token of antiquity, the building contains vestiges of various periods of architecture, including the Norman, which is very clearly indicated in the central tower. Notwithstanding the extensive changes it underwent in the fifteenth century, the work may still be described, in the technical phraseology now current, as a church of perpendicular character, founded on a basis of Norman and early English date. A careful examination of it, by the light of the documents referred to in the text, would be an interesting task.

† S. Alban's abbey church was similarly redeemed from destruction by the townsmen for £400. Malmesbury abbey church was purchased for the use of the parishioners by the wealthy clothier, T. Stumps. The abbey churches of Tewkesbury, and even Westminster, were rescued from ruin by corresponding sacrifices. Heylyn, page 61, Hist. Reformation, assures us that Edward duke of Somerset, had intended to demolish this abbey and cathedral church, to raise a palace for himself at Westminster, "equal to his vast designs," and was only prevented by Dean Benson's surrender of seventeen manors for his highness' use, and of as many more to his highness' brother Thomas Lord Seymour, "beseeching him to stand their good lord and patron to preserve them in a fair esteem with the Lord Protector." This vicar-general made a rich harvest during the suppression of religious establishments. Latimer offered him 200 marks, and to the king 500 marks, to spare Great Malvern. Lord Chancellor Audley offered Cromwell £20 for St. Osyth's abbey in Essex. Sir Thomas Elliott, in asking him for some suppressed lands, promises him the first year's fruits of such lands as he should obtain. But all applications were fruitless to save St. Mary's, the most beautiful cathedral and mother church of Coventry; "it was pulled in pieces and reduced to rubbish." See the affecting letter of its bishop, Dr. Roland Lee, to Cromwell, vol. iii. Monasticon Anglicanum, p. 199.

The reader will find in the note the letter of K. Henry VIII., written from Hampton Court, June 24, 1542, to Bishop Veysy, requiring him to accommodate that "trusty and right well-beloved counsellor" Sir Thomas Denys, knt. with Crediton Park and the four water-mills, and a marsh containing 100 acres; and the artful and menacing expostulation of that fit instrument of royal tyranny, John Lord Russell*. The manor of Crediton was then severed from the see, to be given to Thomas Lord Darcy; under Queen Mary it was restored to the church, July 18, 1556; and we find Bishop Turbeville collating John

* The following are the letters alluded to in the text, extracted from Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fo. 111.

"By the Kynge.

"Right reverend father yn God right trustie and welbeloved we grete you welle. And where it hathe byn supplyed unto us on the behalff of our trustye and right welbelovyd cownsealor, Sir Thomis Denys, knight, that yow the reverende father in God, the Busshope of Excestre, have a parke called Crediton parke with iiij water mills, in the tenure of John Roo, and a certeyne marshe conteynynge by estimacon one hundrethe acres, lyenge very comodyusly for our sayde cownsoulor; by reason wherof he wulld gladlye obteyne the same at your hands, either by exchaunge or in fee ferme, as yow shall together agree and thynk moste convenyent; yow shall understande that boynge no lesse desirous that our said counsoulor shullde obteyne his suit in this behallfe, thenne of firm and constant opinion that as well you my Lord of Excestre, woll most gladlye gratifie us in the grawntynge of the same, as yow the Dean and Chapitre of our cathedrall churche of Excestre woll do the semblable for the confirmacon of suche dedds and wrytyngs undre your chapitre sealle as shalbe requisite to be made for the purpose aforesayde. We have thought mete to rite these our letters unto yowe ryht hartely desyrynge yow at the speciall contemplacion of the same to grawnte our sayde counsailors desire in all the premises, and in suche friendlie and spedye sorte to go thoroogh with hym therein as we have cause tacept your doynges in good parte and to thanke yow for the same, which we shall not faile to doo as the case shall require accordinglye. Geven under our signett, at our honor of Hampton Corte, the xxiiijth off June, the xxxiiijth yere of our reigne.

"To the Right Revende father in God, our trustie and welbeloved Counsailor, the Busshope of Excestre, and to our trustie and welbeloved the Dean and Chapitre of our cathedrall churche of the same."

"My veray good Lorde, yn most hartye wyse I recomende me unto your good Lordshipe, signefyinge the same of the Kings Hyghnes most prosperous healthe, and off all your frends here. I have recevyd your Lordeshipp's letters as to y^t^ your Lordship's effect concerning your bill. I have sett fourth the same unto the Cownsoale here whitche is stayed untyl the repayer hether of the Chawncelor of the tenths, at whose cumynge, doubt you not my Lorde but that I will further the same to the thuttmost of my powar. My Lord of Durham and my Lord of Wynchester were in lycke case, but they suede yn tyme: and now I understand theyr ys a statute made so as a greate parte of your suete yn the sayde Chawncelor, whom I wull not faille to remembre yn your behalff, God wollyng. My Lorde, amonge others, I am complaynyd unto by dyverse of the kyng's subjects of Devonshere and Cornewall, of there greate disquyettnes and trouble, by reason they are compellyd to sue here so farre of for redresse of their iniuryes and wrongs, with the which they fynde themsellves moche grevyd, as undoubtedlye they have no less cause. My Lorde, as towchinge that I wulde right gladlie knowe your best advyse and what yow thinke to the redresse thereof; and even so shall I not faylle to be a suter to the Kyngs highnes for the purchace of theire better quyettnes therein. Moreover, my Lord, where it hathe pleasyd the Kyngs Highnes to dyrect his letters aswell to your Lordshippe as to your Deane and Chapitre of Exceter, in the favour of my speciall good frinde, Sir Thomas Denys, knight, for suche mattier as is purported in his said Highnes's letters. Thiese shalbe to requyer yow not onlye for your Lordeshipp's parte to way and further the same, his grace's reqwest, but evenso accordynglye to anymate your sayde Chapitre there unto, so as hys Maiestie shall well understand that they be conformabell with your Lordshippe to that complyshement of his Maiesties plesure in that behallff. Otherwyse if there shall apper anye obstinacye unto his Highnes thereyn in anye behallff, as I dowt not that hit shall, it may then folow your thanks to be drownyd. And yet this moche I may say to your Lordshippe, that the Kyng is very ernest yn hytt and fullye determynyd that the said Sir Thomas Dennys shall enioye the same by other lawfull means. Wherfore I thought no lesse then goode to advertyse your Lordshipp the whole some of his Highnes pleasure, and to requier yow as I wold my hartiest frynde, that yowe shulld yn no manner of wyse nor anye of your sayde Chapitre disagree thereunto. Thus my good Lord, I take my leave of you for thys tyme, besichynge most hartely allmighty God to sed yow longe lyff to his plesure. Writen at the Kyng's honor of Hampton Courte, the seconde day of July, by your Lordship's assuryd

"J. RUSSELL.

"To the Right Honourable and his approvyd goode Lorde the Busshope of Excetor, hys goode Lordshipe."

In too many instances of this period we are reminded of the lan-

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Nicholls to Crediton vicarage March 23, following (Reg. fol. 18*). On Sept. 17, 1558, his lordship held an ordination in its church. Queen Elizabeth, in the sequel, obtained the manor, May 15, 1559, for William Killigrew, Esq., one of the grooms of her chamber, through the subserviency of Bishop Babington. The learned Heylyn inaccurately attributes the disgrace of this surrender of church property to Bishop Cotton. (Hist. Reform. part ii. p. 58.)

King Edward VI. had incorporated (April 2, 1547) twelve of his subjects, inhabitants of Crediton parish, to be governors of the hereditaments and goods of its church, and guardians of his newly-founded grammar-school. To these governors he conveyed the parish church of Crediton and cemetery—all that house called the vestry and the chapter-house, and the chapel to the same church adjoining; the vicar's house, and the school-house and gardens belonging to it, in Crediton; also S. Swithin's chapel, with its church-house and priest's house and gardens, in Sanford; and the advowson and right of patronage of the vicarage of Crediton and of the rectory of Exminster. On August 12, 1547, Bishop Veysy was induced to relinquish, for himself and his successors, all claim and right to the vicarage of Crediton, and eight days later the dean and chapter of his cathedral church confirmed the painful renunciation under their common seal. In addition to this, Queen Elizabeth granted, on July 5, 1559, to the same twelve governors, the lands and possessions of St. Laurence's chapel in Crediton, as also all kinds of tithes within the parish of Crediton, lately belonging to the prebends of its late collegiate church. The same queen, on January 26, 1562, granted in fee to John Waldron, of Tiverton, gent., and to Robert Northcote, senior, of Crediton, gent., the manor and prebend of Henstell, alias Henstyll, late parcel of the lands and possessions of Thomas Lord Darcy, of Chiche, then deceased; also the rectory and church of Coleridge, late parcel of the possessions of the collegiate church of Crediton; also the messuage or tenement called Westhorne, in Oakford parish, once part of the possessions of Edward, late earl of Devon. On February 4 the same year the said John Waldron conveyed all his interest in the manor or prebend of Henstill to Robert Northcote, his heirs and assigns, in whose respected family it still continues. The deed is inserted Num. X. of the Appendix, and as it contains a recital of the crown grant, it will show the terms in which all the prebends were conveyed.

In 1598, the prebends were the property of the persons under-named:—

Wolsgrove prebend of	M. Fytes.
Carswell	John Davies, of Exeter†.
Poole	John Davies, of Exeter.
Credie	John Davies.
Rudge	John Davies, jun.
Stowford	John Davies, of Sanford.
Pruscombe	Roger Mortymer.
Woodland and West Sandford . .	John Davies, of Sanford.
Aller	Robert Chichester.
Crosse	Heirs of Shoreland.
Henstill	John Northcote.

The following ecclesiastical establishments, though not immediately connected with the college, may be conveniently noticed here.

The chapel of S. Laurence's Hospital, at the west-end of the town, very frequently occurs in the episcopal registers, and was usually served by a member of the Trinity convent at Houndeslow ‡. The first time that we have met with this chapel is in a deed of Bishop Brewer, dated at Crediton, Dec. 3, 1242. Adjoining it was a reclusorium for an anchorite, expressly provided by the said bishop. See Num. XI. post §. Occasionally persons of distinction were allowed to be interred within the precincts of this hospital. Thus Bishop Bronescombe (Reg. fol. 86) on April 19, 1278, granted a licence for the interment therein of Sir Laurence Fitz-Richard, knt. In Bishop Veysy's time the vicars choral of the collegiate church were in possession of all its obventions, which, in 1523, amounted to £9. 2*s*. 11*d*.; and, according to John Norden's Survey of Crediton Hundred in 1598, the lands belonging to S. Laurence amounted to 263 acres, 2 roods, and 4 poles. The chapel by measurement is about 48 feet long by 24 feet, and the remains of the east and west windows must make every one who has seen it anxious for its restoration.

In Crediton parish were several other chapels: one of

guage of the nobles and princes in the 82d Psalm, "Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession;" and of the conduct of Ahab to Naboth. Well might Heylin observe, that the king was "neither the richer in children by so many wives, nor much improved in revenue by such horrible rapines." Hist. Edw. VI. part ii. Hist. Ref.

* The following notice of succeeding incumbents may interest the reader:—

John George was serving "this worshipful church" on August 16, 1577.

Peter Duncan was admitted to the vacant vicarage October 3, 1583, on the presentation of the rightful patrons, the twelve governors of the hereditaments and goods of the church of Crediton. This eminent man, about twelve years later, resigned for the rectory of Kenn, where he died January 17, 1604-5.

William Cooke (his name is nearly effaced in Bishop Babington's Register) succeeded March 5, 1595-6.

Hugh Harris, whose institution is not recorded; he was buried March 4, 1616.

Edmund Pearse. He was certainly living at Minster here, Dec. 29, 1632 and 1648, and was assisted in the latter year by Richard Coles.

John Dix or *Dicks* was buried April 6, 1689: his wife Agnes (Ivie) survived him till May, 1700.

Thomas Ley followed, June 20, 1689. He was also rector of Poltimore, and died March 13, 1720, æt. 67. In his will, dated January 27, 1720, he left almost the whole of his books "as a beginning for a parochial library" for the church, and the vicar and assistant and schoolmaster, and the chaplain of Sanford, to have recourse to the same.

Robert Ham was instituted August 26, 1721. He was also rector of Upton Hellions, and died January 2, 1731, æt. 42.

John Carwithen, LL.B., admitted vicar July 27, 1731, on whose death

John Stacy succeeded Sept. 7, 1742; on whose death

Samuel Hart was instituted Jan. 23, 1759; on whose death

John Rudall succeeded June 28, 1793; on whose death

Samuel Rowe, M.A., the present well-informed and respected vicar, was instituted Dec. 18, 1835.

It may be noticed here that S. Clement's chapel, within the prebend of Stowford and in the manor of Kennerlegh, is also in the gift of the governors, and of late has been styled a rectory. On the death of its incumbent, Elias Brown, the Rev. John Bond was admitted Oct. 23, 1776; on whose death Rev. Nicholas Lightfoot succeeded on June 16, 1807; on whose cession William Vaudrey was instituted Jan. 11, 1832; on whose death William John Kirkness succeeded Oct. 4, 1838; and on whose cession, the Rev. Arthur Nugent Buckeridge was admitted to the rectory Nov. 5, 1840.

Through the kindness of James Wentworth Butler, of Downes, Esq., we are enabled to add, that mention is made of a curate or minister of Kennerlegh as early as Aug. 12, 1570, in the person of Rev. Andrew Furlonge; and from another source we learn that administration was granted on Oct. 5, 1621, to the will of John Downeman, clerk, late curate of Kennerlegh; that on March 23, 1673, Nicholas Tucker, clerk, was appointed its minister. The church was subsequently served by Rev. John Sweeting, who was allowed 10*s*. for a sermon every Sunday. On Dec. 3, 1723, Henry Odam was nominated to supply that cure during the pleasure of the said governors, and on May 28, 1724, was allowed the same salary as his predecessor. On Aug. 29, 1728, the Rev. John Carwithen and Rev. John Stacy were appointed to serve it between them for the same allowance; but on June 16, 1729, Mr. Carwithen was fully authorized to enjoy, for his future service of the same, "all the tithes, perquisites, and profits of the parish of Kennerlegh." On Carwithen's resignation for Crediton vicarage, he was succeeded, June 21, 1731, by Rev. James Lang; on whose death William Payne followed, Jan. 29, 1739; on whose death John Leach was appointed, March 4, 1747; on whose death Elias Brown, above-mentioned, succeeded on June 4, 1758.

By indenture, inrolled in Chancery (April 26, 1609) between Thomas Douriche, of Douriche, Esq., and Catharine his wife, of the one part, and John Northcote, of Crediton, Esq., the former conveyed to the latter, in consideration of £800, the fee of the manor of Kennerleigh, alias Kenwarleigh.

† This John Davies was probably the son of the John Davies who was licensed, Feb. 3, 1546-7, to marry Mary Best, both of St. Mary Major's parish. Veysy's Reg., vol. ii. fol. 114.

‡ In Aungier's History of Syon and Isleworth, p. 493, is engraved the seal of the provincial of the order of the Holy Trinity in England. The Eternal Father is represented seated on a throne, with his hands raised to confer his benediction, at his feet is the Trinitarian cross. There is also given the seal of Houndslow house, with the usual representation of the three Divine persons, and this motto,

"S . FRATERNITATIS . DOM . DE . HVNDSLOW."

§ Instances of recluses in this diocese were not uncommon. We meet with them in S. Leonard's churchyard, near Exeter; near St. Agnes' chapel, Pilton churchyard; near Our Saviour's chapel at Otery Bridge; at St. Calixtus' chapel, Colyton; at Dodbrook; at Bodmin; at Morwen church and in the park, Liskeard. (Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 64. 218.)

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these was S. Swithun's chapel of ease at Sanford, now reputed a distinct parish, for all secular purposes. It was dedicated by Bishop Stapeldon April 12, 1318; was licensed again by Bp. Lacy Aug. 5, 1432 (Vol. iii. fol. 91), but with the usual proviso that no prejudice should accrue to the mother church. It appears to have been rebuilt in 1523, and was allowed to have a separate burial ground. See the composition, May 1, 1524. (Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 36 *.) "Capella de Cridie" also occurs Dec. 24, 1309. (Stapeldon's Register, fol. 45.)

Bishop Grandisson licensed, on July 3, 1329, Peter Trobridge to have divine service performed "in capellâ sua infra limites parochie de Crediton." (Reg., vol. ii. fol. 124.) Bishop Stafford on June 2, 1407, granted a similar license to Giles de Esse for his chapel "in Esse Boleyn."

At Yeoton Barton was a chapel. The Courtenays held land of the bishop there. On Jan. 14, 1341, on the death of Hugh, earl of Devon, his son and heir promised to pay one hundred shillings as a relief "pro uno feodo apud Yowe in Criditon manerio." (Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 241.) This Barton afterwards came into the hands of the Arundells of Lanherne, who sold the same on Jan. 18, 1626, to John Northcote, of Hayne, Esq., for £861.

About a mile higher up the river Yeo, on the estate of John Pidsley, Esq., is a chapel in good preservation, twenty-four feet long by thirteen broad, lighted by three windows. St. George's chapel was in the direction towards Sanford. In Bishop Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 185, is a license, dated Sept. 29, 1413, to the Dirwyn family to have a chapel, "infra mansionem suam de Foleford, in parochiâ de Crediton" (now Shobrooke Park).

We cannot quit Crediton without congratulating it on having given birth to S. Winifrid, otherwise S. Boniface, the archbishop of Mentz and the apostle of Germany, who was martyred on June 5, 755, in the seventy-fifth year of his age. (See the life of this illustrious prelate and scholar, by the Rev. Alban Butler.) A well in Crediton is still called St. Winifrid's.

To a lease (penes Sir Stafford Northcote, bart.) of the prebendary of Henstill, granted by John Gybbons, its prebendary, to Gilbert Bodlegh and John Howe, for a term of eighty years, dated August 20, 1534, is annexed the common seal of the collegiate church of the Holy Cross. It is circular, and bears a Calvary cross, with Christ nailed to it, and two angels above and two at the feet, in an attitude of adoration. The legend is S . ECCLIE . SANCTE . CRVCIS . DE . CRIDITONE.

A volume among the Maynard MSS., Lincoln's Inn, marked M. 45, chiefly relating to the episcopal manor and hundred of Crediton, contains the following documents respecting the college of St. Cross:—

Fo. 16. Note of a lease by the twelve governors to Sir Robert Dennys, knight, and Thomas Dennys, his son and heir, of the predial tithes of the late deer-park in Crediton. Date, Dec. 10, 1571.

Fo. 25 b. A list or particular of all the lands given by Lord Darcy to King Edward VI., in exchange for others. The list includes the twelve manors or prebends above-mentioned.

Fo. 30. A copy of the valor of 27 Hen. VIII.

Fo. 33. Copy of the conveyance of the tithes and spiritualities of the late college of Crediton by Sir Thomas Darcy, knight, to the king, reserving the temporal possessions. Date, July 30, 38 Hen. VIII.

Fo. 35. A note of collations to the perpetual vicarage, and "officium decanatus ecclesiæ collegiatæ S. Crucis Credyton," by the bishops of Exeter and the governors, in 1520, 1522, 1556, 1583. "Mr. Cooke" is mentioned as the now vicar, a circumstance which fixes the date of the volume.

Fo. 36. A compotus or minister's account of the possessions of the late college of Crediton, "alias Christchurch," 3 Edward VI.

Fo. 37. Copy of the grant by Henry VIII. to Elizabeth, countess of Bath, and Thomas Darcy, knight, her son and heir, and to the heirs of the latter, of all the possessions, temporal and spiritual, of the late college, except the church, churchyard, vestry, chapter-house, lady chapel, and advowson of the vicarage. The manor of Crediton is named among the possessions of the college. Date, Sept. 22, 37 Hen. VIII.

Fo. 74. Letters patent for incorporating the twelve governors of the lands, &c. of Crediton. 1 Edward VI.

Fo. 92b. Letters patent of Elizabeth, confirming those of Edward VI., making an additional grant of great tithes and other spiritualities of the late college, and containing other provisions. July 5, 2 Eliz.

Fo. 114. A lease by the vicars choral of the college to three persons, of premises in Crediton East, confirmed by the precentor and chaplains. 30 Hen. VIII.

The conveyances by the crown and the bishop after the dissolution, relating to the bishop's lands at Crediton, will be found in the same collection.

It is probable that Sergeant Maynard became possessed of the collection in consequence of the purchase by him of part of the manor in 1640.

* Owing to the abuse of this license by the parishioners of Crediton, who forsook their mother church on Sundays and festivals to attend divine service at St Swithun's, the bishop recalled his license on April 24, 1437, requiring them to assist on such days in their proper parish church, and simply allowing the celebration of divine worship in St. Swithun's on particular occasions, fol. 143, Reg.

Num. I.

Literæ Ricardi Exoniensis episcopi pro canonicis ecclesiæ Criditonensis.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 22, b.)

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Litteras bone memorie Ricardi quondam Exoniensis episcopi predecessoris nostri sigillorum decani et capituli beati Petri Exonie munimine roboratas inspeximus in hec verba;—"Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Ricardus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus eternam in Domino salutem. Cum semper piam sit et salubre humane condicionis imperfeccionem et impotencie studio pietatis subvenire tunc maxime precipue devocionis meritum pie completur et laudabiliter adjuste decedencium voluntati utilitati et necessitati prudenti providetur industriâ inde est quod ad universitatis vestre noticiam tenore presencium volumus pervenire quod nos de unanime consensu et assensu dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli Exoniensis ecclesie divine pietatis intuitu liberaliter concedimus et tenore presencium confirmamus et deinceps dedimus inviolabiliter observari, quod quilibet canonicus ecclesie Creditonensis in extremis agens ad supplementum testamenti sue et ad relevacionem fructuum unius anni qui debentur ex antiqua ordinacione singulis canonicis fabrice predicte ecclesie sive in vita sive in morte omnium bonorum prebende sue proximi anni post decessum cujuslibet canonici liberam in omnibus habeat dispositionem ita quod illa bona quibus et in quos usus pios voluerit integre poterit assignare et ut hujusmodi nostra concessio et confirmacio imperpetuum robur firmitatis obtineat presentem paginam sigilli nostri munimine una cum apposicione sigillorum decani et capituli predicti fecimus roborari. Datum Exonie anno Domini M°.CC°.L^mo. tercio. In festo Nativitatis Dominice et consecracionis nostre nono."—Nos igitur predictam concessionem et confirmacionem ratas habentes eas pontificali auctoritate confirmamur et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas sigilli nostri impressione duximus roborandas. Datum apud Cheddelegh in crastino Sancti Dionisii (10 October) anno gracie M°CC°LX primo et consecracionis nostre quarto.

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Num. II.

Appropriacio ecclesiæ de Coleridge vicariis S. Crucis Criditonensis.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 41, b.)

Universis, &c. Eo puriori desiderio studiosius est appetenda concors uniformitas quo deformius caterva nimirum discors primo pia freqenter exorbitans efficere conatur quod non valet, sicque evenit ut quas debet laudes non exsolvit Creatori. Sane statum Creditonensis ecclesie in suo ordine olim preclarum et in numero decem et octo canonicorum ordinatum ab antiquo paterna sollicitudine dudum considerantes ipsum ad duodenarium numerum redactum ad eum in quo fuit a diebus antiquis institutis numerum deliberacione provida revocavimus, sex canonicos et totidem vicarios ibi statuendo ordinantes sicut tunc potuimus ut quilibet dictorum sex vicariorum viginti solidos annuos per manus domini sui ejusdem loci canonici nomine vicarie percipiat annuatim. Licet exinde commode nequeant sustentari propter inde paupertatem ecclesie predicte subvencionis occulo respicientes, parochialem ecclesiam de Colrigge, cujus advocacionem dilectus filius Johannes Wiger miles Deo et ecclesie Sancte Crucis Criditonensis et vicariis Deo ibidem servientibus nuper contulit, intuitu caritatis toti communitati vicariorum loci predicti, accedente adhoc dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis assensu legitimo, attestacione scripture presentis appropriamus et eandem, cedente vel decedente ipsius rectore, in nomine Domini pleno jure assignavimus perpetuo possidendam, salva in ea competenti vicaria canonice taxanda per nos et successores nostros futuris temporibus conferenda, ordinantes ut redditus et proventus antiquorum vicariorum et singuli viginti solidi annui singulis vicariis de novo creatis ut supradictum est assignati et prefate ecclesie de Colrigg redditus et proventus inter prefatos decem et octo vicarios et eorum successores equaliter annuatim distribuantur in perpetuum. Adjiciendo quoque statuimus ut prefate ecclesie canonici et vicarii et eorum successores tam nostrum et predecessorum nostrorum quam prefati Johannis Wiger et progenitorum suorum obitum in ecclesia predicta annuatim faciant solempniter celebrari. Decernentes ut nullus deinceps in ecclesie predicta vicarius admittatur quousque presentem nostram ordinacionem quantum in ipso est observare tactis aut inspectis sacrosanctis juramentum prestiterit corporale. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem presenti scripture sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Criditon iiij^to. kalendas Augusti anno gracie M°CC°. sexagesima nono et consecracionis nostre duodecimo.

Num. III.

Appropriacio ecclesiæ de Lananta canonicis Criditonensibus.

(Bronescombe's Register, fol. 50, b.)

Universis presentis litteras inspecturis Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino et perpetuam rei geste memoriam. Eterni Regis disponente clemencia inter apostolorum successores non ex nostre accionis merito aggregati, eorum quantum nobis fuerit inspiratum vestigiis inherere et ecclesie scissuras quam sanguine suo plantaverunt ejusque jura diucius collapsa pro viribus reparare monemur et inducimur, officii nostri debitum considerantes ut divino cultu ampliato diebus nostris merito numeroque populus Deo serviens augeatur. Sane Cridetonensis ecclesia olim in suo ordine celeberima et pontificali dignitate insignita ac preclaris diversorum sanctorum reliquiis et miraculis a diebus antiquis adornata indulgenciarum quoque Romanorum pontificum necnon et aliorum sanctorum patrum magnifice dotata beneficiis, succedentibus temporum curriculis in dotibus lapsa, cultuque divino diminuta, ac pristina dignitate spoliata, gemitum columbe pro cantu emittens exulatum ejus decorem planctu lacrimoso deplorat, surrectionis remedium prestolando. Nos igitur ejus planctui et suspiriis pio conpacientes affectu rugas ipsius salutaris unguenti recreacione linire cupientes, extenuata ejus viscera debito filiorum numero misericorditer impregnando, sex canonicas et prebendas duodecim antiquis olim ibidem existentibus dudum adjungendo statuimus et statuendo adjunximus secundum numerum et statum dierum antiquorum, et ecclesiam de Egloshayl, cujus advocacio ad mensam episcopalem noscitur pertinere, eidem ecclesie Criditon canonice appropriavimus, ordinantes ut singuli sex canonicorum quos de novo creavimus singulas sex marcas annuas et singuli eorundem vicariorum singulos viginti solidos cum aliis duodecim vicariis conferendos nomine prebende et vicarie percipiant annuatim. Verum quia prefate ecclesie de Egloshayl reditus et proventus ad onera dictarum sex prebendarum non sufficiunt, eandem ecclesiam ad antiquum statum reducentes, ut auctus canonicorum numerus de sufficientibus et certis proventibus suam percipiant porcionem loco ipsius ecclesie de Egloshayl ecclesiam de Lanante, cujus advocacionem cum ejus apendiciis, videlicet, annuâ pencione triginta solidorum, ex dono et concessione dilectorum filiorum prioris et conventus de Tordrait * canonice adquisivimus, adque nostram spectat collacionem cum omnibus ad eam spectantibus immunem et quietam a prestacione pensionis antedicte prefate ecclesie Criditon et ejusdem loci canonicis, dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis adhoc accedente consensu legitimo, pro salute anime nostre et animarum antecessorum nostrorum atestacione presentis scripture appropriacione perpetua adjungimus et adjuncione canonica adnectendo irrevocabiliter appropriamus in proprios usus pleno jure perpetuo possidendam; salva competenti vicaria in toto altalagio, decimis piscium agnorum et lane duntaxat exceptis, ex nostra ordinacione consistente per nos et successores nostros ydoneis personis omnia onera ordinaria debita et consueta perpetuo agnoscentibus canonice conferenda. Porro unam acram Anglicanam terre in villa de Penbegel que vulgari ydiomate Erumarnt dicitur et quam ex dono et concessione dictorum prioris et conventus ut prediximus una cum prefata advocacione dudum fuimus assecuti et ipsum jus patronatus in signum tituli nostri proteccionis warantie seu defensionis nostre nobis et successoribus reservamus. Adjiciendo quoque statuimus et statuendo ordinamus ut predictorum sex canonicorum prebende et eorundem vicariorum porciones per manus precentoris Crediatonie qui pro tempore fuerit, dummodo personaliter resideat, alioquin per manus alicujus canonici residentis a communitate fratrum de nostra et successorum nostrorum connivencia adhoc deputati, ad quatuor anni terminos principales prefatis canonicis et vicariis annuatim distribuantur, residuum vero proventuum dicte ecclesie de Lananta in cotidianas distribuciones canonicorum residencium futuris temporibus assignamus perpetuo convertendum. Si qua ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostre appropriacionis seu concessionis paginam infringere seu prefate Criditone ecclesie jura perturbare aut minuere ausu temerario presumpserit si secundo terciove monita non resipuerit malediccionem Dei omnipotentis gloriose Virginis Marie omniumque sanctorum et eciam nostram se noverit incursuram et a sanctissimo corpore et sanguine domini fiat aliena: cunctis autem eidem loco sua jura servantibus sit pax Domini nostri Jhesu Christi quatenus hic fructum bone accionis percipiant et apud districtum judicem premia eterne pacis inveniant. Ad hujus rei memoriam sempiternam et fidele testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum mense Octobri anno gracie M°.CC°. septuagesimo secundo et consecracionis nostre quintodecimo, apud Horslegh.

Num. IV.

Ordinatio pro anniversario natalium atque obitus domini Walteri episcopi.

(Inter folia 169 et 170 Registri Stapeldon; Vide etiam Rot. Pat. 16 Ed. II. p. 2. m. 10.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino

* Tywardreth.

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sempiternam. Inevitabilem diem illum quo migrabimus ab hac luce talibus operibus expedit prevenire, quibus ad intercedendum pro nobis tam in vita quam post transitum constituamus obnoxios debitores; cupientes igitur ut dilecti filii precentor, canonici, vicarii, et ceteri ministri ecclesie collegiate de Crediton nostre diocesis, pro collato sibi per nos munere, suarum oracionum nos juvare suffragiis teneantur, specialiter et obnixe habito cum dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exoniensis super hoc tractatu diligenti qui requiritur et solempni de ipsorum unanimi consilio pariter et assensu, decimam theolonei provenientis de tribus* nundinis annuis apud Crediton usitatis, quarum duas nostris laboribus et industria mediantibus impetravimus a regia majestate, prefatis precentori canonicis vicariis et ministris dicte ecclesie de Crediton, accedente similiter ad id precentoris et capituli ejusdem ecclesie de Crediton concilio et assensu, quam decimam nunquam ante hec tempora recipere consueverant, concedimus et eciam assignamus, ipsamque decimam a mensa nostra episcopali Exoniensi de dictorum decani et capituli ecclesie nostre Exoniensis consilio pariter et assensu separamus, et cum meliora sicut prediximus providerimus in hac parte dici non possumus aliquid alienasse. Pro hac concessione et assignacione de dictorum decani et capituli Exonie nec non precentoris et sui capituli Crediton consilio pariter et assensu precipimus ordinando quod singulis annis proximo die precedente festum purificacionis beate Virginis, quo die prout ex parentum relacione didicimus a maternis visceribus segregati primordia recepimus hujus lucis, una missa de Sancto Spiritu pro salubri statu nostro dum vixerimus in dicta ecclesia Crediton a precentore canonicis vicariis et ceteris ministris ipsius ecclesie solempniter celebretur. In qua quidem missa tam pro nobis tum illa collecta "Rege quesumus domine famulum tuum N. pontificem nostrum," etc. expresso nomine nostro proprio, quam pro omnibus predecessoribus nostris episcopis Exoniensibus, cum illa collecta "Deus qui inter apostolicos sacerdotes," etc. cum aliis oracionibus ordinatis ab ecclesia in commemoracionibus hujusmodi suis locis dicendis fieri memorias precipimus speciales. Cum autem dissolucionem nostri corporis attulerit sors humana, obitus nostri dies anniversarius in eadem ecclesia Crediton cum oracione "Deus indulgenciarum" etc. cum aliis oracionibus que sequuntur ad obsequium anniversarii hujusmodi ordinatis, ab ecclesia singulis annis perpetuo solempniter celebretur, sicut pro quocumque episcopo predecessore nostro in ecclesia Crediton predicta fieri solempnius consuevit, et tunc eciam pro nostris predecessoribus et successoribus episcopis Exoniensibus qui tunc fuerint resoluti cum predicta oracione "Deus qui inter apostolicos" etc. memoria celebris habeatur. Statim autem finitis singulis nundinis et ipsarum placitis expeditis decimam provenientem de theoloneo in eisdem nundinis recepto senescallus noster seu successoris nostri qui pro tempore fuerit, precentori et duobus ad hoc digendis vicariis ecclesie supradicte de Criditone solvere liberare et tradere teneatur; qui precentor et vicarii ipsam pecuniam recipiant colligant et, donec veniat tempus distribucionis ut infra sequitur faciende; salvo studeant custodire; pecuniam vero sic collectam, adveniente die quo missa de Sancto Spiritu vel anniversarius obitus nostri sicut premittitur celebrari debeat, taliter distribui volumus et eciam ordinamus ut canonicis ipsius ecclesie de Crediton et sacrista qui hujusmodi misse de Sancto Spiritu vel obsequiis nostri anniversarii vespertinis et misse in crastino presentes fuerint singulis singulos sex denarios percipientibus, aque vero bajulis singulis singulos denarios recipientibus, totum residuum inter vicarios qui in dictis missa vel obsequiis et missa prout diversitas temporis exegerit presentes fuerint propter ipsorum in aliis porciones exiguas quas eatenus augmentare cupimus equis porcionibus dividatur. Ut autem hujusmodi nostra concessio assignacio preceptum ordinacio et voluntas permaneant totis temporibus inconcussa sigillum nostrum una cum sigillis tam decani et capituli ecclesie nostre Exoniensis quam precentoris et capituli Crediton presentibus est appensum. Datum Exonie in capitulo ecclesie cathedralis loci ejusdem vicesimo quinto die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo secundo. Et nos decanus et capitulum ecclesie Exoniensis memorate super premissis omnibus et singulis articulis cum venerabili patre nostro episcopo supradicto tractatu per nos habitos diligenti qui requiritur et solempni labores et merita dicta patris quibus nos ecclesiam nostram et mensam episcopalem Exoniensem tam in adquisicione dictarum nundinarum quam in aliis honoravit multipliciter et ditavit perpetui muneris laude dignos ut astringimur reputantes, omnibus et singulis que in eisdem articulis et circa eos per venerabilem patrem predictum ut premittitur acta sunt et gesta concorditer assentimus, ipsa que omnia et singula quantum ad nos attinet approbamus. Et in signum consensus et approbacionis hujusmodi has literas nostri communis sigilli munimine fecimus roborari. Datum et actum loco die mense et anno Domini supradictis. Et nos precentor et capitulum ecclesie Crediton habito cum venerabili patre predicto super premissis omnibus et singulis diligenti qui requiritur tractatu pariter et solempni, prefatis concessioni assignacioni precepto ordinacioni et voluntati nostrum prebemus consilium unanimiter et consensum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis apponi. Datum in capitulo nostro Criditonie nono die mensis Martii anno Domini supradicto.

* The fairs were on the feasts of St. Laurence, St. George, and the nativity of our Lady: the market was held on the Saturday. Bishop Veysy, on Nov. 10, 1511, leased to John Trobridge, Gilbert Gale, and eight others, the tolls of this market for a term of ninety-nine years.

Num. V.

Statutum novum pro ecclesia de Crediton.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 9.)

Universis, &c. Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Inter cetera que nostrum animum insultibus impetunt successivis hoc est quod desideranter exquirimus ad idque mentis nostre sedulo destinamus affectum, ut in ecclesiis nobis diocesano jure subjectis et illis potissime quas digniores esse agnoscimus et commendat ingentior excellencia virtutum instituamus juxta earum facultates certum numerum ministrancium, per quos Deo in divinis officiis secundum ecclesiasticos ordines et devocius serviatur. Sane cum olim in ecclesia nostra collegiata Crediton nostri patronatus et diocesis visitacionis officio fungeremur, perpetuam vicariam in ea curam habentem latissimam animarum nimis exilem comperimus et plus debito oneratam, chorumque collegii ibidem omni certo carentem clericorum obsequio et puerorum, adeo quod vix per aliquem dicti status interdum diebus festivis solempnibus dicte ecclesie deservitur; nos igitur, invocato Christi nomine vocatisque et consentientibus omnibus quorum interest, cupientes super hoc de oportuno remedio providere, hac imperpetuum valitura constitucione sanximus, quod preter et ultra numerum vicariorum in choro ejusdem ecclesie semper adhibeantur quatuor clerici juvenes virilem vocem habentes, qui absque almuciis sub capis nigris utentes superpelliciis, locumque secunde forme tenentes, ante formas principales stare teneantur, quorum unus sacristie librorum et ornamentorum custodie sit astrictus, qui absque cautione tutissima nullatenus admitatur; alius vero gerat curam et custodiam campanarum, tercius circa magnum altare oblacionibus intendat ne canonici in cera seu vicarii in pecunia defraudentur; quartus vero teneatur pueros in cantu et moribus diligenter informare; qui omnes et singuli ad hec fideliter exequenda in admissione sua juramenti vinculo arceantur. Quisquis vero eorum ordinem sacerdocii adeptus fuerit suo cedat officio et alius ejus loco continuo subrogetur; idem eciam servetur tam de eis quam de pueris, si tercio moniti ut se abstineant a vicio vel defectu minime corrigantur. Adhibeantur eciam in dicto choro quatuor clerici vocem habentes puerilem qui omnes et singuli juxta temporis exigenciam et precentoris ibidem arbitrium in scholis et choro alternatim occupentur; cumque eorum aliquis vocem ceperit attingere virilem cedat statim alio subrogato. Ad eorundem vero clericorum atque puerorum sustentacionem et alia subscripta ipsius chori onera subportanda ab ejusdem ecclesie canonicis et eorum

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in dicta ecclesia beneficiis annuatim levari statuimus in festis Pasche et Sancti Michaelis equis porcionibus pecuniarum summulas subsequentes, videlicet, a precentore loci sexdecim solidos; de prebendis de la Pole et Hempstill et Stauforde singulariter singulos quatuordecim solidos; item de prebendis de Alre, Rigge et Wodelond modo premisso singulos duodecim solidos; item de prebendis de Carswille, Combe, de la Crosse singulariter singulos decem solidos; item de prebendis de Cridie et West Sanford eodem modo singulos octo solidos; item de sex prebendis bursalibus in dicta collegiata ecclesia, videlicet singulariter singulos duos solidos; rursusque perpetuus vicarius dicte ecclesie qui preest cure plebis ibidem nequit ministerium in choro et curam hujusmodi exequi modo debito, eum ab onere hujusmodi ministerii providimus absolvendum, hoc adhibito moderamine ut diebus festivis solempnibus et aliis, quibus occupacio utilis eum non impediat, diurnis et nocturnis officiis in dicto choro interesse habitum deferre, psallere et celebrare juxta morem observacionis antique teneatur. Et quia ferendus non est in percepcione pleni stipendii qui plenitudinem oneris non agnoscit premissa, omni commodo proventuum duorum stallorum in dicto choro quos dictus perpetuus cure vicarius solet percipere adjeccione numeravimus, salvis viginti quinque solidis et quatuor denariis quos preter alios proventus quos ad supportacionem incumbencium sibi onerum et suam sustentacionem congruam aliunde sibi assignavimus, volumus et statuimus de dictis pecuniarum summis annis singulis numerari, quodque cuilibet dictorum quatuor clericorum viginti sex solidi octo denarii et dictorum puerorum septemdecim solidi et quatuor denarii annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos principales pro stipendiis fideliter liberentur, necnon solvantur annis singulis ad onera chori subportanda, videlicet pro pane et vino ad celebrandum, pro canonicis et vicariis tresdecim solidi, pro incenso et carbonibus quinque solidi, pro cera quadraginta solidi, pro sepo ad mortariolum ardens continue, tredecim solidi et quatuor denarii, pro reparacione librorum quinque solidi, pro ablucione et reparacione vestimentorum chori quatuor solidi, pro stipendio collectorum et administratorum dicte pecunie quatuor solidi. Et ad predictam pecuniam colligendam et distribuendam fideliter eligantur duo vicarii per cantorem et vicarios, videlicet, fabrice custodes vel alii fide et facultatibus ydonei qui jurentur et in capitulo reddant inde calculum annuatim. Habeat quoque precentor predictus cohercionem quamlibet canonicam ad compellendum dictarum prebendarum possessores auctoritate presentis constitucionis ut solvant singuli suas porciones pretaxatas, et collectores ut sint in colligendo et distribuendo ut premittitur solliciti et fideles, idemque precentor dictam cautionem recipiat et dictos clericos ac pueros dicta monicione premissa, ubi defectus suberit vel culpa, amoveat et admittat. De clericis vero aquebajulis in dicta ecclesia volumus quod modo solito probentur et admittantur, necnon ad interessendum dictis divinis officiis in choro et officiandum non minus solito astringantur, donec parochialis ecclesia antiqua ibidem reedificetur*, et extunc dicti clerici aquebajuli judicio dicti curati vicarii eligantur et serviant a ministerio in choro canonicorum penitus absoluti. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem pleniorem sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in domo capitulari ecclesie nostre Exoniensis, primo die mensis Julii anno M°CCC^mo xxxiiij^to et consecracionis nostre septimo. Et nos capitulum ecclesie Exoniensis, habito super premissis cum venerabili patre et domino, domino Johanne Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo supradicto, tractatu diligenti et solempni presencialiter ipsis omnibus et singulis quantum ad nos attinet gratum et benevolum consensum prebemus pariter et assensum et sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis apponi in fidem et testimonium premissorum. Datum quoad nos die mensis loco et anno Domini supradictis.

* We read in Brantyngham's Reg., vol. i. fol. 13: "Onus constructionis et reparationis cancelli matricis ecclesie ad ipsius ecclesie rectorem, navis vero ecclesie ad parochianos, volumus et precipimus pertinere; consuetudine contraria non obstante. Verum onus capelle, que distinctam habet parochiam, ad ipsos capelle parochianos totaliter pertinebit, eo quod ob ipsorum favorem et commodum est constructa."

Num. VI.

Annuus valor et ordinationes ecclesiæ de Crediton.

[Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 19.]

Johannes permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo filiis vicariis choralibus et ceteris ministris inferioribus ecclesie collegiate de Creditone nostrorum patronatus et diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Ut beneficia redditus et obvenciones quibus sustentamini necnon officia ordinaciones et statuta ad quo tenemini de cetero vobis apertius innotescant, ea omnia in presenti tabula cum sigilli nostri appensione conscripta in communi aula vestra de Kalenderhay publice affigenda fecimus redigi ut sequitur:

Redditus et obvenciones pro ministrorum predictorum sustentacione annuatim percipienda hec sunt:

Imprimis de duabus taxis super canonicorum prebendas ecclesie collegiate predicte annuatim £29. 8. 4½.

Item de ecclesia de Collrige olim locata pro 9£. nunc vero nisi pro £5. 13. 4.

Item de decimis terrarum domini episcopi vocatarum Barton londs locatis pro £4. 6. 8.

Item de ecclesia Ryngsayshe annuatim £1. 6. 8.

Item de ecclesia Lanant per manus presidentis solvendum ad quatuor anni terminos 6£.

Item percipient omnia mortuaria viva tocius parochie de Crediton, que anno predicto vendita sunt nisi pro £5. 9. 2.

Item apud Crediton, Exon, et Collrige in redditubus ut particularia patent in rentali £8. 15. 3.

Item in perquisitis curiarum hoc anno predicto, videlicet regis Henrici octavi decimo quarto, pro fine apud Collrige £4.

Item percipient omnes obvenciones de capella Sancti Laurentii que anno predicto sunt £9. 2. 11.

Item percipient decimas nundinarum que anno predicto sunt 5*s*. 2½*d*.

Item percipient de oblacionibus in ecclesia collegiata predicta que hoc anno propter bella non extendunt nisi ad £6. 19. 0½.

Sciendum est quod predicte oblaciones ad imaginem Sancte Crucis et alios sanctos in ecclesia collegiata predicta habite in quibuscumque rebus existunt necnon per questores Sancte Crucis collecte ad summam 10£ sterlingorum et infra totaliter ad vicarios predictos, supra vero summam 10£ ad canonicos residenciarios et decanum pro rata temporis quo quisque eorum resideat, pertinent.

Summa totalis predictorum pro anno regis Henrici Octavi decimo quarto . . . . . – – –†

De quibus quilibet ex sex vicariis in Kalenderhay communiter vescentibus et ibidem pernoctantibus percipiet annuatim £7. 6. 8. Et clericus qui edocet choristas et pulsat organa £6. 13. 4. Et alter clericus £5. 13. 4. Et quilibet ex quatuor choristis £1. 6. 8. Et communis vicariorum cocus £1. 6. 8. Et clericus obsequium dans peregrinis 10*s*. Et decanus pro ejus obsequio in choro £1. 5. 4. Et curiarum senescallus 1*s*. 8. Et reddituum collectores pro eorum diligentia et compoto annuatim die Veneris proxima post festum Animarum faciendo immediate post prandium in Kalenderhay finitum in canonicorum decani et ceterorum ministrorum presentia percipient £1. 6. 8. Et thesaurarius sive sachrista pro ejus officio 13*s*. 4. Et ad onera chori 8*s*. 4½. Et in resolucionibus annuatim domino episcopo et aliis pro redditubus predictis £1. 17. 3. Et quicquid de obvencionibus et redditubus predictis reparacionibus tam super hospicium dictorum vicariorum quam super tenencium domos prius bene et sufficienter factis et aliis oneribus contingentibus supportatis residuum fuerit annuatim post compotum factum in tres partes dividatur quarum due inter sex vicarios tercia vero inter duos clericos et quatuor choristas per predictos collectores cum consilio presidentis et capituli dividatur, proviso tamen quod juxta personarum circa divina obsequia merita qui ceteros vocis sonoritate et cantus scientia antecedunt hii majorem in distribucione predicta percipient porcionem. Colligantur preterea et recipiantur annuatim obvenciones

† No sum total is given.

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et redditus predicti per unum de canonicis vel decanum et vicarium aut per duos vicarios si ad id idonei reperiantur, qui sufficienter coram presidente et capitulo prius caverint tam juratoria quam fide jussoria quod fideliter annuatim de receptis et expositis computabunt. Item ordinamus ut statuimus quod domus et terre ad ministrorum predictorum sustentacionem collate locantur in plena curia et non alibi, facta primitus proclamacione per duas curias de vacacione dictarum terrarum sic locandarum, ac quod hujusmodi locaciones et concessiones fiant cum consilio et consensu presidentis et capituli nec aliter in alio modo.

Forma juramenti prestandi coram presidente et capitulo per vicarium et clericum in ejus primaria admissione:

Ego N. juro quod ero obediens precentori capituloque ecclesie collegiate de Crediton et eidem ecclesie fidelis, et quod ordinaciones et statuta ecclesie predicte quatenus me concernunt pro posse observabo et quod secreta ecclesie in dampnum ejusdem non revelabo, et quod non discedam a collegio predicto ad commorandum alibi priusquam presidentem et capitulum de meo discessu per spacium sex mensium premonebo. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hec sancta evangelia.

Ordinaciones et statuta ad que vicarii et clerici virtute juramenti sui tenentur hec sunt:

Imprimis quod si quis ex sex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis a matutinis missa beate Marie si vicarii ad hoc fuerint intitulati vel a missa principali de die vesperisve, cessante impedimento legitimo, abfuerit uno obolo, et pro eorum absentia a prima et horis quadrante tociens quociens nomine pene mulctetur in usus precentoris et thesaurarii convertende; clericus tamen capelle quociens circa choristarum instruccionem occupatus fuerit a matutinis missaque principali ac vesperis quando ea sine regimine chori celebrantur excusari volumus.

Item quod nullus in vicarium aut clericum admittatur nisi habeat vocis sonoritatem et cantus scientiam congruam; admissionem aliter factam et faciendam decernimus non valere.

Item quod si quis ex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis (quos et eorum quemlibet perpetuo intitulari in collegio predicto ordinamus et per presentes intitulamus) de cetero incorrigibilis reperiatur aut de aliquo crimine notabili coram presidente et capitulo legittime convictus post canonicam monicionem et correccionem sese non emendaverit, a collegio predicto statuimus omnino amoveri.

Item quod si aliquis ex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis infra septa collegii in aliquem manus injicere temere violentas aut convicia improperare coram presidente et capitulo convictus fuerit, pro manuum injeccione quadraginta denarios, pro convicio vero duodecim denarios tociens quociens solvat nomine pene in necessarios usus vicariorum predictorum convertendos; nichilominus preterea partis lese satisfaccionem ampliori pena afficiendus si delicti atrocitas id flagitaverit.

Num. VII.

Statuta ecclesiæ collegiatæ Criditoniæ *.

[Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 28, b.]

Johannes permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis nobis in Christo precentori et canonicis, necnon ceteris ecclesie collegiate Creditonie nostrorum patronatus et diocesis ministris, salutem gratiam et benediccionem. Assidua meditacione urgemur ut ecclesia nostra collegiata predicta ad desolacionem prodiens mediocrem statum saltem retineat, quod facilius effici speramus si ordinaciones et statuta ejusdem in diversis codicibus sparsa et eo magis in multis neglecta execucioni debite demandarentur. Nos igitur eadem quibusdam detractis et nonnullis prout necessitas et utilitas suadent ex nostris additis in hunc unum libellum reducentes ad perpetuam rei memoriam edidimus et innovavimus prout tenore presentium edimus et innovamus ut sequitur:

In primis cum officia ad minus tria summe sint ibidem necessaria sine quibus tale collegium nequit congrue gubernari, primo scilicet cantoria que curam et regimen habeat tocius officii divini, secundo thesauraria vel sacristia que curam et custodiam habeat fabrice necnon omnium rerum communium infra ipsam ecclesiam existentium, tercio curator tocius annexe parochie, ideoque ut taliter officiancium non desit locis et modis ac temporibus necessariis presencia, quibus juste incumbit personalis residencia, habito super hoc cum omnibus et singulis quorum generaliter et specialiter interest diligenti et solempni tractatu, statuimus ordinamus et declaramus quod tam ipsius ecclesie cantor seu precentor quam thesaurarius vel sacrista necnon et animarum curator, qui decanus dicitur ruralis, tempore institucionis seu collacionis sue sint in sacerdocio constituti vel saltem in ordine diaconatus in presbiteros proximis ordinum temporibus ordinandi, ac personaliter resideant in collegio nostro predicto, exceptis tantum sexdecim diebus de quolibet anni quarterio simul aut interpollatim deducendis, quibus cantor et thesaurarius si voluerint et oportuerint absentare valeant, dum tamen non ambo simul ne uterve ipsorum in festis majoribus duplicibus se absentent; qui de sic interpollatim residendo animarum vero curator qui dicitur decanus chorum frequentans et almicio ibidem utens de continua residencia prout in statutis legatorum sedis apostolice de curatis continetur vicariis facienda in collacionibus seu institucionibus sibi factis et eorum induccionibus corporalis juramenti vinculo se astringant. Statuimus eciam quod cantor ultra regimen in choro et in officiis divinis omnium et vicariorum et inferiorum ministrorum ipsius ecclesie pro ipsorum excesibus, salva jurisdiccione nostra ordinaria, canonicam habeat cohercionem et absentancium punicionem in omnibus competentem; defectus eciam tales et absencie vicariorum et ceterorum ecclesie ministrorum per cantorem aut per thesaurarium vel eorum in hac parte commissarium annotentur, et ut inferius continetur puniantur, et eisdem cantori et sacriste per equales porciones applicentur. Thesaurarius vero ut predicitur habeat specialem curam et custodiam librorum vasorum ornamentorum vestimentorum necnon omnium bonorum infra ipsam ecclesiam repositorum ad ecclesiam ipsam communiter pertinencium atque librorum vestimentorum et fabrice emendacionem aliorumque necessariorum cum communibus pecuniis dicte ecclesie supportare et agnoscere teneatur. Statuimus eciam et decernimus quod tam cantor preter corpus cantoris quod dicitur Wolsgrove, quam thesaurarius preter corpus thesaurarie quod vocatur Carswyll, prebendas bursales in dicta ecclesia obtinere et retinere licite valeant, si eisdem canonice conferantur; alias autem quod thesaurarius pro supportacione laboris sui circa premissa et annexe residencie sexaginta sex solidos et octo denarios de taxa prebendarum ad fabricam et ornamenta ecclesie, preter 13*s.* 4*d.* quos percepit de taxa ad ministrorum sustentacionem limitata quousque unam ibidem habuerit prebendam bursalem, percipiat annuatim. Item statuimus et ordinamus quod nullus dicte ecclesie canonicus ad dividenciam in fine cujuscumque pro residente habeatur nisi pro illis dumtaxat diebus quibus matutinis vel majori misse aut vesperis in habitu canonicali interfuerit, ut decet. Item cum quilibet canonicus in ejus ad ecclesiam predictam primarie admissione juramento sit astrictus ad solvendum de fructubus prebende sue antiquam taxam ejusdem tam ad ministrorum et aliorum onerum chori sustentacionem quam ad ecclesie ornamenta et fabricam, et quia nonnulli hiis diebus juramenti sui predicti obliti reddunt sese in premissis negligentes, pretextu cujus ecclesia ruinis deformatur cultusque divinus diminuitur adeoquod anno hoc exacto repperimus officiantes in ecclesia predicta vicarios tantum quatuor, unum clericum et duos chorustas, statuimus igitur et ordinamus quod si quis canonicorum de cetero predictis taxis sub modo et forma inferius limitatis ad usus predictos neglexerit contribuere, fructus et emolumenta quecumque proveniencia ex prebenda sua in ecclesia predicta eo ipso sint sequestrata cujus custodiam presidenti capituli pro tempore existenti tenore presencium committimus, donec taxam ad onera predicta una cum expensis et dampnis si que racione negligencie sue in hec parte fuerint facta persolverit cum effectu, videlicet, ad ministrorum sustentacionem et ad onera chori annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos usuales, ad fabricam vero et ornamenta in festo exaltacionis Sancte Crucis quartam partem taxe ad hoc ex

* These ordinances are, in part, a repetition of those in Num. VI., but are addressed differently.

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antiquis ecclesie ordinacionibus concesse et assignate quilibet canonicus per quatuor annos contribuere teneatur, et sic contribui statuimus et ordinamus sub pena predicta donec integram persolverit taxam que prout antiquitus fuerint limitate et persolute sequuntur et sunt tales:

	Ministris ecclesie et oneribus chori annuatim			Fabrice ecclesie et ornamentis semel			Clerico pars
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	d.
De Wollsgrove . .	2	16	0	8	0	0	9
De Poole	2	9	0	6	0	0	7¾
De Henstyll . . .	2	9	0	6	0	0	7¾
De Stawforde . .	2	9	0	6	0	0	7¾
De Aller	2	2	0	6	0	0	6¾
De Ryge	2	2	0	6	0	0	6¾
De Woodlonde . .	2	2	0	6	0	0	6¾
De Carswyll . . .	1	15	0	5	0	0	5½
De Pryscomb . . .	1	15	0	5	0	0	5½
De Crosse	1	15	0	5	0	0	5½
De Weste Sampforde	1	8	0	4	0	0	4¼
De Crede	1	8	0	4	0	0	4¼
De qualibet sex prebendarum bursalium	–	15	0¾	2	13	4	3
Summa ministris et oneribus chori annuatim .	£29	–	4½				
Summa fabrice et ornamentis per quatuor annos .	83	–	–				

Reliquos vero redditus et emolumenta quibus ministri et onera chori supportarentur, prout ex compoto facto de eisdem pro uno anno integro finito anno regni regis Henrici octavi quinto decimo comperimus, ad pleniorem de cetero intellectum eorundem fecimus hic inseri ut sequitur, videlicet in redditubus apud Exoniam Crediton et Collryge £17. 7. 10. Et in decimis garbarum de Collryge locatis olim pro 9£ nunc anno predicto nisi pro £5. 13. 4. Et in decimis garbarum Bertone episcopi locatis pro £4. 6. 8. Et in oblacionibus de pixide Sancte Crucis et aliis in ecclesia £7. 13. 3. Et de pixide Sancti Laurencii 8*s*. Et in decimis nundinarum 6*s*. 7. Et in mortuariis venditis anno predicto £6. 7. 4. Et in pencione rectorie de Esse regni £1. 6. 8. Et de ecclesia de Lanant 6£; de quibus annuatim in acquietanciis redditubus £1. 16. 9. Et in 8*s*. solutis pro cera invenienda in ecclesia. Et in 10*s*. solutis clerico danti obsequium peregrinis offerentibus. Et in 3*s*. 4. clerico danti obsequium prime misse. Et in £1. 5. 4. decano danti obsequium divinis officiis in choro. Et in £1. 6. 8. solutis communi coco vicariorum pro stipendio. Et in 6*s*. 8. senescallo pro curiis tenendis et factura compoti. Et in 4*s*. 8. solutis pro prandio senescalli et aliorum in die Sancti Laurencii. Et in £1. 6. 8. computatori pro colleccione reddituum et aliorum jurium predictorum necnon laborum suorum circa premissa. Et sic remanet de claro ad refeccionem hospicii vicariorum et eorum tenentium ac ministrorum sustentacionem £69. 9. 2½, de quibus sex vicarii chorales in Kalenderhay communiter vescentes et ibidem pernoctantes percipient 44£, videlicet, eorum cuilibet £7. 6. 8. Et unus ex dictis sex vicariis vel decanus si inter eos resideat, quem in custodem suum in crastino Sancte Katerine annuatim communiter duxerint eligendum, percipiet ultra 10*s*. pro ejus diligencia circa commissa contra bonos mores et statuta reformanda, cui singuli ministri pro illo anno infra septa hospicii de Kalenderhay commorantes parere volumus et mandamus. Item percipient annuatim choruste, quorum numerus sit de cetero senarius, 8£, cuilibet eorum £1. 6. 8. Item percipient annuatim duo clerici vocati secundarii £12. 13. 4, uni eorum docenti chorustas et pulsanti organa £6. 13. 4; et alteri clerico 6£. Et quicquid residuum fuerit de obvencionibus et redditubus predictis, reparacionibus tam super hospicium dictorum vicariorum quam super tenencium domos prius bene et sufficienter faciendis deductis et aliis oneribus contingentibus supportatis, annuatim immediate post compotum factum inter vicarios dividatur, proviso tamen quod de statuto viginti librarum sterlingorum remanentium in scaccario ecclesie ad usum ministrorum predictorum per dictos vicarios receptum erit prius ante divisionem predictam integraliter restituatur ab eisdem. Colligantur preterea et recipiantur annuatim obvenciones et redditus predicti per unum de canonicis vel decanum et vicarium aut per duos vicarios si ad id idonei reperiantur qui sufficienter coram presidente et capitulo prius caverent tam juratoria quam fidei jussoria cautione quod fideliter annuatim de receptis et expositis computabunt. Item ordinamus et statuimus quod domus et terre ad ministrorum predictorum sustentacionem collate locentur in plena curia et non alibi, facta primitus proclamacione per duas curias de vacacione dictarum terrarum sic locandarum ac quod hujusmodi locaciones et concessiones fiant cum concilio et consensu presidentis et capituli nec aliter nec alio modo. Item statuimus quod de cetero in locacione ecclesie de Lanante et aliis concessionibus quibuscumque que per presidentem et capitulum fiendis, scriptura hujusmodi locacionis et aliarum concessionum non antea communi sigillo signetur quam per tres dies Sabbati continuo precedentes ea in capitulo integraliter legatur et in communi registro inactetur, omnibus canonicis absentibus per quindecim dies ad id primitus vocatis et exspectatis. Item statutum et ordinacionem bone memorie Hugonis predecessoris nostri factum xxvij° die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo undecimo de expresso consensu precentoris et thesaurarii necnon omnium aliorum canonicorum ecclesie collegiate predicte ad hoc specialiter in capella dive Virginis ejusdem collegii vocatorum innovamus quod sequitur, videlicet; si precentor aut thesaurarius abfuerit a collegio predicto ultra sexdecim dies de quolibet anni quarterio simul aut interpollatim deducendos, quod tunc fructus omnes et proventus prebende sue oneri personalis residencie annexe pro rata temporum sue absencie nomine quotidiane destribucionis cedant et crescant alteri eorum qui residet; et si neuter eorum residens fuerit, tunc fructus utriusque prebende sic absentis cedant et crescant aliis canonicis ibidem residentibus pro rata temporis absencie sue predicte. Item sicut ecclesie Creditonie parochiani in numero facultatibus ceteris nostre diocesis parochiis quantumlibet magnis non sunt inferiores, ita hiis in divinorum celebracione et auditu eos decet coequari, sed nunc dierum eorum major pars quod dolenter referimus vix quater in anno missam principalem de die cum nota in ecclesia predicta intersit, cujus mali occasio est ut nonnulli affirmant divinorum tardior ibidem celebracio, ut igitur predictorum parochianorum devocio erga Deum et dictam ecclesiam collegiatam augeantur, statuimus et ordinamus quod missa principalis de die cum nota in ipsa ecclesia collegiata de cetero tam diebus feriatis quam non feriatis in hora diei decima vel circiter finiatur nisi festi celebritas a parochianorum devocio aliter duxerit faciendum et postulandum. Item statuimus et ordinamus quod si oblaciones ad ymaginem Sancte Crucis et aliarum ymaginum infra ecclesiam nostram collegiatam antedictam faciendas cum questorum colleccionibus summam decem librarum excedentes ad undecim libras sterlingorum vel supra pervenerit, quod de decem libris superfuerit inter canonicos residentiarios integre, ad decem vero libras et infra novem porciones earundem ad vicarios chorales et decima ad dictos canonicos annuatim de cetero pertineat. Item quod si quis ex sex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis, quos almiciis nigri panni de cetero uti volumus, a matutinis et missa beate Marie abfuerit si vicarii ad hoc fuerint intitulati vel a missa principali de die vesperisve cessante impedimento legitimo uno obolo, et pro eorum absencia a prima et horis, quadrante, tociens quociens nomine pene mulctetur in usus precentoris et thesaurarii convertende. Item quod nullus in vicarium aut clericum admittatur nisi habeat vocis sonoritatem et cantus scienciam congruentem, admisionem aliter factam et faciendam decernimus non valere. Item quod si quis ex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis, quos et eorum quemlibet perpetuo intitulari in collegio predicto ordinamus, et per presentes intitulamus, de cetero incorrigibilis reperiatur aut de aliquo crimine notabili coram presidente et capitulo legittime convictus post canonicam monicionem et correccionem sese non emendaverit, a collegio predicto statuimus omnino amoveri. Item quod si aliquis ex vicariis et duobus clericis predictis infra septa collegii in aliquem manus injicere temere violentas aut convicia improperare coram presidente et capitulo vel custode convictus fuerit, pro manuum injeccione quadraginta denarios, pro convicio vero duodecim denarios tociens quociens solvat nomine pene in necessarios usus vicariorum predictorum conver-

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tendos, nichilominus preter partis lese satisfactionem ampliori pena afficiendus si delicti atrocitas id flagitaverit. Item statuimus quod vicarius perpetuus qui decanus dicitur, qui habet totius parochie de Crediton curam animarum, diebus festivis et aliis tam ipse quam suus sacerdos parochialis divinis officiis cum nota in choro ecclesie collegiate in habitu convenienti intersint ibidem psallentes et cantantes nisi occupacio utilis in cura predicta eos impediat. Qui quidem in supportaciones oneris sui predicti percipiet annis singulis ad quatuor terminos principales de communibus possessionibus ad sustentacionem ministrorum concessis viginti quinque solidos et quatuor denarios; percipiet eciam omnimodas decimas personales omnium et singulorum parochianorum dicte ecclesie, necnon cacaborum, caldariorum, de ruscis jampnis miricis et aliis de silve ceduis de quibus in dicta parochia de jure vel consuetudine decime exiguntur, ac mortuaria de non habentibus animalia viva dari solita et consueta, necnon omnes oblaciones totius parochie extra chorum ecclesie collegiate provenientes prout antiquitus habere consuevit, capellis Sanctorum Laurencii prope Crediton et Clementis de Kynwarleg dumtaxat exceptis. Proviso quod nullus parochianorum missam sepulture sue in choro dicte ecclesie collegiate habeat, nisi super hoc primitus dicti decani pro tempore existentis consensu petito et obtento; habeat eciam idem decanus pecunias debitas pro classicis de minoribus campanis, et ideo pro eisdem campanis cordas inveniet et coria pro batillis *.

Forma juramenti precentoris.

Ego N. Precentor istius ecclesie debitas et approbatas consuetudines ac statuta ejusdem ecclesie quantum ad me attinet fideliter observabo. Et ero fidelis fratribus canonicis meis universis et singulis preteritis presentibus et futuris. Secreta capituli ad dampnum alicujus de capitulo non revelabo. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hec Sancta Dei Evangelia. [Then follow the similar formal oath of the canons, dean, vicars, and clerks, on their first admission. The above ordination and statutes were to be read in chapter, on the Saturday before Low Sunday and Michaelmas. Dated from our manor of Crediton, the 20th day of December, 1523, and of our consecracion the fifth.]

Num. VIII.

Inventory of the church ornaments, A.D. 1524.

(Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fo. 30.)

Memorandum.—Here after foloweth how many cots with juelles upon them to, perteynnyng to the Holy Roode, vewyed by Sir Richard Eryngton, chaunter; Sir Walter Muggs, threasurer; Robert Froste, chanon; Mr. John Holwell, parson of Tettburne; and Sir William Renaudon, vicar chorall, the 20 daye of Maie, A.D. 1524.

Imprimis a cote of blewe velvett with damaske flowrs with 3 gylte crosse, 2 brode arowys, 4 silver bokkylls, 93 ryngs all gylt—46 grotts, one of them clen gylte—an ymage of silver in a plate—a plate lyk a trewelove.

Item a cote of sylver with the lilly pott in the mydds, and in evy side a byrde with a gyrdle—the cross blewe with 25 great gylte barrs, 42 small barrs, gylte, with the bokyll and the pendent of the same.

Item a gyrdle, the crosse goolde with bokyll and pendent of the same, all gilte.

Item a gyrdle, the crosse blakke with 12 great barrs and 32 small barrs, clene sylver with bokyll and pendent.

Item a gyrdell the crosse blewe with 16 great barrs gilte bokyll and pendent.

Item a payre of beeds all sylver, with 53 Ave Marys and 6 Pater Nosters.

Item a brooche of goolde and on of silver—a silver bokyll without a tong.

Item a gyrdill, the crosse redde with 40 barrs of sterrs and gilte, 4 lackyng theyr hedds, with bokyll and pendent.

Item a shypp of sylver. Item a harte of silver.

Item a cote of crymsen velvet edgyd about with letters powderde with a blewe gyrdill of 41 barrs all gilte with bokyll and pendent to the same.

Item a gyrdell, the crosse goolde with bokyll and pendent all gilte.

Item a paier of corell bedds with 20 silver stones.

Item a paier of sylver bedds, 55 stones. Item 3 grotts.

Item a paier of corell bedds with 8 crosses of goolde and a lytle stone of gold and 3 stons of sylver and gylte.

Item a gyrdell, the crosse redde with 24 barrs all gilt, the bokkyll and the pendent.

Item 4 crucifixis of sylver and gilte.

Item a staffe and scryppe of Seynt James.

Item an owche of goolde—a goolde ryng—a flowre of silver and gylte, like a crosse.

Item 4 agnus Dei, the on with a crucifix ys in him. A thyne pece of silver with a crosse.

Item a cote of silver, the grownde blewe.

Item a grene gyrdell with 35 bars all gilte with a long bokyll and a pendent.

Item a redde gyrdell with 24 barrs all gilte, bokyll and pendent.

Item a grene gyrdell of 41 barrs all gilte with crook and pendent havyn a long chayn.

Item a pair of corall beeds with a eleven silver stones gilte.

Item a green gyrdell with 21 bars and gilte, three of them lackyng theyr hedds with bokyll and pendent.

Jocalia ponderata per Reginaldum More aurifabrum 20 die Maii A.D. 1524, presentibus dominis Ricardo Eryngton, precentore; Waltero Mugge, thesaurario; Roberto Ffroste, canonico; Georgio Mason, decano; et Johanne Holwell, rectore de Tettburn; sequentia:

	Oz.	dwt.
Imprimis a cross of silver gilt, and amelid with oaken leaves, ponderyng	56	0
Item 2 bason parcell gilt with roses in the myddys	39½	0
Item 2 candelstykks of silver, parcel gilte with Lyons hedds	96	0
Item a foote of a crosse hole gilte with imagery, viz. 6 angells in the same	103½	0
Item a censer percell gilte of silver	38	0
Item another censer of silver with liberds hedds	22½	0
Item a shyppe of silver parcell gilte cum sculpturâ in coopertorio	16½	0
Item another shyppe of silver parcell gilte with a lyberd's hedd	16½	0
Item an other pyxe of silver, hole gilte with a crucifix in the topp	17	0
Item a monstrate, silver, hole gilte with a berall in the mydds and a crucifix in the topp . .	37½	0
Item a double standyng crosse, with a crucifix in the mydds for reliques of silver and hole gilte.	10	0
Item 2 gospelers with plates silver and gilte with Mary and John on the on of themme . . .	*	
Item 6 chales, of the which on ys all goolde with the patent of goolde ponderyng . . . . . Valewyd at £20.	15¼	0
Item a chales of silver hole gilte and a patent to the same	28	0
Item another chales of silver gilt with a white foot and his patent	13¼	0
Item an other chales of silver, parcel gilte and his patent	11½	0
Item an other chales of silver and patent parcel gilte	15	0
Item an other chales and patent of silver and parcell gilte	17	0
Item 2 candelstykks of silver and parcell gilte .	57	0
Item two cruettes of silver parcel gilt one lackying his handle and cover	3¾	0
Item a rodde of iron platyd over with sylver .	*	
Item a rownd pixe of silver for the sacrament hole gelde	13½	0

* Leather for the clappers of the bells.

* The value of this article is not stated in the register.

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Num. IX.

Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Collegium ecclesie Sancte Crucis Crediton in decanatu de Cadbury (Kenn) infra archidiaconatum et diocesim Exonie.

Verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium Ricardi Erryngton precentoris ibidem et canonicorum ejusdem collegii, examinatus et approbatus coram commissariis termino Pasche et anno regni regis Henrice octavi 27.

Scilicet possessiones temporales dicti collegii:

Devon.

Redditus assisie in Credyton.	£	s.	d.
Valor per annum cum £3. 7. – de redditu assisie liberorum tenencium ibidem . . Et cum £15. 12. 2. de redditu custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum . . . . Et cum £1. – 4. de perquisitis curie, finibus terrarum, et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis . . . . . Summa . .	19	19	6
Inde resolutum annuatim Johanni Trobridge et heredibus suis de quodam annuali redditu per annum 3*d*. . . . . Et Johanni Gibbons clerico prebendario de Henstyll et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu per annum 5*s*. . . . . Et Radulpho Oldam clerico prebendario de West Sanford et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu per annum 5*s*. 4. . Et Thome Hacch et Ricardo Hals ac heredibus suis de capitali redditu tenementorum vocatorum Bynford parcelle premissorum per annum 1*s*. . . . . Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu premissorum per annum £1. 3. 3. . . . . Et Edmundo Roulond senescallo premissorum pro feodo suo per annum 6*s*. 8. . Summa . .	2	1	6
Et remanet clare . .	17	18	–

Scilicet possessiones spirituales dicti collegii:

Penciones.

Et annuales penciones recepte de duodecim prebendis ejusdem collegii valent per annum videlicet.

	£	s.	d.
De prebenda de Henstile . . . £2	9	–	
Et de prebenda de Crede . . . 1	8	–	
Et de prebenda de Stowford . . 2	9	–	
Et de prebenda de Ridge . . . 2	2	7	
Et de prebenda de Pruscomb . . 1	15	6	
Et de prebenda de Wodelond . 2	1	4	
Et de prebenda de Wolgrove . . 2	16	–	
Et de prebenda de West Saunford 1	8	–	
Et de prebenda de Aller . . . 2	2	–	
Et de prebenda de Carswill . . 1	15	–	
Et de prebenda de Crosse . . . 1	15	–	
Et de prebenda de Pole . . . 2	9	–	
Summa . .	24	10	5

Aysshreygney.

Et quedam annualis pencio recepta de rectore ecclesie parochialis de Aysshreigney in comitatu predicto valet per annum . .	1	6	8

Rectoria de Colrudge.

Et decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum sic dimissa Thome Stukelegh militi ad terminum quinque annorum per indenturam. Termino illo incipiente ad festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimum preteritum pro redditu annuatim clare . . .	8	6	8

Credyton.

	£	s.	d.
Et decima garbarum terrarum berton domini episcopi Exonie de Credyton predicto valet communibus annis clare	5	–	–
Et oblaciones ad instaurum Sancte Crucis et aliorum sanctorum in ecclesia parochiali sive collegio predicto valet communibus annis clare	4	10	–
Et decima trium nundinarum ibidem annuatim custodibus valet communibus annis clare	–	6	–
Et decima molendini et feni domini episcopi Exonie apud Credyton predictum valet communibus annis clare	1	9	4
Et decima mortuariorum ibidem accidencium valet communibus annis clare . .	–	13	4
Et annualis pencio recepta de prebenda de Pole pro anniversariis annuatim. . . .	–	13	–

Lanaunt in Exoniensi diocesi in comitatu Cornubie.

Valet per annum de integra decima rectorie ibidem sic dimissa Thome Glynne et aliis ad terminum decem annorum per indenturam termino illo incipiente primo die Januarii anno regni regis Henri octavi vicesimo primo	76	–	–
Summa totalis tam possessionum spiritualium quam temporalium predicti per annum clare	140	13	5
Inde pro decima . .	14	1	4¼

Dignitates collegii predicti:

Vicaria de Credyton,

Unde Georgius Mason clericus est vicarius et decanus ruralis ejusdem collegii, valet communibus annis videlicet:

	£	s.	d.
In oblacionibus 5£ et aliis proficuis contentis in libro paschal 23£, ac de quadam annuali pencione recepta de precentore collegii predicti £1. 5. 4. Summa clare .	29	5	4
Summa dignitatis predicte . .	29	5	4
Inde pro decima	2	18	6½

Prebende infra collegium predictum:

Prebenda de Henstyll,

Unde Johannes Gybbons est prebendarius, valet communibus annis videlicet.

In redditu assisie decime garbarum et aliarum decimarum ibidem sic dimisse ad firmam Gilberto Gale pro termino quinque annorum termino illo incipiente in festo nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno regni regis Henrici octavi 26to. Summa.	15	9	–
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione per annum £2. 9. Et solutum domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1*s*. 7. Summa . .	2	10	7
Et remanet clare . . .	12	18	5
Inde pro decima . . .	1	5	10¼

Prebenda de Credy,

Unde Johannes Holwill est prebendarius, valet communibus annis. Summa . .	10	8	–

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	£	s.	d.
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et eorum successoribus de quadam annuali pencione per annum £1. 8.	1	11	2
Et solutum domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 3s. 2. . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	8	16	10
Inde pro decima . . .	–	17	8¼

Prebenda de Stawford,

Unde Thomas Bassechurch est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Gilberto Gale pro termino vite dicit Thome . . . . . Summa .	15	17	6
Inde solutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et eorum successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £2. 9.	2	10	10
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 10. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	13	6	8
Inde pro decima . . .	1	6	8

Prebenda de Rydge,

Unde Johannes Belluter est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam predicto Gilberto Gale pro termino vite dicti prebendarii . . Summa	14	4	2
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £2. 2. 7.	2	4	2
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 7. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	12	–	–
Inde pro decima . . .	1	4	–

Prebenda de Pruscombe,

Unde Willielmus Lewson est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Thome Yerd pro termino quatuor annorum incipiente termino illo ad festum Pasche anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo quarto . . . Summa .	13	6	10½
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et eorum successoribus de quadam annuali pencione per annum £1. 16. 6.	1	16	10½
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 4½. . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	11	10	–
Inde pro decima . . .	1	3	–

Prebenda de Wodelond,

Unde Willielmus Harman est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam prefato Gilberto Gale per annum. Summa . .	13	2	11
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £2. 1. 4.	2	2	11
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 7. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	11	–	–
Inde pro decima . . .	1	2	–

Prebenda de Wolgrave,

	£	s.	d.
Unde Ricardus Eryngton est prebendarius, valet communibus annis videlicet			
In redditu assisie £15 11 6½			
Decimis garbarum . . . . . 8 – –			
Lane . . . . . 2 – –			
Agnorum 1 13 4			
Vitulorum . . . . . 1 – –	29	11	6½
Butiri et casei . . . . . 1 – –			
Et in aucis et porcellis . . . – 6 8			
Summa . .			
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis predictis et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £2. 16. . . .	3	4	9
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 2s. 1.			
Et Rogero Gifford senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 6s. 8. . . Summa			
Et remanet clare . . .	26	6	9½
Inde pro decima . . .	2	12	8¼

Prebenda de West Saunford,

Unde Radulfus Oldam est prebendarius valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Johanni Trobridge et Margarete uxori sue pro termino vite eorum per indenturam factam vicesimo secundo die Augusti anno regni regis Henrici octavi 22do. . . . . Summa . .	9	9	1
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis predictis et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £1. 8. . . .	1	9	1
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 1. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	8	–	–
Inde pro decima . . .	–	16	–

Prebenda de Aller,

Unde episcopus de Carlyll* est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Simoni Slader, per annum . . Summa . . .	14	3	10
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis ecclesie collegiate predicte et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione, per annum £2. 2s.	2	3	10
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1s. 10d. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	12	–	–
Inde pro decima . . .	1	4	–

Prebenda de Carswill,

Unde Walterus Mugge est prebendarius, valet communibus annis videlicet.

In redditu assisie tenencium convencionariorum per annum . . . . 8 – –			
In lana . . . . . 1 – –			
In agnis . . . . . 1 – –	16	18	4
In decima garbarum . . . . 6 – –			
Et in feno butiro caseo et pomis . – 18 4			
Summa . .			
Indem resolutum precentori et canonicis predictis et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £1. 15s. .	1	17	–
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 2s. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	15	1	4
Inde pro decima . . .	1	10	1½

* John Kite, whose quaint epitaph is to be seen in Weever's Mon., p. 539, ed. 1631. He died June 19, 1537.

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	£	s.	d.
Prebenda de Crosse,			
Unde Barnardus Travys est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Olivero Maynwaryn per annum. Summa . .	11	18	4
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis predictis et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione per annum £1. 15*s*. . .	1	18	4
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis procuracionibus communibus annis 3*s*. 4*d*. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	10	–	–
Inde pro decime . . .	1	–	–
Prebenda de Pole,			
Unde Adam Travys est prebendarius, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Willielmo Brownscomb pro termino trium annorum incipiente termino illo 14 die Februarii anno regni regis Henrici octavi vicesimo quinto. Summa	25	3	10
Inde resolutum precentori et canonicis predictis et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum £3. 2*s*. . .	3	3	10
Et domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis 1*s*. 10*d*. . . . . Summa . .			
Et remanet clare . . .	1	2	–
Inde pro decima . . .	2	4	–
Summa totalis prebendarum predictarum	162	18	8½

Num. X.

Release of the manor and prebend of Henstill to Robert Northcote, Feb. 8, 4 Eliz.

(From the original, in the possession of Sir Stafford Northcote, Baronet.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos hoc presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes Waldron de Tyverton in comitatu Devon generosus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum serenissima princeps domina nostra Elizabeth regina Anglie Francie et Hibernie fidei defensor, &c. per literas suas patentes gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium vicesimo sexto die Januarii anno regni sui quarto dederit et concesserit mihi prefato Johanni Waldron et cuidam Roberto Northcote seniori de Crediton in comitatu predicto generoso manerium et prebendam suam de Henstell alias dictam Henstyll cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis in dicto comitatu Devon nuper parcellam terrarum et possessionum Thome Darcy militis domini Darcy de Chyche jam defuncti quondam existentem, ac totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam suam de Colrudge cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis in dicto comitatu Devon quondam spectantem et pertinentem nuper collegio de Crediton in dicto comitatu Devon ac parcellam possessionum inde quondam existentem, necnon totum illud tenementum suum sive messuagium suum vocatum Westhorne cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, ac omnia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas eidem tenemento sive messuagio pertinentes sive spectantes modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupatione Mathei Toker vel assignatorum suorum scituata jacentia et existentia in parochia de Okeforde in dicto comitatu Devon quondam parcellam possessionum et hereditamentorum Edwardi nuper comitis Devon, ac omnia et singula messuagia domos edificia stabula columbaria ortos pomaria gardina tofta cotagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas communias vias semitas vasta jampna brueria moras mariscos boscos subboscos aquas aquarumcursus piscaria piscaciones stagna molendina vivaria redditus reversiones servicia redditus onera redditus siccos et servicia tenendum et reddendum super quibuscumque dimissionibus sive concessionibus reservationibus pro termino vite vel annorum, ac per copiam rotulorum curie et custumam tenure, decimas garbarum bladorum granorum lani agnelli et feni ac alias decimas quascunque tam majores quam minores, necnon penciones porciones oblationes obventiones fructus et emolumenta quecunque, necnon curias letas visus franci plegii, ac omnia bona et catalla waviata, que ad curias letas et visus franci plegii pertinentes et spectantes ac omnia alia jura jurisdictiones libertates franchesias privilegia proficua commoditates emolumenta et hereditamenta sua quecunque cum eorum pertinentiis universis cujuscunque sint generis nature seu speciei seu quibuscunque nominibus nominantur sciuntur censentur seu cognoscuntur scituata jacentia et existentia vel extendentia provenientia succrescentia sive renovantia in villis campis parochiis sive hamletis de Crediton Colrudge et Okeford vel alibi in predicto comitatu Devon dicto manerio et prebende de Henstell alias Henstyll et rectorie de Colrudge et dicto tenemento sive messuagio de Okeford preconcessa sive eorum alicui sive aliquibus quoquomodo spectantia, habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictum manerium et cetera omnia et singula premissa cum pertinentiis mihi prefato Johanni Waldron et Roberto Northcote heredibus et assignatis nostris imperpetuum ad proprium opus et usum mei predicti Johannis Waldron et Roberti Northcote heredum et assignatorum nostrorum imperpetuum sicut per predictas literas patentes inter alia plenius liquet et apparet: Sciatis me prefatum Johannem Waldron pro diversis considerationibus me ad presens specialiter moventibus remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro me heredibus et assignatis meis imperpetuum quietum clamasse prefato Roberto Northcote heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus titulum clameum interesse et demandum mea quecunque de et in predicto manerio et prebenda de Henstell alias Henstyll ac ceteris premissis in Crediton predicte, ac de et in qualibet inde parcella cum eorum pertinentiis; ita videlicet quod nec ego prefatus Johannes Waldron heredes vel assignati mei nec aliquis alius pro nobis vice seu nominibus nostris aliquod juris tituli clamei interesse aut demandi de et in predicto manerio et prebenda de Henstell alias Henstyll et ceteris premissis in Crediton predicto aut de vel in aliqua inde parcella de cetero exigere clamare seu vendicare poterimus aut debemus, sed ab omni accione juris tituli clamei interesse et demandi simus inde totaliter exclusi per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium ego prefatus Johannes Waldron huic presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui. Datum decimo octavo die Februarii anno regni Domine Elizabethe Dei gratia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regine fidei defensoris, &c. quarto.

Num. XI.

Literæ Willielmi episcopi pro reclusorio juxta capellam S. Laurentii apud Crediton. (Referred to supra fo. 78.)

(Bronescombe's Register; ad finem.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos litere presentes pervenerint Willelmus Dei gratiâ Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in salutis Auctore. Noverit universitas vestra nos divine caritatis intuitu et pro salute anime mee et antecessorum et successorum nostrorum Exoniensis ecclesie episcoporum, dedisse, concessisse et hac presenti cartâ meâ confirmasse in liberam, puram et perpetuam elemosynam Deo et reclusorio quod in honore gloriose Virginis Marie fundavimus et dedicavimus juxta capellam Sancti Laurentii in novo burgo nostro de Criditon et fratri Nicholao illius loci primo recluso, et omnibus successoribus suis ibidem Deo servientibus, totum jus quod habemus vel nos vel successores nostri Exonienses episcopi habere potuimus in terrâ que vocatur Mons Joscelini in manerio nostro de Criditon; salvis octo solidis sterlingorum nobis et successoribus nostris annuatim de predictâ terrâ persolvendis. In cujus rei testimonium

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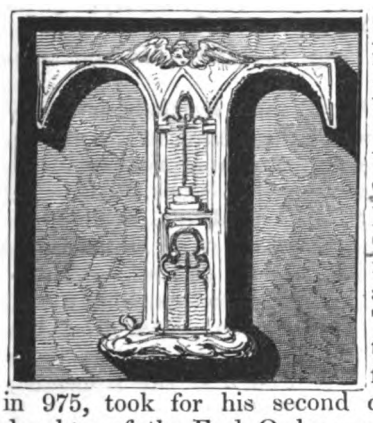
presenti carte sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Criditon manerium nostrum III° nonas Decembris anno gratie MCCXL secundo, consecrationis nostre nono decimo, coram domino Thomâ archidiacono Tottonie; domino Henrico thesaurario Criditon et canonico Exonie; magistro Rogero de Toriz et domino Martino Prodhum, Exonie canonicis domino Benjamin et domino Thoma capellano, Criditon canonicis; domino Thoma de Tetteburn milite; Willelmo le Pruz, juniore; Laurentio filio Richardi; Johanne filio Andree, et multis aliis.

Abbey of Tavistock,

IN THE DEANERY OF TAVISTOCK.



HIS noble Benedictine monastery, seated on the River Tavy, and dedicated to the blessed Virgin and S. Rumonus* the bishop, was begun by Ordgar, earl of Devon, in 961, and completed by his son Ordulph, famed in our annals for his gigantic size and muscular strength. The founders were allied to the Saxon race of kings; for King Edgar, who died in 975, took for his second consort Elfrida, the only daughter of the Earl Ordgar, and by her left two sons; Edmund who died in his infancy, and Ethelred who ascended the throne in 978, after the murder of Edward the only son of King Edgar by his first wife Elfleda. Ethelred, in the year 991, confirmed the endowments of the pious founders; and from the death of Ordulph† the kings of England claimed the honour, and exercised the rights, of founders and patrons of Tavistock abbey. (See post Num. and extracts from the Tavistock cartulary in Dugd. Mon.)

Within six years after the confirmation of its charters by Ethelred, the coasts of Cornwall and Devon were invaded by the Danes, who attacked this abbey, and, after plundering it of its wealth, reduced it to ashes. Under the reign of King Canute, and the active zeal and influence of Levingus, its second abbot, the monastery recovered its losses; and, though Plympton priory subsequently surpassed it in the amount of its revenues, it could claim no comparison in respect of dignity, importance, or the beauty of its situation and architecture. In fact it evidently eclipsed every religious house within the diocese of Exeter in the extent, convenience, and magnificence of its buildings. Its yearly income was estimated, at the time of the suppression of it, at £902. 5*s.* 7½*d.* Archbishop Parker, in his preface to Asserius' Annals of Alfred, mentions the existence of a Saxon school as well here as in many other convents, but we can discern no evidence of it in ancient records‡. Even of the library here we know little, and, as Leland mentions in his Collectanea, (vol. iv. p. 152,) only "Kilwardeby super libros priorum; Lincolniensis (Grostête) super libros posteriorum; Eulogium Joannis Cornubiensis ad Alexandrum Papam; Constantinus Aphricanus; Monachus Cassinensis de re medicâ;" we should rather infer that he was disappointed at its contents. This convent may undoubtedly challenge the honour of possessing the first printing-press in Devonshire and Cornwall. Walton's translation in English metre of Boetius de Consolatione "was imprented in the exempt monastry of Tavistoke, in Denshyre, by me dan Thomas Rychard, monke of the sayd monastery," 4to, in 1525 §. Another work has for its title-page, under the royal arms, "Here foloyth the confirmation of the charter perteynynge to all the tynners wythyn the coũtey of devonsyhyre wyth there statutes also made at Crockeryntorre by the hole assẽt and cõsent of al the sayd tynners, yn the yere of the reygne of our souerayne lord Kynge Henry ye VIII, the secũd yere" (1510). Underneath is a wood-cut. At fol. 25 we read "Here endyth the statutes of the stannary Imprinted yn Tavystoke ye xx day of August the yere of the reygne off our souereyne Lord Kynge Henry ye VIII. the xxvi yere" (1534‖).

The following is a list of the abbots of this house, with

* S. Rumonus was an Irish bishop, who retired to Cornwall, where he died. The acts or history of his life had perished before William of Malmesbury's time. According to Leland, Coll. iv. 153, Ordulphus, duke of Cornwall, translated the bones of the saint to Tavistock. William of Malmesbury had, centuries before the time of Leland, extolled the beauty of his shrine, which, as William of Worcester states, was placed between the choir and the Lady chapel of the conventual church. Three parish churches in Cornwall, and one in Devon, bear his name. His festival used to be kept at Tavistock on the vigil of the Epiphany, (Jan. 5,) with a fair of three days. See Whitaker's Cathedral of Cornwall, vol. ii. pp. 195—203. The 5th of Jan. seems to have been the day of the translation of his relics; but the anniversary of his death was the 28th of August.

† The arms, attributed to the founder's family, were vair, or and azure, on a chief of the first two mullets gules.

‡ This fact seems to rest wholly on the authority of Archbishop Parker. He speaks of "monialium collegia," instituted for the purpose of cultivating and transmitting a knowledge of the language: "Quod quidem in cœnobio *monialium* Tavestokensi et multis aliis conventiculis (nostrâ memoriâ) receptum fuit, credo ne ejus sermonis peritia ob linguæ insolentiam penitus obsolesceret." (Preface to Asserius, p. 14, 15, ed. Wise.) This preface was published in 1574. Camden, the earliest edition of whose Britannia appeared about ten years after, varies the statement of Parker, with whose work, however, he was no doubt well acquainted. Speaking of this monastery, he says, "Laudabili instituto, avitæ nostræ linguæ, quæ jam in desuetudinem abiit, lectiones in hoc, usque ad patrum memoriam, habebantur, ne, quod nunc evenit, hujus linguæ cognitio intercideret," (p. 162, ed. 1600.) Subsequent writers have adopted the language of Camden. Thus Risdon, writing in the first part of the 17th century, says that the monastery, "by a laudable ordinance, had lectures read in the ancient Saxon tongue, and so continued to our grandsire's days, to preserve the antiquities, laws, and histories, written in that language from oblivion." (Survey, p. 213, 8vo. ed.) B. Willis, in his Survey of Mitred Abbeys (6 Leland's Collect. p. 260) speaks of the Saxon school, "erected by a laudable institution for reading the laws and histories written in our mother tongue," as a large building then standing. Warton, in his History of Poetry (vol. i. p. 4) mentions the establishment of "regular preceptors" in the language at Tavistock and Croyland, as if it had existed before the Conquest, and been "suffered to remain" after that event; but he cites no authority.

It would require no great weight of evidence to induce us to believe that an opulent and well-ordered literary community would be solicitous to preserve the memory of a language so useful to the understanding as well of the ancient history of their country and church as of the earliest muniments of their own titles; but a collegiate establishment of female religious, instituted for the purposes described by Archbishop Parker, could not have escaped the notice of the bishop, or failed to leave some trace of its existence in the episcopal registers.—S.

§ At the sale of Mr. Heber's library, Dec. 1834, a copy was purchased by the late duke of Bedford, for £63. A copy of this work is still preserved (1832), in excellent condition, in the library of Exeter college, Oxford; it is printed in the black letter, and is a very good type. It bears date 1525, but the printer's name does not appear to be Thomas Rychard, but Robert Langdon.

‖ The abbots were, at a very early period, lessees of the Devonshire stannaries. See Rot. Parl. temp. Ed. III. (vol. ii. p. 19, 405.) They were also controllers of the issues of royal mines in Devon and part of Cornwall, the prior of Bodmin being controller in the rest of Cornwall. Pat. 29 Ed. I.; Hale MSS. No. 120.—S.

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notices of some of the transactions that occurred during their respective lives, and in which they were concerned.

Almer. He is described in the chartulary of the abbey * as a good scholar, and exemplary for his piety to God and charity to man. He lived to witness the utter destruction of his monastery by the Danish invaders. How long he survived the catastrophe is uncertain.

Livingus. He was originally a monk of S. Swithin's monastery at Winchester. His benefactions and services to Tavistock abbey entitle him to the name of its second founder. "Per Ordgarum surgendi exordium; per Livingum episcopum crescendi accepit auspicium." (Gul. Malmesb.) In 1032 he was promoted to the see of Crediton. On the death of his uncle Brithwold, the bishop of Cornwall, we have seen, under the head of S. Germain's in Cornwall, that he succeeded in uniting that diocese in perpetuity to his own see. In 1038 King Harold appointed him to the bishopric of Worcester, which he continued to hold with Crediton, until his death on Sunday, March 23, 1046. He was buried at Tavistock, to which abbey he had been a great benefactor; and as such was specially prayed for.

Aldred, a monk of Winchester, succeeded Livingus, first as abbot of Tavistock, and secondly as bishop of Worcester. He is noticed in the chronicle of Lambeth, A.D. 1058, for his pilgrimages, and for offering a golden chalice at the sepulchre of Christ at Jerusalem. In 1060 he was translated to York, where he sat until his death, on Friday, Sept. 11, 1069. He consecrated both Harold and William the Conqueror. See his life by Thomas Stubbs, the Dominican, in the Decem Scriptores.

Sistricus, or *Sitricius*, succeeded, and governed the abbey for upwards of thirty years. He died on April 6, 1082.

Gaufridus, or *Gosfridus*. The following were the endowments in his time, according to Exeter Domesday. In Dorsetshire, p. 38, 39, three hides at Oscheruulla, and two at Powrtona. In Devonshire, p. 163—167, the mansio (or manor) of Tavestocha; another called Middeltona; two manors at Lega and Lideltona; another in Hadrelia; manors called Torneberia, Wolritona, Hame, Wrdieta, Bernurtona, Raddona, Liega, Hundatora, Devenaberia, Willa, Plemestocha; and a house in Exeter, mortgaged to him by one of the citizens. In Cornwall, p. 167, 168, mansiones called Savioch; another called Antona, Rame, Tregrenoll, Pennehalgar, and Talgar. The earl of Moretain is stated to have usurped from the church four manors, namely, Boietone †, Elent, Trebichen, and Trewant, all of which were claimed by the abbot. This abbot died in 1088. It is observable that the Exeter and the Exchequer records do not entirely coincide ‡.

Wymund, or *Guimund*. To this abbot and his successors King William Rufus confirmed the grant of the manor of Werrington, and as an evidence presented to the abbot, in full court, "cultellum eburneum quem in manu tenuit, qui quidem cultellus jacet in feretro Sancti Rumoni. In cujus manubrio inseritur talia scriptura ✠ ego Willielmus rex dedi Deo et Sancte Marie de Tavistoc terram Wlerintun." This Wymund was deposed by S. Anselm for simony in 1102. (See Eadmeri Hist. fol. 67.)

Osbert. In the time of this abbot King Henry I. granted to the abbey its possessions in Scilly by a charter inserted under that head. He also witnessed the same king's grant to the church of Exeter. He died July 2, 1131.

Robert de Plympton, according to one account, died on Jan. 20, 1141; according to another, Jan. 21, four years later.

Robert Postel; who is stated to have died March 14, 1154.

Walter, a monk of Winchester, was the next abbot. To him King Henry II. confirmed the previous grant of warren, made by his grandfather, King Henry. (Post Num. I.) He died Oct. 10, 1174.

Baldwin died abbot on Aug. 8, 1183. He was succeeded by

Herbert §. To this abbot Bishop Bartholomew very shortly before his death, (which happened in December, 1184,) confirmed to the convent the appropriations of the parish churches of S. Eustachius at Tavistock, S. Peter at Lamerton, S. Constantine, S. Giles at Milton, S. Paternus at North Petherton, S. John the Baptist at Hatherleigh, S. Helen at Abbotsham, and S. Michael de Rupe, or Brentor ||. Pope Celestine III. addressed to this abbot a bull of privileges and general confirmation, dated from the Lateran palace, May 29, 1193. (It may be seen in Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 41, and is printed in the Appendix, post, Num. II.) He died Nov. 23, 1200.

Jordan, the next abbot, governed the house for nineteen years.

William de Kernit, prior of Otterton, was elected Jordan's successor in 1220. He held his dignity for four years.

John, chaplain to Stephen Langton, archbishop of Canterbury, was elected abbot, and on June 3, 1224, received the royal assent to his election. He died early in 1233.

Alan de Cornwall, who had been prior of Scilly, became abbot by the royal assent on June 8, 1233. He died Feb. 28, 1248.

Robert de Kitecnol was hardly elected when he died, and

Thomas received the royal assent to his election on June 2, 1248.

Henry or *John de Northampton*, cellarer of Bermondsey monastery, received the royal assent Aug. 7, 1257; but he could not have survived his election long, for Bishop Bronescombe's Register, fol. 6, informs us that the community had proceeded to a new election; that some person elected had twice refused his consent to the choice made of him; that the right of appointment had lapsed to the bishop, then at Chuddeham, who, on August 10, 1259, provided

Philip Trentheful, a monk of St. Swithun's, Winchester, to succeed to the vacant office; and on the same day, "ante horam prandii," addressed a petition to the king to restore the temporalities of the abbey, which was granted. On the Sunday after the feast of S. Denis (October, 1259), Bishop Bronescombe solemnly blest him as abbot in the conventual church of S. German's, Cornwall. He died in July, 1260.

Alured from being prior became the next abbot. Some informality transpired at his election; but Bishop Bronescombe, taking into consideration his meritorious character, informed him by letter, dated Lawhitton, Sept. 7, 1260, that he provided him to that office, and prayed the king to restore the temporalities. On Michaelmas day, 1260, the abbot received the episcopal benedic-

Notes on the history of Tavistock Abbey, Digby 81, pp. 66-88.

* This cartulary, formerly the property of Maynard, from which Dugdale has made copious extracts under the head of Tavistock, has not been found. The late edition of the Monasticon represents it to have been in the possession of the late duke of Bedford; but in a communication politely made to the author in the year 1830, his Grace informed him that this was not the fact, nor was he able to give any account of its existence. The documents selected by Dugdale from it have not been inserted in this work, except where the instrument copied is of a public nature, and therefore capable of being verified. An abstract of the private documents has, however, been subjoined: post p. 93.

† Boyton is mentioned twice in the episcopal registers of Exeter; 1st, in Grandisson's Register, vol. iii. fol. 122, where on Oct. 2, 1360, he sanctions the exchange of the vicarages of Boyton and Tavistock between David Fot and John (a blank in the original), on the presentation of the abbot and convent of Tavistock, the true and legitimate patrons of both vicarages. 2nd, When Bishop Lacey licensed the performance of divine service "in capella de Northcote infra parochiam de Boyton" on Aug. 24, 1434. (Reg., vol. iii. fol. 106, b.) From a writ of King Edward I., bearing date April 17, 1297, we learn that "Peganus capellanus de Boyton" was committed to Launceston gaol, with some other Cornish clergymen, "pro publicacione cujusdam littere papalis." (Prynne's Records, vol. iii.) The Boyton mentioned in Lacy's Register, (vol. i. fol. 80,) whose rector, William Swyft, exchanged with Thomas Smyth, on Nov. 24, 1427, for Lidford, is in the diocese of Sarum, in the deanery of Wyly. Trebichen is now called Trebigh. (Lysons' Corn. 146.)

‡ The Devonshire property can be identified without difficulty, with the exception of Wrdiete and Willa (called Welle in the Exchequer record.) It is probable that *Hurdwic* is meant by the first, one of the most considerable of the abbey manors: the second may be either *Morwell*, or *Wells* (now Coffinswell) where the abbey had a fief (Testa de Nevill, 178.) The rest are (in their order) Tavistock, Milton, Leigh, Liddaton, Hatherleigh, Thornbury, Werrington, Abbotsham, Burrington, Raddon, Rumonsleigh, Houndtor, Denbury, and Plymstock.

§ The editors of the late edition of the Monasticon Anglicanum (vol. ii. p. 490) have by mistake introduced Stephen as abbot in the second year of King Richard I., who flourished nearly two centuries later, and died in the fourth year of King Richard II.

|| The present church of Brentor was dedicated by Bp. Stapeldon Dec. 4, 1319.

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tion in Exeter cathedral, and laid his profession of obedience on the high altar. (Bron. Reg. fol. 15.)

John Chubbe. He also was informally elected, as we learn from Bishop Bronescombe's Reg. fol. 25; but the bishop, on Sept. 7, 1262, dispensed with the irregularity, and, on Feb. 2 following, blest him at Horsleigh. The bishop was deceived in this man, whose extravagance, neglect of discipline, and abuse of power, occasioned him to be first suspended, and then deposed in the chapter-house* of Tavistock, Nov. 21, 1269. (See Reg. fol. 44. Num. VII. in the Appendix.)

Robert was blest as Chubbe's successor on Palm Sunday, 1270, in the abbey church of Newenham. At his request, Bishop Peter Quivil, on January 7, 1283, confirmed to his convent the appropriation of Hatherleigh church. (Reg. fol. 113. See Appendix.)

Robert Champeaux, otherwise *Campell,* succeeded in April, 1285. This abbot is highly commended for his piety and zeal for improvement. During his government several parts of the abbey were rebuilt, but particularly the conventual church of S. Mary and S. Rumon, which is said to have been 126 paces long, exclusive of the Lady chapel†. Bishop Stapeldon dedicated this noble church, and two altars in the nave, on August 21, 1318. It was finally taken down in 1670. In it had been buried the founders, and, according to Rudborne (Anglia Sacra, vol. i. 229), Edwin, brother of King Edmund Ironside, and many other illustrious persons in their generation.

On May 21, the same year (1318), the bishop had dedicated the parish church of S. Eustachius, at Tavistock, which adjoined to the abbey inclosure‡.

This amiable and benevolent abbot, with the consent of his convent, on April 2, 1291, appropriated for ever the whole profits arising from an estate called Westlydeton, and of its mill, granted two years before to his abbey by Sir Odo le Arcedeakne, to the providing of Christ's poor, "ad opus pauperum Christi," with clothes and shoes; the annual distribution of which was made in the cloisters on November 2, the Commemoration of all the faithful departed.

In consequence of this abbot's petition, Bishop Stapeldon approved and confirmed a perpetual chantry to be erected in the parish church of S. Andrew at Whitechurch§, near Tavistock, for four priests, who should be bound to celebrate the daily and nightly offices, together with the service for the dead; to say three, or at least two, requiem masses every day, besides one of our Lady. In their suffrages they were to pray for the prosperity of the abbot and convent; for King Edward II. and his Queen Isabella; for the bishop, dean, and chapter of Exeter; for William and Ysota, parents of the above abbot; for Ordulphus, and his consort Abina, and others, the founder and benefactors of Tavistock abbey. The superior of these priests was to be called the arch-priest; he was to live in common with them, and they were to be called his socii, or fellows. He was also to be charged with the care of the parishioners‖. (Stapeldon's Register, fol. 165.) This abbot allowed Bishop Walter Stapeldon to take a copy of the original charter of the liberties of the county of Devon, which is entered in his Register, fol. 152. The charter is the same printed from the charter rolls Joh. in the printed ed. fol. 122. The original appears to have been deposited in the custody of the abbots of Tavistock¶.

Robert Bonus was inducted after a long vacancy, June 12, 1328, on the recommendation of Pope John XXII., and many cardinals. He had been abbot "monasterii de Reula, Tarviensis diocesis". (La Reole, in Tarbes diocese), Grandisson's Reg. vol. ii. p. 49; but Grandisson deposed him for contumacy and intemperate behaviour, after extraordinary forbearance, on October 23, 1333. See the sentence of deposition, Reg. vol. ii. fol. 172.

John de Courtenay, the eldest son of the second Hugh Courtenay, Earl of Devon, by Agnes his wife, daughter of Lord St. John, was substituted for Robert on April 24, 1334. He had been ordained sub-deacon in the conventual church of Totnes, Dec. 22, 1313, and deacon in the collegiate church of Crediton on March 23 ensuing, by Bishop Stapeldon; the date of his priesthood does not appear. This abbot evinced very little of the spirit of a religious man. He was passionately fond of field sports, was very vain and addicted to dress, and an incurable spendthrift. During his government, discipline seems to have been almost banished from the convent. Frequently two only of the community were present at the regular meals in the refectory, whilst the rest were feasting sumptuously in their private chambers. From the neglect of repairs the monastery was falling into decay, and became overcharged with debts. "Monasterium quod solebat abundare divitiis et honore, erat et est oneribus debitorum usque ad MCCC libras sterlingorum et aliorum multiplicium onerum sarcina pregravatum." (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. p. 134. 217.)

Richard de Esse succeeded in 1349. King Edward III. on Oct. 16, 1349, commissioned Bishop Grandisson to receive the fealty of this abbot elect and confirmed, who was unable, from illness, to come to court to do homage for his temporalities. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 26.) To him John Dabernon of Bradford granted his manor of Wyke.

Stephen Langdon succeeded in 1362. To this abbot William Edgecombe, by deed dated Cotehele, Monday after the feast of S. Clement (November) 1378, released "totam terram meam jacentem infra parcum predictorum abbatis et conventus de Inneslegh (Endsleigh) in manerio predictorum abbatis et conventus de Midelton (Milton Abbot) cum fossatis et pertinenciis suis."

Thomas Cullyng was blest on Sexagesima Sunday, February 17, 1380, as abbot. (Brantyngham's Reg. vol. i. fol. 62.) There is reason to fear that in the early part of his government regular discipline was grossly neglected; that the monks affected the fashionable costume of the times, adopting the secular buttoned hoods and beaked boots, and wearing linen; that, instead of meeting in the common refectory for dinner, they were in the habit of feasting in their private chambers; and, above all, that the duty of keeping inclosure was notoriously violated. In the Appendix may be seen, among the injunctions of Bishop Brantyngham, the prescribed boundaries of their enclosure, viz. "per parietes boreales ecclesie conventualis, et ab ecclesiâ et claustro incipiendo ex parte orientali, per quascumque domos et clausuras curie ejusdem monasterii circumquaque pretendentes usque ad aulam abbatis et abinde et camerâ ejusdem ad claustrum prefati monasterii ex parte occidentali dicti claustri situatas, eidem claustro contiguas et annexas, usque ad dictam ecclesiam progrediendo." We believe this abbot finished the campanile of the church begun by his predecessor. He died June 11, 1402. Bishop Brantyngham, on July 7, 1391, had licensed to this abbot a chapel within his house at Morwell. Both house and chapel still remain.

* Browne Willis, in Leland's Collectanea, vi. 260, speaks of this *circular* chapter-house, with its thirty-six niches or seats let into the walls, and surmounted with curious sculpture.

† See Will. Worcest. 115; and Willis, Mitred Abbies, 260, who overrates W. of Worcester's paces by calling them *yards*. It is, perhaps, a portion of the work of this abbot that still remains on the south side of the present parish church. This small vestige of the earlier buildings of the abbey, measuring only a few feet, and almost concealed by the growth of trees and weeds, is all that remains to apprize us that a stately edifice in the prevalent style of the thirteenth century, little inferior in size to Wells or Exeter cathedral, once stood on this spot. The rest of the conventual remains are of much later date.

‡ On Feb. 11, 1380, Roger Milaton of Tavistock obtained Bishop Brantyngham's licence for the performance of divine worship "in capellâ quam suis sumptibus de novo construxit juxta ecclesiam parochialem de Tavystock." (Vol. i. fol. 87.) From a document of November 6, 1445 (Lacy, vol. iii. fol. 268), we learn that Constantia, daughter of William Coffyn, and relict of John Wyse, with Robert Bonefas and Maurice Berd, Esqrs., had erected the aisle or guild of S. Thomas the Martyr within the parish church of Tavistock.

§ On June 8, 1421, Bishop Lacy licensed Richard Mewy and Matilda his wife, to have divine service performed "in capella Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Walredyn infra parochiam de Whitechurch." Walreddon is now the property of W. Courtenay, Esq.

‖ In the course of the fourteenth century archpresbyteries became not uncommon. At the petition of Sir John de Trejagu, Bishop Stapeldon, on February 7, 1319, erected one in S. Michael's church, Penkevell, Cornwall. (See ante, Part I.) Bishop Grandisson, on January 17, 1333, settled one at Beerferrers, which was endowed by Sir William de Ferrariis, who had built the parish church, and appropriated it to the establishment. The foundation deeds of this and of Haccombe will be found under their respective articles.

¶ "Carta originalis manet in custodia abbatis et conventus."—Stap. Reg. ubi supra.

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John May, or *Mey*, was confirmed as his successor on July 30, the same year, and died February 7, 1421-2.

Thomas Mede, elected March 26, 1422, was blest at Clist by Bishop Lacy, April 18. This abbot was accused of simony, of neglecting regular discipline, and of enormous dilapidations, especially in the cutting down of forest timber at Madercliff, Blakemore, Oldwood als Byllyngsbeare, Parkwood, and Hurdewyck: but the charges appear to have been exaggerated. (Bishop Lacy's Reg. vol. iii. fol. 418.) In December 1429 he surrendered his claim to Plympstock church to the prior of Plympton. (See the whole proceedings at the commencement of vol. iii. of Bishop Lacy's Register.) This abbot died on April 21, 1442.

Thomas Cryspyn, elected June 11, 1442. His death happened on April 5, 1447.

William Pewe, elected May 2, 1447. He was confirmed abbot on the 23rd of that month, and died December 26, 1450.

John Dynyngton was elected to succeed William on January 27, 1450-1, and was confirmed by Bishop Lacy on February 20, following. He had previously been superior of the dependent priory in the Scilly islands. Bishop Lacy, on March 8, 1442-3, directed to him a commission for inquiring into, correcting and punishing, any excesses amongst the inhabitants of these islands. From Rymer's Fœdera, vol. ii. p. 408, it appears that this abbot obtained a papal grant to use the pontificals, and to give the episcopal benediction at mass and at table. He must have died in the course of the year 1462.

Richard succeeded. The date of his institution does not appear in the episcopal registers. In the early part of his superiority the abbey received a great accession of property in the grant of Cowick priory by King Edw. IV. (See article Cowick.) And this may have led him to rebuild the Bear Inn in South-street, Exeter.

Richard Yerne, who had the temporalities restored to him as abbot elect, on March 25, 1491; on whose death, or cession,

Richard Banham became abbot in the following year (1492). King Henry VIII. granted to him and his successors, on January 23, 1513, (by a stretch of prerogative, as Sir Edward Coke contends, 4 Instit. p. 45), the right of sitting in parliament, and the honours, privileges, and liberties appertaining to spiritual lords of parliament. It may be observed here, that these parliamentary abbots ranked among themselves in the upper house according to seniority of creation. Bishop Oldam, on July 12, 1505, announced to this abbot his intention of making his visitation on the 10th of the ensuing September. No opposition then appears to have been offered. As the subsequent contest which this abbot maintained with the said diocesan has been variously related, we give the following substance of it from the episcopal registers.

The abbot was cited on April 15, 1513, to appear before Dr. Richard Tollet, the bishop's commissioner, to answer the charge of contempt of episcopal authority. The abbot, instead of explaining the occasion of his conduct, or offering any apology, produced a written appeal to the court of Rome. The appeal was declared by the commissioner to be frivolous and inadmissible. For his obstinacy the abbot was suspended on that day; and on the 22nd of the same month, he, not appearing to the summons, was excommunicated "propter multiplicem contumaciam." On May 10, he appeared in person before Bishop Oldam, at the palace in Exeter, and on his bended knees humbly and earnestly entreated to be absolved from his censures, and offered to submit himself unconditionally to the bishop's correction. The bishop then tendered the oath of submission to the see of Exeter, and, after he had taken it, absolved him from his censures; whereupon the abbot paid him down five pounds of gold.

The repentance of the abbot seems to have been insincere; for soon afterwards he appealed to the primate, William Warham, and to Richard Fitz-James, bishop of London. Bishop Oldam willingly submitted his case to their reference, and both the contending parties promised, in verbo sacerdotii, to stand to and abide by their decision. The question chiefly turned on the right of episcopal visitation. The abbot admitted at once that the bishops of Exeter had exercised ordinary jurisdiction and visitation within the abbey, but had done so from the carelessness and negligence of himself and preceding abbots. "Incuria et negligencia sua et suorum predecessorum." The umpires awarded that the abbot had failed in producing sufficient evidence and documents of the holy see, or in showing any legitimate prescription to exempt him and his convent from the jurisdiction and visitation of his ordinary, and that he was bound to obey and submit, as his predecessors had always done. They required Bishop Oldam, within eight days, to withdraw his censures against the abbot, in his private chapel within his palace in London, without difficulty or contradiction, and to treat the abbot and convent with paternal kindness and clemency; and that neither party should exact, require, or recover any expense. The award is dated from the house of the Bishop of Exeter, near Temple Bar, London, February 8, 1513-14. (Oldam's Register, folio 50.)

The abbot was not discouraged by defeat. From the primate he appealed to the court of Rome, and at last succeeded in obtaining from Pope Leo X. a bull of such ample and extraordinary privileges as completely to indemnify him for his former expenses and trouble. This bull is dated September 14, 1517, and will be found in the Appendix. It expressly exempts the abbey of Tavistock, with its several dependencies, from all archiepiscopal and episcopal jurisdiction, visitation, and superiority, and takes it and them under the sole and immediate protection of the holy see. It declares that all suspensions, interdicts, and excommunications, pronounced against them by any other authority than that of the see apostolic are utterly null and void: "Nulla, irrita, et invalida, nulliusque roboris vel momenti." As an acknowledgment for such sweeping liberality, the abbot was annually to pay to the apostolic chamber, on the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, half an ounce of gold, that is, twenty shillings of lawful money of England. Bishop Veysy, on April 20, 1525, formally admitted the exemption thus granted to the abbey.

John Peryn, it is said, succeeded in December, 1523, but his confirmation is not recorded in Bishop Veysy's Register. In virtue of the bull of Pope Leo X., this abbot, in several leases, styles himself "Abbas exempti monasterii beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Rumonis de Tavystock."

This abbot and convent, on January 10, 1526-7, "ad mandatum illustrissimi principis Domini nostri Henrici Octavi regis Anglie et Francie et domini Hibernie," granted "Johanni Amadas, servienti predicti domini regis," that corrody, which Henry Caleis, then deceased, had enjoyed "de mandato illustrissimi Domini nostri Henrici predicti;" viz. one white loaf; one other loaf called "trequarter;" one dish called general; another called pittance of flesh or fish; three potells of ale, or three silver halfpence; all daily: moreover, a furred robe at Christmas yearly, "de sorte armigerorum nostrorum," or twenty shillings in lieu thereof; also a suitable chamber for himself, and a stable for one horse, in the abbey; also three candles called "Paris-candell," and fuel for his chamber every night at the accustomed season; also hay for his horse, whenever he was at the abbey, "prout unus de armigeris nostris percipit*." The augmentation court, in lieu of the above grant, allowed Amadas, on April 23, 1539, five pounds per annum, and fifty shillings for his arrears.

On September 1, 1529, the same abbot and convent granted to John Elyott an annual pencion of £3. 6*s*. 8*d*., and meat and drink, "cum nostris generosis, ac porcionem liberatam," viz. a convent pastloff and a quart of ale, "cum candelis in tempore hiemali ad cameras generosorum post cenam dari consuetis;" also four wainloads of fuel to be carried to his house, "et habebit annualem unam robam." Should the abbot or his successors not reside in the monastery, Elyott was entitled, if the abbot preferred it, to thirteen pence weekly instead of his table and portion aforesaid. The above grant was made "quia idem Johannes Elyott obligat se per presentes quotidie in

* This mode of describing the sort of corrody or entertainment by reference to the rank of the person, occurs also in one of the charters of S. Michael's Priory, ante, p. 33: "sicut hominem petitem decet." See Cowel, Interp. voc. Corody.

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capella beati Marie in missis et antiphonis, necnon in choro conventuali ecclesie nostre diebus et temporibus antea consuetis in organis et canticis deservire et ministrare; ulterius Johannes quinque pueros in canticis dicte capelle et chori ministraturos meliori modo quo poterit, instruit et docebit." He was, in fact, to be organist and chapel-master.

On December 10, 1539, 31 Henry VIII., the Augmentation Court allowed this Elyott six pounds a year instead.

On November 14, 1535, the abbot and convent leased, for a term of thirty years, to John Yeo, of Hatherleigh, gent., the tything sheaf of all manner of corn in Hatherleigh parish; also the tithe of hay, and of all other things grown or to be grown in the said parish, at the yearly rent of £11.

On September 12, 1536, the abbot and convent appointed John Amadas, and William his son, to the office of bailiff of the liberty and clerk of Tavistock market with a yearly salary of forty shillings.

On November 24, 1537, they granted to Philip Williams a tenement next adjoining the Guildhall, within the town of Tavistock, for a term of twenty years, if he should so long live, with an annuity of £1. 6*s*. 8*d*., and his meat and drink to be taken in the monastery.

This abbot, with twenty of his brethren, surrendered his monastery on March 20, 1539, and was gratified with a pension of one hundred pounds per annum. On July 4, the same year, King Henry VIII. granted the site of the abbey, and a principal part of its estates, to John Lord Russell (see Appendix), which have descended in an unbroken line to his grace the present duke of Bedford.

After the suppression of the abbey, a chapel was formed within its enclosure, "infra mansum nuper suppressi monasterii de Tavistock," and was licensed by Bishop Veysy, March 10, 1540-1, for the celebration of Divine worship, on the request of the noble Lady Dorothy Mountjoy. (Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fo. 109.)

In Sir William Pole's time, the abbey-house was the dwelling of Sergeant Maynard, which he held by lease from Edward, earl of Bedford*.

This last abbot's will, dated October 6, 1549, at Tavistock, was proved in the Prerogative Court April 30, 1550. Browne Willis, History of Mitred Abbeys, vol. i. p. 175, is of opinion that he was buried in the parish church of Tavistock.

The abbot's town-house in Exeter† was called the Bear-inn. The last abbot leased it for a term of sixty years, from November 7, 1538 (?), to Edward Brygeman and Jane his wife, their executors and assigns. It had been charged, from time immemorial, with a pension of twenty shillings to Plympton Priory, half of which was due to the manor of Newton, and payable at Midsummer and Michaelmas; the other half was payable to the cell of St. Mary of the Marsh, at Christmas and Easter. King Henry VIII., on January 30, 1546, granted the premises to William Abbott, Esq., and his heirs, for ever. This William Abbott sold the same, on February 15, 1548, to Griffin Ameredith and John Fortescue.

Amongst the pensioners of the last abbot were Henry Courtenay, earl of Devon‡, afterwards marquess of Exeter, Sir Thomas Denys and his eldest son Robert, John Ridgeway, Thomas Gibbons, Richard Edgecombe, Esq., and Sir Philip Champernonne.

It may be worth while to notice here some other ecclesiastical endowments in or near Tavistock.

Bishop Brantyngham, on September 26, 1374, granted an indulgence of twenty days to all persons within the diocese of Exeter, "penitentibus et confessis," who should contribute to the support of the leper's house, dedicated to S. Mary Magdalene, at Tavistock.

On August 6, 1383, the same bishop granted a licence to David Bukketore, "Pauperi heremite capelle Sancti Johannis Baptiste juxta Tavystock quod possit facere divina celebrari in eadem capella." This chapel was situated "juxta aquam de Tavy." (Reg. vol. i. fol. 109.) Another chapel of S. James de Milmete is mentioned, Sept. 27, 1388, in the same volume.

In letters patent, December 20, 1539, referring to the letters patent on the 4th of the preceding July, by which the king had given and granted to John Lord Russell, and the heirs male of his body lawfully begotten, the parsonage of Tavistock, and the advowson of the vicarage there, with the tithes and profits of the said church, paying to the crown £36 per annum, the following provision is made for the vicar, in recompence of all tithes and emoluments as such; "And whereas it is duly proved before the Court of Augmentation of the revenues of the crown, that the late abbot of Tavistock and his predecessors allowed to Sir William Launder, clerk, now vicar of Tavistock, and to his predecessors, as well in money as in oblations and other emoluments to the yearly value of £20, and above and besides the reparations of the mansion of the said vicarage, and because it is evidently known that the parish of Tavistock is a chargeable cure, and cannot be served by one priest, and that the vicar must needs find one priest besides himself, it is therefore ordained, on the 20 of November, 31 of our lord the king, by the chancellor and council of the said court, that the said Lord Russell, Anne his wife, and his heirs male, shall pay the vicar 10£ yearly; which sum shall be ordered to be allowed upon the said grant of the same letters patent." The king is further to allow £10 more to the vicar, and the said £20 are to be deducted from the £36 payable to the crown by Lord Russell and his heirs. Twenty shillings were also allowed, it seems, to the vicar for repairs of the manse. William Lawnder had been admitted vicar Sept. 15, 1534, on the death of John Serjeant.

Of this vicarage, in the patronage of the family of Russell, the following succession of vicars has been obtained from the episcopal registers:—

John Perins, instituted "ad vicariam certo modo vacantem," Sept. 13, 1554.

Robert Knight, whose institution is not recorded, but on whose cession

Ralph Taylor succeeded, June 17, 1584.

Timothy Fisher was admitted to the vacant living, April 17, 1585; on whose resignation

Laurence Prychard was admitted, March 6, 1587; patroness this time, Queen Elizabeth, by reason of the minority of Edward, earl of Bedford. On Prychard's death,

Walter Ware succeeded, February 12, 1592. Pat. hac vice, for the reason aforesaid, William Lord Burlegh.

Richard Adams was admitted, May 27, 1600, on Ware's death.

John Ellistone was instituted August 10, 1603; patron, Edward, earl of Bedford; on whose resignation,

Edward Elyott succeeded, June 9, 1612; patrons, hâc vice, Richard Waltham, Richard Bowle, and Walter Wentworth, Esqrs., in virtue of the grant of Edward, earl of Bedford.

John Blythman was admitted, April 21, 1632, on Elyott's resignation.

Tristram Cleake—his institution is not given; but on whose death

Geo. Hughes succeeded, April 7, 1638.

Samuel Brown admitted, March 27, 1661, "ad vicariam nunc vacantem."

Thomas Glanvil followed, Feb. 7, 1662, on Brown's resignation.

* The cartulary cited by Dugdale was the property of this Maynard, who seems, from his MSS. at Lincoln's Inn, to have been a diligent collector of records respecting Devon and Cornwall.—S.

† In 1701, when Prince published his Worthies of Devon, were to be seen the arms of Ordulf, the founder of Tavistock Abbey, in painted glass, in the great window of the dining-room. On the outside of the window there was an old illegible inscription. There were also to be seen the arms of Bridgeman; which induced Prince to conjecture that the above mentioned Edward Brygeman was sometime abbot of Tavistock, and built this Bear-inn in Exeter. In the Plympton Priory rental, of Sept. 20, 1481, this inn is described as then newly rebuilt, "de novo reedificatum."

‡ To the grant of this pension of five marks, charged on the manor of Hurdewyke, and bearing date June 30, 1523, is attached the circular common seal of the convent. Judging from the engraving, Monasticon Anglicanum, vol. ii., it is a rude and ungraceful performance. The centre is occupied by the Virgin Mother seated, supporting the Divine Infant on her left knee: on either side an angel is engaged in the act of incensing them. In the exergue S. Rumon, in his pontificalia, is seated, giving his benediction to two children on their knees. The legend is SIGILLVM · ECCLESIE · BEATE · MARIE · ET · SANCTI RVMON · TAVYSTOKE.

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Jasper Cann was admitted, Dec. 3, 1673, on Glanvil's death.

William Hume succeeded, April 22, 1690, on Cann's death.

John Rennell instituted, March 25, 1697, on Hume's cession.

Nathaniel Beard, April 24, 1701, on Rennell's cession.

William Brown, March 26, 1731, on Beard's death.

Thomas Salmon, D.D., Nov. 16, 1747, on Brown's resignation.

John Jago, Aug. 22, 1758, on Salmon's resignation.

Richard Sleman, Aug. 11, 1796, on Jago's death.

Edward Atkins Bray, the present vicar, was admitted, Jan. 8, 1812, on Sleman's death.

The following is an abstract of the various deeds and charters of private benefactors to this monastery, copied by Dugdale from the Maynard Cartulary, and not printed in the Appendix of this work:—

Wolverton

1. Confirmation of the manor of Wlurintuna (Werrington) to the monastery, by William II. (Num. V. of last edition of the Monasticon.)

2. Grant of West Lydeton, by Odo l'Arcedeakne, 17 Ed. I. (Num. VI.)

3. Grant by Robert, abbot of Tavistock, of certain rents out of West Lydeton. (Num. VII.)

4. Restitution to the abbey of the land of Wynemerestona, by Richard de Veteri Ponte. (Num. X.)

5. Restitution to the abbey of the land of Paseford, by Robertus filius Baldwini filii Gervasii. (Num. XI.)

6. Grant, A.D. 1280, of land in Cornwood, by Reginald de Ferrariis, lord of Beer, and Isolda de Ferrariis, lady of Newton. (Num. XII.)

7. Convention between the abbot of Tavistock and the prior of Plympton, respecting the chapel of Plymstock erected on the land of the abbey. The chapel is agreed to belong to Plympton priory: mutual rights of hospitality and aid are established between the two houses. (Num. XIV.)

8. A formal recognition by the prior of Plympton, of services due to the abbot of Tavistock. In consequence of the subtraction of these services, the prior gave fifteen casks of wine as a security "dolia vini vadiavit." Date, 1304. (Num. XV.)

9. William Edgecumbe, of Cotehele, releases to the abbey all his land lying in the abbot's park of Inneslegh (Endsleigh), in the manor of Midelton (Milton). Date, 2 Ric. II. (Num. XVI.)

10. Gift by John D'Abernon (of Bradford) of his manor of "Wyke juxta Brentatorre," and the reversion of lands in Holywill. Dat. 26 Ed. III. (Num. XVII.)

Num. I.

Chartæ regum Ætheldredi, Henrici Primi, et Secundi, pro conventu de Tavistock.

(Cart. inspex. 22 Edw. III. n. 38. memb. 17.)

Rex etc. Inspeximus cartam quam celebris memorie Ædelred, quondam rex Anglie, fecit abbati et conventui de Tavistok in hec verba — Universitatis Creatore in eternum regnante, ac justo moderamine cuncta creata visibilia et invisibilia miro ineffabilique modo gubernante, ego Ætheldred Anglice nationis, ceterarumque gentium triviatim intra ambitum Britannie insule degentium, regie dignitatis solio ad tempus, Christi mundi Redemptoris gratia, subtronizatus basileus, à quodam milite, avunculo videlicet meo, qui secunde regenerationis utero innovante gratia ineffabiliter editus nobili Ordulf pollens floret onomate, humili devotione compunctus, subnixis deposcens precibus efflagitare Deum compunctus gratia benivolus ceperat ut arcisterium, cui notabile *at Tavistoce* fulget vocabulum, ubi mater ejus fraterque, ava videlicet mea et avunculus ceterique nostre posteritatis prosapies mausoleis somate tumulati, tuba hujus caduce vite clangente ultima, terciam resurrectionis nativitatem, animâ corpori Deo faciente in ictu oculi mirabiliter associatâ, diem judicaturi vel judicandi prestolantur extremum, ut ibi loco celebri Domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genetrici semperque Virgini Marie dedicato, monachos non seculares set regulares in omnibus sancte regule obtemperantes preceptis licenter constitueret, fiscisque naturalibus devotus locupletaret. Ejus igitur votis applaudendo, voti compos animi, et quod fides catholica poposcerat admodum libens tripudiansque concessi. Admiranda namque ejus fidei constancia. Nam illo in tempore quo prefatus miles, Sancti Spiritus gratia compunctus, ad legitimos monachorum usus ad eterne vite lucrum hoc construxerat cenobium, ceteri quique infidelitatis nevo turpati, loca sancta dissipantes, sancte religionis monachos insipidi, me impote nolenteque, infantili adhuc, ut ita dicam, etate vigente, atrociter, veluti pagani, ad perpetuum sui dampnum fugabant. Ejus igitur benevolencie congaudens, meorum optimatum usus consilio, libertatis privilegium prefato loco Sancte Dei genitrici semperque Virgini Marie dicato magna anima alacritate tripudians concedo, et, secundùm patroni nostri beati Benedicti traditionem, post obitum abbatis, qui nunc sancto presidet loco, abbas ex eadem eligatur congregatione qui dignus sit tali fungi officio; aliorsum vero minime, nisi culpis promerentibus inibi inveniri nequiverit qui aptus sit animabus lucrandis. Quod si hoc, quod absit, miserabiliter evenerit, de alio noto et familiari monasterio unanimi fratrum consilio eligatur, cujus vita probabilis sapientia predita cultuque religionis fulgida fidelibus clarescat. Finitis namque diebus benivoli et laudabilis viri, qui specialis lucri copia sanctum dapsilis ditaverit locum, laicorum nemo ipsius loci dominium presumens sibi usurpet. Rex vero, que ab eo Domino nostro Jesu Christo ejusque genetrici semperque Virgini Marie ab eterno usque remunerationem concessa sunt vel concedenda, nec abbas nec alicujus persone homo licentiam habeat pro pecunia vendendi vel gratis concedendi vel mutandi, set eterno Deo maneat imperpetuum, quod ei concessum vel concedendum est. Regum verò munimine deinceps ipse locus Domino protegente tueatur, ipsiusque loci abbas regi deserviens, gregem sibi commissum dirocheo, id est duplici pasto, foveat. Sit igitur prefatum monasterium omni terrene servitutis jugo liberum, tribus exceptis, rata, videlicet, expeditione, pontis, arcisve restauratione. Si quis verò tam epilempticus philargyrie seductus amentia, quod non optamus, hanc nostre munificentie dapsilitatem ausu temerario infringere temptaverit, sit ipse alienatus à consorcio sancte Dei ecclesie, necnon et à participatione sacrosancti corporis et sanguinis Jesu Christi Filii Dei, per quem totus terrarum orbis ab antiquo humani generis inimico liberatus est, et cum Juda, Christi proditore, sinistra in parte deputatus, ni prius hic digna satisfactione humiliter pœnituerit quod contra sanctam Dei ecclesiam rebellis agere presumpserit, nec in vita hac practica veniam, nec in theorica requiem apostata optineat ullam, set eternis baratri incendiis trusus cum Anania et Saphira jugiter miserrimus crucietur. Anno Dominice incarnationis DCCCCLXXXj. indictione ix. scripta est hec carta. Hiis testibus consentientibus, quorum inferius nomina caraxantur. ✠ Ego Adelred, rex totius Britannie prefatam donationem cum sigillo sancte crucis confirmavi. ✠ Dunstan, Dorobernensis ecclesie archiepiscopus ejusdem benivolentiam consensi. ✠ Ego Alfthrith ejusdem regis mater hanc donationem confirmavi. ✠ . . . . . ✠ Oswald archiepiscopus triumphalem tropheum agie crucis impressi. ✠ Adeluuold, Pictaviensis ecclesie episcopus predictum donum consensi. ✠ Ego Alfstan, Londoniensis ecclesie episcopus consignavi. ✠ Ego Athelgar episcopus tropheum agie crucis imposui. ✠ Ego Alfstan episcopus jubente rege signum crucis infixi. ✠ Ego Alfstan episcopus consensum prebui figens crucem. ✠ Ego Athulf episcopus crucis modum manu propria subscripsi. ✠ Ego Ælfric episcopus. ✠ Ego Alfeah episcopus. ✠ Ego Cerdic episcopus. ✠ Ego Adelric episcopus. ✠ Ego Wulfr. episcopus. ✠ Ego Alchere dux. ✠ Ego Athelwine dux. ✠ Ego Brytnod dux. ✠ Ego Athelbriht dux. ✠ Ego Athelmere dux. ✠ Ego Edwine dux. ✠ Ego Athelweard min. ✠ Ego Oedelweard min. ✠ Ego Beorthwold min. ✠ Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Brightwold minister. Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Ordelm minister. Ego God. minister. Ego Ælfric minister. Ego Leofwine minister. Ego

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Leofric minister. Ego Ælmere minister. Ego Goduuine minister. Ego Ælwine minister. Ego Ælfric minister.—Inspeximus etiam cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Anglie progenitor noster, fecit prefatis abbati et conventui in hec verba.—HENRICUS * rex Anglie Willielmo episcopo Exon. et Ricardo filio Baldwini vicecomiti, et omnibus fidelibus suis de Denescira et de Cornualia salutem. Volo et mando vobis, et precipio firmiter, quod faciatis venire ad dominium ecclesie mee de Tavistoch, Rueberge, et Cudelipe, quas Wymundus Willielmo fratri suo injuste tradidit. Et prohibeo ne aliquis preter monachos ipsas terras amplius teneat, vel alias aliquasque de dominio ecclesie fuerunt, exceptis illis quas Gaufridus abbas dedit ad servicium milicie. Et precipio ut ipsa ecclesia mea habeat et teneat omnes terras et tenuras suas libere quiete et integre, et ne aliquis abbas ulterius aliquam distrahat vel alicui donet preter confirmationem meam, et assensum etiam tocius capituli. Volo etiam et precipio pro anima Willielmi regis et mea hundredum de Tavestoch liberum esse per se et quietum, ne in aliquo hundredo Lifton subjaceat aut respondeat. Et concedo, sicut per aliam cartam concessi, mercatum esse omni die Veneris in villa de Tavistoch, et nundinas ad festum Sancti Rumoni per tres dies. Et prohibeo ne aliquis emptor sive venditor thelonium suum ibi retineat, qui illud in vicinis burgis vel civitatibus meis juste dare debeat. Testibus Radulfo archiepiscopo Cantuar., et Willielmo filio regis, et Roberto comite de Mellent. Apud Odyham.—Inspeximus eciam cartam quam dominus H. quondam rex Anglie proavus noster fecit prefatis abbati et conventui in hec verba.—HENRICUS † rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie justiciariis et vicecomitibus et ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Anglie, salutem. Concedo quod Walterus abbas de Tavistoca habeat omnes warennas et defensa sua in bosco et plano, ita bene et in pace et honorifice sicut rex H. avus meus antecessori suo per breve suum concessit. Et prohibeo ne quis in eis fuget, vel leporem capiat sine ejus licencia super x. librarum forisfactum. Teste Henrico de Essex. Apud Oxenford.—Inspeximus eciam quandam aliam cartam ejusdem domini H. quondam regis Anglie in hec verba.—HENRICUS † rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie justiciariis vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis Devonie et Cornubie salutem. Precipio quod abbas et monachi mei de Tavestocha habeant et teneant omnes terras et tenuras suas et ministeria sua, ita bene et in pace libere et quiete et juste et integre et honorifice sicut predecessores sui melius et liberius habuerunt et tenuerunt tempore regis H. avi mei. Et prohibeo ne ipsi inde in placitum ponantur nisi coram me, nisi nominatim precepero. Teste Gaufrido archiepiscopo Cantuariensi. Apud Silvestonam, etc.—Nos autem concessiones et confirmationes predictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, nunc abbati et conventui dicti loci de Tavistok et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predicte rationabiliter testantur, et prout iidem abbas et conventus et predecessores sui terras et tenementa predicta hactenus tenuerunt et libertatibus predictis rationabiliter usi sunt et gavisi. Hiis testibus; venerabilibus patribus, J. archiepiscopo Cantuar. totius Anglie primate, W. episcopo Winton thesaurario nostro, Henrico comite Lancastr., Willielmo de Bohun comite North., Henr. de Percy, Radulpho de Stafford, Richardo Talbot seneschallo hospitii nostri, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium xiiij. die Februarii. Per finem quinque marcarum solutarum clerico hanaperii Devon.

NUM. II.

Bulla exemptionis et confirmationis Cœlestini Tertii omnium ecclesiarum et decimarum monasterio de Tavistok. 29 Maii 1193.

(Veysy's Register, vol. ii. fol. 45.)

CELESTINUS episcopus servus servorum Dei dilecto filio Herberto abbati de Tavistochia ejusque successoribus regulariter substituendis imperpetuum. Commisse nobis apostolice sedis auctoritas nos hortatur, ut locis et personis ipsius auxilium devotione debita implorantibus tuitionis presidium inpendere debeamus. Quia sicut injusta poscentibus nullus tribuendus est affectus, sic et legitima et justa desiderantium non est differenda petitio. Eapropter dilecte in domino fili Herberte abbas tuis justis postulationibus clementer annuimus, et monasterium de Tavistochia quod in honore beate Marie et Sancti Rumoni confessoris edificatum esse dinoscitur sub ejusdem beate Marie et Sancti Rumoni confessoris et sacro Sancte Romane ecclesie, cujus juris existit, tutela et proprietate tantum manere censemus, et presentis scripti privilegio communimus. Statuentes et quascumque possessiones quecumque bona tam ecclesiastica quam mundane idem monasterium impresentiarum juste et canonice possidet, aut in futurum concessione pontificum, largitione regum vel principum, oblatione fidelium, seu aliis justis modis Deo propicio poterit adipisci, firma tibi tuisque successoribus et illibata permaneant. In quibus hec propriis duximus exprimenda vocabulis, ecclesiam beate Marie et Sancti Rumoni confessoris de Tavistochia in qua sedes abbacie existit, cum eadem villa et mercato ejusdem ville et capellis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis; Middelton et ecclesiam Sancti Constantini confessoris in eadem villa constructam, cum omnibus suis pertinentiis; Hatherlegam cum ecclesia Sancti Johannis Baptiste in eadem villa fundata et omnibus pertinentiis suis; Boryngton cum ecclesia Sancte Trinitatis in eadem villa sita; Lega; Abbedisham cum ecclesia Sancte Helene ibidem constructa; Weredeget §; Ordlegh ‖; Auri ¶; Tornebury; Rauburga; et unam domum in civitate Exonie; Devonebury, et ecclesiam beate Marie ibidem fundatam; Wella **; Daggecumba; Plymstok; Raddon; Hundetorre; Odatrew ††; Savyocke, et ecclesiam beate Marie ibidem fundatam; Anton cum ecclesiis ibidem fundatis et pertinentiis suis; Rame; Tregrenon; Penhangar; Talcar; Wulryngton cum matrice ecclesia Sancti Paterni et capellis ejusdem ville et omnibus ad eam spectantibus; Ocherwille; Pourton cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis vobis rationabiliter collatis. Infra insulas etiam de Sully, insulam Sancti Nicholai, insulam Sancti Sampsonis, insulam Sancti Elidii, insulam Sancte Theone virginis, et insulam vocatam Nutho, cum appendiciis suis, et omnes ecclesias et oratoria per omnes insulas de Sully constructa cum decimis et obventionibus et aliis pertinentiis suis, et duas boscatas terre in insula de Aganas et tres boscatas terre in insula de Ennore; ecclesiam quoque Sancti Michaelis de Rocca cum terris et redditibus suis; ecclesiam de Lamberton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis a domino fundi W. Giffard in puram et perpetuam elemosinam vobis et monasterio vestro collatam, et a bone memorie B. Exoniensi episcopo confirmatam, et de vobis ad mandatum de tribus pauperibus cotidie pascendis et ad alia pietatis opera exequenda J. quondam Exoniensis episcopi assensu assignatam; ecclesiam quoque Sancti Petri de Monkehamton, cum terra de Nordecumba et aliis pertinentiis suis.

Obeunte vero te, Herberte, nunc ejusdem loci abbate vel tuorum quolibet successorum, nullus ibi qualibet surreptionis astutia vel violentia preponatur nisi quem fratres communi consilio vel pars consilii sanioris secundum timorem Dei et Sancti Benedicti regulam absque ullius contradictione decreverint abbatem eligendum. Custodiam eciam domus vestre, et rerum et possessionum vestrarum dispositionem in manibus vestris donec vestre provideatur ecclesiæ manere censemus. Sepulturam quoque ipsius loci liberam esse decernimus, ut eorum devotioni et extreme voluntati qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi forte excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat, salva tamen illarum ecclesiarum canonica justitia à quibus mortuorum corpora assumuntur. Indulgemus etiam ut vobis liceat ecclesias vestras cum vacaverint in hospitalitatis usum in domo vestra jugiter observande convertere, idoneos ad eam eligendo capellanos, qui diocesano episcopo presentati eidem de spiritualibus, vobis vero de temporali-

* Henry I. The date must be between 1114, when Archbishop Radulphus was enthroned, and 1120, when the king's son, Prince William, died.

† Henry II.

§ Probably Hurdewic; see ante, p. 90, note ‡.

‖ Orleigh was a fee of the abbey, held by Dacus or Dennis.

¶ Aller, or North Aller, was called *Aure;* but no other proof has been found that this ever belonged to the abbey.

** For Wella, see ante, p. 90, note ‡.

†† Ottrew, or Ottery, near Tavistock.

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bus, debeant respondere, ita quidem quod episcopus illos repellendi qui sibi fuerint presentati nullam prorsus habeat sine causa rationabili potestatem.

Sane novalium vestrorum et eorum que propriis manibus aut sumptibus excolitis sive animalium vestrorum nullus à vobis decimas exigere aut extorquere presumat, sed potius vobis reservate in usus hospitalitatis convertantur.

Decernimus ergo ut nulli omnino hominum nec episcopo fas sit prefatum cenobium temere perturbare aut ejus possessiones auferre vel ablatas retinere, minuere, seu quibuslibet vexationibus fatigare, set omnia integra conserventur eorum pro quorum gubernatione ac sustentatione concessa sunt usibus omnimodis profutura; salva sedis apostolice auctoritate. Si vero aliquod scriptum vel privilegium contra hanc libertatem vobis et monasterio vestro a nobis indultam et presentis privilegii auctoritate confirmatam aliquando apparuerit, eidem libertati nulla ratione prejudicet. Ad indicium autem hujus a sede apostolica percepte libertatis tres aureos pro monasterio beate Marie et Sancti Rumoni confessoris prelibati nobis nostrisque successoribus annis singulis exsolvetis. Si qua igitur in futurum ecclesiastica secularisve persona hanc nostre constitutionis paginam sciens contra eam temere venire temptaverit, secundo terciove commonita, si non satisfactione congrua emendaverit, potestatisque honoris sui dignitate careat, ream seque divino judicio existere de perpetrata iniquitate cognoscat, et a sacratissimo corpore ac sanguine Dei et Domini Redemptoris nostri Jesu Christi aliena fiat, atque in extremo examine districte ultioni subjaceat. Cunctis autem eidem loco juxta servientibus sit pax Domini nostri Jesu Christi quatenus et hic fructum bone actionis percipiant, et in futuro apud districtum judicem premia eterne pacis inveniant. Data Lateranem per manum Egidii Sancti Nicholai in carcere Tulliano diaconi cardinalis, iiij. kalendis Junii ab incarnatione nativitatis Dominice anno millesimo centesimo nonagesimo tertio, pontificatus domini nostri Celestini pape tercii anno tercio.

Num. III.

Feoda per servitium militare tenta de abbatia Tavistochiensi, tempore Henrici I.

(E Libro Nigro Scaccarii, Hearne, vol. i. p. 117.)

Venerabili domino suo Henrico, Anglorum regi nobilissimo, Walterus Dei gratia, Tavistochiensis ecclesie minister humilis, fideles orationes in Christo. Noverit celsitudo vestra de tenurâ militum nostrorum, quantum inde sollicitus inquirendo scire potuit parvitas nostra, quod eo anno et die, quo inclytus Rex H. avus vester, vixit et viam universe carnis ingressus est, tenuerunt de pauperculâ domo nostrâ:

Ricardus de Alneto feodum iiii. militum.
Rogerius Cornutus feodum ii. militum.
Radulfus de Oskerevill feodum ii. militum.
Willelmus de Tribus Minetis feodum iii. militum.
Reginaldus de Liddeton feodum ii. militum.
Galfridus de Lege feodum i. militis et dim.
Willelmus Gurdet feodum dimidii militis.
Hugo de Wichâ feodum i. militis.
Robertus Dacus feodum dimidii militis.
Willelmus de Crievebere feodum dimidii militis.

Postea vero, in tempore gwerre, de dominicis terris ecclesie nostre, quas ei bone memorie Henricus rex, avus vester, restituit per justiciam suam et per cartas, quas habemus et quas audivit aliquando excellentia vestra, Ricardus de Colevill feod. i. milit., Galfridus de Lega et Willelmus filius ejus feodum dim. milit., ab ecclesiâ extorserunt.

Dilatet Dominus regnum vestrum, et longo tempore conservet*.

* Pole (Coll. p. 33) has *William Clavill*, instead of Rich. Colevill. The Testa de Nevill, p. 178, throws additional light on the fees held by these tenants. Upon the collection of the aid on the marriage of the sister of Henry III., it appeared that the abbey then held sixteen fees in Devon, four in Cornwall, and one and a half in Dorsetshire. (See Testa, &c. p. 169, 195, and 201.) It should be observed, that these fees held by the Dawneys, Cornus, Oskervilles, Tremenets, and other military tenants, yielding to the lord nothing but the usual feudal services, made no figure in the *rental* of the abbey, except on the occasions of wardship, escheat, or other usual fruits of tenure. The interest of the abbey was that of a mere seignory, either in gross or appendant to another manor.—S.

Num. IV.

Jura regalia abbatis Tavistochia in burgo et hundredo de Tavistock.

(Excerpta ex Rotulis hundredorum, 3 Ed. I., vol. i. p. 81, ed. 1812. Vide etiam Placita Quo Warranto, 170.)

Veredictum burgi de Tavistok'.—Dicunt quod locus ubi villata de Tavistok nunc sita est et abbatia aliquando fuit Adelredi regis Anglie ante conquestum qui illum dedit Ordulpho comiti fratri suo, et idem Ordulphus de licencia predicti regis ibidem fieri fecit abbatiam, que nunc est, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, et quidam abbas ejusdem loci predictam villam fecit levari que nunc valet per annum octo libras quam idem abbas nunc de domino rege tenet in capite per baroniam, simul cum aliis terris suis pertinentibus ad baroniam, pro quindecim feodis militis et dimidio. Item idem abbas habet assisam panis et cervisie, pilloriam et tomborellam in predicto burgo a tempore quo non extat memoria, et habet mercatum in eodem burgo et nundinas semel in anno, set nesciunt quo warento. . . . .

Veredictum juratorum forinseci hundredi de Tavistok'.—Dicunt quod locus de Tavistok' cum forinseco hundredo ibidem aliquando fuit domini Adelredi tunc regis Anglie ante conquestum, ut intelligunt, et idem Adelredus dedit eundem locum cum forinseco hundredo Ordulpho comiti fratri suo qui ex licenciâ fratris sui [fieri fecit?] quandam abbatiam nigrorum monachorum S. Benedicti in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro animabus predecessorum suorum regum Anglie; et tenet abbas ejusdem loci et conventus quindecim feoda et dimidium de Haubergh † de domino rege in capite, et habent in manerio de Hurdewik ejusdem hundredi furcas a tempore quo non extat memoria; ignorant tamen per quod servitium dicti religiosi dicta feoda teneant, et quomodo valent per annum; proficuum tamen dicti hundredi valet unam marcam per annum et de redditu assise per annum novem libras, ut intelligunt. [The presentment then goes on to complain of various extortions, &c. of the officers of the crown and the earl of Cornwall.]

Num. V.

Deposicio Johannis Chubbe abbatis de Tavistoke propter varia enormia.

(Bronescombe's Register, fo. 40.)

In nomine Domini, amen. Sicut plantatos in ecclesie Dei fructificantes decens est et honestum confovere ut crescendo dilatati bonorum operum fructus faciant ampliores, pari videtur racione non minimum expedire aridos et infructuosos quos non nulla poterit culture diligencia ad fructificandum perducere, ne bonarum arborum locum in vanum occupent, a plantario domus divine penitus extirpatos quamprocul expellere, in doloribus et angustiis concremandos. Sane cum nos Walterus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus, in vinea Domini prout sollicitudo pastoralis exigit laborantes, intelleximus quod Johannes dictus Chubbe abbas Tavistokie ob manifestas offensas et contumacias vinculo majoris excommunicacionis per commissarios nostros esset inodatus, idem

† This word, though printed like a proper name in the edition of 1812, means, perhaps, only a hauberk or coat of mail. If so, as the lands referred to are no doubt the same with those mentioned as held for fifteen and a half knights' fees in the preceding presentment, the record satisfactorily shews the identity of the English knight service, and the Norman fief de haubert or feudum loricæ. (See Spelm. Gloss. 219; Cowel's Interpreter, voc. Hawberke; Ducange, voc. Halsberga.) See however Testa de Nevil, p. 178, b., where "Hanebergh" is mentioned among the abbey fees.—S.

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abbas in spiritu devocionis ut videbatur ad nos veniens reatus suos recognoscens et statum suum, ut asseruit, cupiens emendari, prestito juramento ab eodem corporali promiserit, quod super premissis contumaciis et offensis ad voluntatem et ordinacionem nostram sine strepitu judiciali satisfaceret ad plenum, ordinacioni nostre alte et basse se sponte submittendo, volens et concedens quod si contra premissa vel aliquod premissorum ullo unquam tempore veniret, in pristinam ipso facto retruderetur sentenciam excommunicacionis; et hiis factis ad ejus instanciam ipsum duximus absolvendum. Ipse vero abbas postmodum animo indurato quod per juramentum facere promiserat irreverenter adimplere contempsit; propter quod nos ipsum in pristinam retrusimus excommunicacionis sentenciam justicia exigente. Qui temporis processu ad spiritum sanioris consilii ut asseruit rediens et notam inobediencie et perjurii per ecclesiastice discipline meritum redimere cupiens, absolucionis beneficium instanter sibi a nobis impendi petiit iterato; et quia ad satisfactionem condignam premissorum tunc minime sufficiebat ut dixit super omnibus premissis contumaciis offensis et inobedienciis, ordinacioni gracie et voluntati nostre se et statum suum alte et basse secundo submisit absolute et inscriptis sacrosanctis evangeliis prestito ab eodem abbate iterato juramento corporali promisit et se sponte obligavit sub debito juramenti prestiti quod super premissis omnibus et singulis nostram voluntatem seu ordinacionem prescise subiret, servaret, et teneret, nec ullo unquam tempore in aliquo contraveniret; volens eciam et concedens quod si contra premissa vel aliquod premissorum quoquo modo veniret, jure et regimine abbatie predicte esset privatus ipso facto prout hec omnia in litteris ipsius abbatis plenius continentur. Unde idem abbas sub forma predicta beneficium absolucionis meruit optinere; prefatus vero abbas proprii honoris et salutis immemor reatum perjurii non formidans quod per juramentum facere promisit licet sepius monitus inobedienter adimplere neglexit. Cumque postmodum de ipso abbate una cum premissis ea nobis frequenter insinuata fuissent que ab honestate regulari nimium dissonabant, frequentibus fide dignorum clamoribus excitati et per monachos ejusdem monasterii instanter interpellati, in dicto monasterio Tavistok associatis nobis viris religiosis ejusdem ordinis et aliorum tum per nos cum per clericos nostros diversis vicibus, prima vice eodem abbate presente, secunda contumaciter absente, de statu dicti abbatis prout cura pastoralis officii requirit, in forma juris inquisivimus et inquiri fecimus diligenter; unde per depositionem monachorum ejusdem monasterii necnon per deposicionem aliorum fidedignorum clericorum et laicorum juratorum qui veritatem rei geste melius cognoverunt, repertum fuit esse probatum, quod dictus abbas est dicti monasterii bonorum dilapidator intollerabilis et manifestus, monachalis discipline regulam, ad quam voto professionis est astrictus deserendo, propter quam auctoritate nostra ab administracione temporalium bonorum ejusdem monasterii fuit suspensus; qui dicta suspensione non obstante custodem temporalium bonorum dicti monasterii per nos de consensu monachorum ibidem deputatum impediens quo minus de eisdem ad utilitatem ejusdem monasterii disponeret, eadem bona ut prius immo gravius et enormius dilapidando et spreta monastice regule constitucionum regularium disciplina idem abbas spiritum furoris assumens cum suis complicibus quos secum adduxit in quemdam de monachis suis divina celebrantem sacris vestibus quibus erat indutus violenter exui et ipsum ab ecclesia extrahi et captivum in cameram suam perduci fecit, et diucius ibidem detineri. Hiis vero non contentus in quosdam de ipsis monachis necnon in quosdam de familia eorundem, Dei timore postposito, in suo claustro hora nocturna manus temere violentas, in quosdam autem monachos ad ecclesiam ob sui tuitionem fugientes et in eadem existentes insultum fecit terribilem et enormem, ostia monasterii armis ferreis perforando incendium in predicto claustro commisit, ostia celerii ecclesie et thesaurarie confregit, archam, in qua sigillum commune et carte et instrumenta dicti monasterii sub custodia duorum monachorum adhoc per conventum electorum una cum ipso erant inclusa, ac eciam cartas, libros, calices consecratos, ac alias res varias et plures secum violenter deferri et ipsos sigilli custodes in ecclesia cum violencia capi et ad cameram suam captivos perduci et ipsos per totam noctem incarceratos fecit detineri quousque de dicto sigillo et rebus aliis suam plene fecerant voluntatem, aliaque enormia in anime sue periculum, monasterii dispendium, et scandalum multorum perpetravit. Idem eciam abbas diversis excommunicacionis sentenciis majoris astrictus ipsarum sentenciarum non ignarus divinis se immiscuit irreverenter. Omnibus premissis cum animi suspiriis et cordis angustiis consideratis et diligenter ponderatis, intelligentes secundum canonicas sanciones quod magis expedit paucos bonos quam multos malos in ecclesia Dei habere ministros, et putridum membrum procul ab ecclesia Dei fore dejiciendum, nos, communicato jurisperitorum consilio, prefatum Johannem Choubbe abbatem, legitime citatum et canonice expectatum prefati abbatis absenciam Dei repente presencia tanquam male meritum et predicto monasterio propter predicta et alia dampnosum, ab administracione prefate abbatie jure et regimine ejusdem per sentenciam definitivam deponimus privamus et totaliter amovemus, et pronunciantes predictum monasterium regimine abbatis de jure et de facto vacare. Et quia ubi magis exceditur ibi severius est vindicandum, prenominatum Johannem Chubbe a celebracione divinorum suspendimus per triennium, omnes monachos dicti monasterii ab ejusdem obediencia, vasallos quoque et alios quoscunque sibi racione dicti monasterii prius astrictos ab ejus fidelitate per eandem sentenciam absolvimus. Verum quia idem Johannes notam irregularitatis videtur multipliciter ex diversis causis incurrisse, questiones irregularitatis ipsius plenius examinandas et examine juridico discuciendas nobis et sedi Exoniensi reservamus. Datum et actum in capitulo conventuali de Tavistok anno Domini M°.CC°. sexagesimo nono, in crastino Sancti Edmundi regis et martiris.

Num. VI.

Confirmatio diversarum ecclesiarum monachis de Tavistock.

(Quivil's Register, fol. 123.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere pervenient Petrus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Litteras bone memorie Bartholomei quondam Exoniensis episcopi inspeximus in forma que sequitur:—Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentem paginam inspecturis B. Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noveritis quod nos monasterii de Tavistok pensata paupertate, et dilectorum filiorum Herberti permissione divina abbatis et conventus predicti peticione salubri ponderata, capituli nostri legitimo accedenti consensu, ecclesiam Sancti Eustachii de Tavistok, ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Lamerton, ecclesiam Sanctorum Constantini et Egidii de Middelton, ecclesiam Sancti Paterni* de North Piderwyne, ecclesiam Sancti Johannis de Hatherlegh, ecclesiam Sancte Elene de Abbedesham, ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Rupe, cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, prout scripta predecessorum nostrorum super hiis confecta plenius testantur, predicto monasterio et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus divine caritatis intuitu damus, appropriamus, et presenti scripto in perpetuam rei memoriam confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo autentico capituli nostri apponi fecimus.—Verum quia predictorum religiosorum possessionem, quoad ecclesiam Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Hatherlegh, ut intelleximus, minus juste aliquamdiu nichilominus interruptam, nos ad supplicacionem dilectorum filiorum fratris Roberti abbatis monasterii predicti et ejusdem loci conventus, pia ipsorum super possessionis restitutione ecclesie predicte petitione ponderata, de ipsorum religiosorum jure plenius advertentes, predicte ecclesie de Hatherlegh† possessionem cum omnibus pertinenciis suis predictis religiosis divine caritatis intuitu, capituli nostri Exoniensis

* He was bishop of Avranches, and died in the middle of the sixth century. Before his promotion to the episcopacy, he had spent some time in Wales, where he founded a monastery.

† There was a chapel of S. Mary at Hurdelbrigge, in Hatherleigh parish, licensed July 30, 1424.

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super hoc legitimo accedente consensu, restituimus et redintegramus, ipsos religiosos in corporalem possessionem ecclesie predicte inducentes. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo autentico capituli nostri predicti apponi fecimus. Datum Exon vij idus Januarii, anno Domini M.CC. octogesimo tercio.

Num. VII.

Electio Johannis de Courtenay in abbatem, per compromissum.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. folio 179.)

Johannes etc. dilecto filio fratri Johanni de Courtenay monacho monasterii de Tavystok nostre diocesis ordinis Sancti Benedicti expresse professo, salutem, graciam et benedictionem. Vacante nuper monasterio predicto pastorisque solacio destituto, vacacione eciam ejusdem certa insinuacione audita, post petitam instanter et demum optentam licenciam regiam alium idoneum eidem monasterio in abbatem eligendi et pastorem, congregatisque in domo capitulari predicti monasterii die ad eleccionem hujusmodi celebrandam assignata, suppriore ejusdem monasterii (ipsius priore in remotis agente) ac monachis ejusdem monasterii qui presentes erant quique hujusmodi electioni potuerant et debuerant interesse, et de forma electionis ejusdem diligenter tractantibus, tandem iidem subprior et monachi singillatim et in communi potestatem liberam eligendi personam idoneam de gremio ejusdem monasterii eis et eorum monasterio predicto in abbatem et pastorem, et eidem providendi de eodem, in nos unanimiter sub certa forma compromiserunt, promittentes expresse quod illum reciperent in pastorem quem duceremus ut premittitur eligendum; nos igitur compromissum hujusmodi acceptantes et de ipsius monasterii ordinacione et regimine ne ulterius vacacionis subjaceret incomodo sollicite cogitantes, ac cupientes eidem monasterio talem preesse pastorem qui tanto conveniret atque congrueret comodo et honori, post deliberacionem providam quam super hoc nobiscum et cum peritis habuimus diligentem, in te quem generis nobilitas, morum honestas, vite virtus, circumspeccionis maturitas, ac aliarum virtutum dona multipliciter suffragantur nostre mentis oculos dirigentes, te in abbatem predicti monasterii virtute commissionis sive compromissi hujusmodi duximus eligendum ipsamque eleccionem rite et canonice factam ut premittitur, facta primitus proclamacione publica ut est moris diebus et locis ad id congruentibus, servatoque super hiis processu legitimo, auctoritate diocesana postea duximus confirmandam, curam animarum et regimen ac spiritualium et temporalium administracionem ejusdem monasterii tibi in Domino committendo munusque benediccionis prout moris est tibi postmodum impendendo, firma concepta fiducia quod idem monasterium per tue vigilancie studium et circumspeccionis industriam a lapsu quem ad presens, proch dolor, sustinet facultatum, respirabit, et a noxiis preservabitur et adversis. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum hiis duximus apponendum. Datum apud Clist xxiiij^to^ die Aprilis anno Domini MCCCXXXIIIj^to^.

Inductio abbatis de Tavystoch.

Item sub eadem data emanavit mandatum archidiacono Tottonie conceptum de littera precedenti in effectu ad inducendum abbatem predictum in corporalem possessionem monasterii predicti, faciendo sibi stallum in choro et locum in capitulo ejusdem monasterii cum plenitudine juris abbatis assignari, etc. cum ista clausula.

Benediccio abbatis de Tavystoch.

Item xxiiij^to^ die mensis Aprilis in capella manerii episcopalis apud Clist dominus benedixit fratrem Johannem de Courtenay abbatem monasterii Tavystoch qui profitebatur sub hac forma: "Ego Johannes monasterii Tavistochie ordinis Sancti Benedicti electus abbas et confirmatus profiteor sancte Exoniensi ecclesie tibique, pater reverende, domino Johanni Dei gracia ejusdem ecclesie episcopo tuisque successoribus in ea canonice substituendis canonicam in omnibus obedienciam et subjeccionem." Qua quidem professione per eum lecta eidem propria manu subscripsit et eam tradidit magistro Hugoni de Bysshopeston notario registrario domini.

Num. VIII.

Appropriacio ecclesie parochialis de Whitchurche ad sustentationem quatuor presbiterorum cantariæ ibidem.

[Stapeldon's Register, fol. 165. ad calcem.]

Universis etc. Walterus etc. Postulancium desideria promerentur audiri dum id petitur per quod cultus divini Numinis incrementum recipit vivis tam temporaliter quam spiritualiter consulitur pariter et defunctis. Sane religiosi viri frater Robertus de Campellis abbas monasterii de Tavistok nostre diocesis et ejusdem loci conventus transmissa nobis peticione cum instancia supplicarunt ut in ecclesia parochiali et curata de Whitchurche predicte nostre diocesis que de ipsorum religiosorum patronatu existit et sacerdotem unicum consuevit habere, cantariam perpetuam quatuor sacerdotum qui secundum modum inferius annotatum ibidem divina perpetuo celebrarent ordinare ac statuere, necnon circa ipsorum sacerdotum statum qualem in dicta ecclesia et cantaria et quem gradum inter se habere debeant similiter ordinare, predictamque ecclesiam ad sustentacionem sacerdotum hujusmodi assignare, et eidem cantarie ipsis pro sacerdotibus appropriare, intervenientibus omnibus juris solempniis auctoritate pontificali et ordinaria dignaremur. Nos itaque attendentes divine pariter et humane caritatis ardorem quo prefati religiosi in hac parte flatu Sancti Spiritus succenduntur, quantumque cum divine laudis augmento messi Dominice que multis operariis indiget providebitur, intime ponderantes, ipsorum religiosorum supplicacioni prefate dignum duximus quantum nobis permittitur prout sequitur favorabiliter inclinare. Habito igitur cum dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Exoniensis super hiis cominum tractatu et solempni et prout requiritur pleniori, vocatis ad tractatum hujusmodi specialiter magistro Rogero de Churleton archidiacono Tottonie in ecclesia nostra Exoniensi predicta, infra cujus archidiaconatus ambitum prefata ecclesia de Whitchurch notorie situatur, necnon domino Jacobo Franceis rectore qui nunc est ecclesie de Whitchurch sepe fate, in predicti archidiaconi personali et predicti rectoris procuratoris presencia, de consilio et assensu unanimi dictorum decani et capituli, statuimus et ordinamus in predicta ecclesia de Whitchurch quatenus in presenti de jure valemus cantariam perpetuam quatuor sacerdotum qui cedente vel decedente prefato rectore in prefata ecclesia divinum obsequium nocturnum et diurnum modo qui sequitur exsolvere perpetuo teneantur, ut videlicet, post horas canonicas et missam de die quas ab omnibus sacerdotibus in ipsa ecclesia horis competentibus dici precipimus, plenum servicium tam pro vivis quam defunctis *placebo*, scilicet, *dirige* et Comendacionem et tres missas pro mortuis vel ad minus duas et terciam de Sancta Maria, cessante impedimento legitimo, dicere cotidie teneantur, in quibus missis et aliis oracionum suffragiis obsequiisque divinis pro felici statu fratris Roberti abbatis supradicti ejusdemque loci conventus, necnon prosperitate et pace excellentissimi principis Domini nostri domini Edwardi, Dei gracia regis Anglie, illustris domine Isabelle regine, salubrique statu nostro, decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis, dominorum eciam Hugonis de Curtenay et Ricardi de Stapeldon, militum, si nobis aut predictorum aliquo superstitibus sacerdotes hujusmodi in predictam ecclesiam effectualiter ordinari contigerit quorum realis et effectualis ordinacio sicut premisimus usque ad predicte ecclesie vacacionem canonicam dependebit; necnon pro animabus Willielmi et Ysote parentum dicti fratris Roberti, domini Ordulphi comitis, Abine comitisse, bone memorie Edwyni, Luuyngi, quondam episcoporum Exonie, prefati monasterii de Tavistok fundatorum suorumque progenitorum, predecessorum et successorum dictorum abbatis et conventus, Roberti de

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veteri terra Ade de Middleton, Johannis de Aislegh, speciaLiter et generaliter pro omnibus vivis fidelibus ac defunctis, memoratos sacerdotes ac alios ejusdem ecclesie ministros adorare Dominum nostrum cum competentibus oracionibus seu collectis ac aliis ordinatis officiis per hanc nostram ordinacionem imperpetuum valituram teneri volumus et astringi mandamus. Cum quis autem predictorum nunc superstitum, pro quibus duximus exorandum, subtractus fuerit ab hac luce, in ordine recitandorum nominum eum nunc defunctis volumus anteponi, pluribus autem vel omnibus qui mori poterunt resolutis, eodem ordine recitentur defuncti quo vivi superius describuntur: nec miretur aliquis hujus nostre pagine recitator quod fratrem Robertum abbatem predictum tam vivum quam defunctum ceteris omnibus majestati regie, pontificalis reverencie, comitisque spectabilitati prerogativam honoris ullatenus exhibentes in memoratorum sacerdotum aliorumque ministrorum oracionibus primum recitacionis locum disposuimus optinere, cum predicti fratris Roberti labores et merita, quibus prefati monasterii de Tavistok facultates non mediocriter ampliavit quique prefate ecclesie de Whitchurch advocacionem seu jus patronatus suis mediantibus laboribus et industria, ut ordinacio hujus cantarie fieret in eadem, noviter adquisivit sibi, quoad hoc prelacionem digne postulent indulgeri ut honoris primum laboris tedium recompenset. Statuimus eciam et de predictorum decani et capituli ordinamus assensu, quod cedente vel decedente predicto rectore qui nunc est ecclesie de Whitchurch suprascripte, officium archipresbiteratus sit imperpetuum in eadem, ita videlicet quod cum ipsam ecclesiam et extunc quociens ipsum officium vacare contigerit persona ydonea ad hujus archipresbiteratus officium curamque et regimen ipsius ecclesie sueque parochie nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exonie per abbatem et conventum monasterii de Tavistock predicti infra unius mensis spacium, cujus propter diutine vacacionis evitandum discrimina et ne divinum obsequium oracionumque suffragia que tam vivis quam mortuis superius disposuimus exhiberi, dilacionem capiant, taliter duximus moderandum canonice presentetur, alioquin potestas plenarie conferendi officium archipresbiteratus hujusmodi ea vice nobis seu successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint devolvatur; quam personam per dictos religiosos ut premittitur presentatam ad ipsum officium necnon curam et regimen ipsius ecclesie tociusque parochie seu illam cui per nos seu successores nostros propter neglicenciam dictorum religiosorum vel persone presentate defectum seu inhabilitatem hujusmodi officium collatum fuerit, admissam et institutam canonice in eodem archipresbiteri vocabulo eo quod aliis presbiteris servituris ibidem preerit, volumus et precipimus nominari. Hujusmodi vero archipresbitero instituto sic ut premittitur et admisso tres presbiteros viros utique ydoneos, quos absque causa racionabili nolumus amoveri de ipsius archipresbiteri consilio et assensu et extunc quociens locus ipsorum vel alicujus ipsorum vacaverit personam aliam ydoneam nobis seu successoribus nostris episcopis Exoniensibus qui pro tempore fuerint memorati religiosi viri abbas monasterii de Tavistok qui pro tempore fuerit et ejusdem loci conventus infra unius mensis spacium postquam id archipresbiter primum institutus fuerit et admissus et extunc quociens cumque presbiterorum hujusmodi locus aliquis vacaverit quod ex causa premissa taliter limitavimus personam aliam subrogandam ydoneam presentabunt potestate tres presbiteros hujusmodi a principio deputandi, et extunc loco cedentis, decedentis, vel amoti personam aliam subrogandi ad nos et successores nostros qui pro tempore fuerint sicut in alio casu diximus devolvendam si prefati religiosi circa presentacionem hujusmodi infra pretaxati temporis spacium negligentes fuerint aut personam inhabilem forsitan contra canonum instituta duxerint presentare. Pro sustentacione autem archipresbiteri triumque presbiterorum seu sacerdotum de quibus supra fit mencio ac unius clerici quem preter aque benedicte bajulum per archipresbiterum memoratum ad ministrandum in predicta ecclesia juxta inferioris ordinis quem habebit gradum precipimus et statuimus deputari prefatam ecclesiam cum vacaverit ipsiusque universos redditus et proventus cum predictorum decani et capituli assensu et consilio assignandos fore decrevimus, eisdemque archipresbitero et ministris in usus proprios titulo perpetuo possidendos concedimus et quatenus in presenti possumus assignamus eisdem. Volumus insuper et ordinando statuimus de assensu et consilio antedictis quod quandocunque archipresbiter qui pro tempore fuerit inter festum beati Michaelis in Septembri et festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli in mense Junii tunc proximo secuturum cesserit decesserit vel aliter legitime amotus fuerit, qui fructus decimales anni precedentes integraliter percepit si cesserit vel amotus fuerit ut premittitur, vel, si decesserit, testamenti sui executores seu bonorum ejusdem administratores pro hujusmodi fructibus sic perceptis solvant tribus presbiteris memoratis id quod auctoritate presentis ordinacionis et statuti debetur eisdem, et in victualibus sustineant prout archipresbiter ipse eisdem solvere et sustinere consuevit eosdem, necnon omnia alia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria dicte ecclesie de Whitchurch quocunque nomine censeantur usque ad dictum festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli agnoscant integraliter et supportent, et preterea solvant archipresbitero quem ibidem secundum modum superius annotatum prefici contigerit successorem singulis septimanis postquam fuerit sic prefectus usque ad dictum festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli singulos duos solidos sterlingorum nisi idem archipresbiter altilagium ipsius ecclesie percipiendum vel partem ejusdem in solucione hujusmodi duorum solidorum, prout inter se super hoc poterint convenire, duxerit eligendum; in cujus electionis eventum si fiat per archipresbiterum memoratum, si idem altilagium pro tota solucione hujusmodi duorum solidorum eligatur, tunc cesset in totum; si vero pars ejusdem altilagii in parte solucionis eorundem eligi contigerit tunc cesset solucio in ea parte quoad duos solidos antedictos. Si vero archipresbiter ipse inter festum apostolorum Petri et Pauli predictum et festum beati Michaelis in Septembri cesserit forsitan decesserit vel aliter legitime amotus fuerit, fructibus decimalibus ejusdem anni fortassis a solo seperatis et per eundem prius per partem perceptis et consumptis, archipresbiter novus succedens eidem totum residuum hujusmodi fructuum decimalium ullatenus consumptorum parochii dicte ecclesie tam exterius in quocunque loco existencium quam in horreis ibidem reconditorum, dum tamen archipresbiter ipse successor satisfecerit de impensis appositis circa colleccionem fructuum eorundem, habeat et percipiat; et in eventum illum archipresbiter ipse succedens pro rata partis hujusmodi fructuum quam sic percepit precessor vero ipsius si cesserit vel alias amotus fuerit aut si decesserit testamenti sui executores seu bonorum ejusdem administratores pro rata partis eorundem fructuum sic primitus consumptorum omnia et singula onera supradicta juxta modum superius annotatum subire et agnoscere teneantur. De fructibus autem quos in sanctuario ipsius ecclesie excoli et crescere contigerit, statuimus et ordinamus de assensu et consilio predictis quod archipresbiter succedens ut premittitur, quocunque tempore anni cesserit decesserit vel aliter amotus fuerit precessor vel predecessor ipsius, habeat et percipiat omnes fructus excultos in sanctuario memorato satisfactio sibi per memoratum archipresbiterum succedentem, si cesserit vel amotus fuerit precessor ipsius vel si decesserit executoribus testamenti sui vel bonorum ejusdem administratoribus de inpensis duntaxat appositis ita agriculturam sanctuarii memorati, et si quid de eisdem fructibus sanctuarii exculti ante cessionem amocionem vel decessum precessoris reconditum fuerit vel alias forte consumptum, in eventum illum fiat super hiis prout in alio casu de fructibus decimalibus superius est expressum jure et consuetudine quod vel que de media quadragessima in nostra diocesi usitatis in aliis rectoribus locum optinet, non obstantibus juribus et consuetudinibus in admissione seu repulsione rectorum et aliorum preficiendorum in nostra diocesi hactenus usitatis tam circa admissionem et repulsionem archipresbiteri memorati de quibus supra fit mencio, moderacione temporis presentandi duntaxat excepta, quibus per premissa derogare non intendimus in suo robore plenarie duraturis. Tenore eciam presencium prohibemus ne quis capellanorum hujus quocunque colore quesito in aliis ecclesiis vicinis vel circa aliud quodcunque obsequium divinum videlicet vel humanum quorumcunque clericorum aut laicorum precepto seu prece ministrare seu vacare quovismodo valeat, dum ipsorum archipresbiteri seu capellanorum numero voluerit aggregari; quod si secus egerit nec tercio per episcopum Exoniensem vel

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ejus officialis archidiaconum Tottonie vel ejus officialis vel abbatem de Tavistoc qui pro tempore fuerit seu per memoratum archipresbiterum si forte fuerit inferior, deliquerit in premissis commonitus noluerit a talibus abstinere a suis ibidem habitis, beneficio et officio sit ipso jure privatus et ab eisdem removeatur omnino et alius vice sui juxta formam precedentem ydoneus subrogetur. Quantum autem ad statum sive gradum inter archipresbiterum et alios presbiteros habendum statuimus et de dictorum decani et capituli consensu unanimi ordinamus quod cui regimen tocius predicte ecclesie et sue parochie cicius est commissum quem ut prediximus archipresbiterum nominari volumus et qui de juribus episcopalibus et archidiaconalibus tenebitur respondere de bonis dicte ecclesie libere disponendi habeat facultatem, ita tamen quod tam ipse quam alii presbiteri seu sacerdotes quos suos socios appellabit et volumus appellari in eadem domo simul cotidie se semel et similiter reficiant et habitent in communi, quodque idem archipresbiter de bonis redditibus et proventibus dicte ecclesie singulis sacerdotibus per singulos annos inter festa beati Michaelis et omnium sanctorum, pro una roba duorum garminentorum de una secta et de qua ipsemet archipresbiter si illo anno habere nova indumenta voluerit indui faciet semet ipsum, alioquin de alia precii viginti solidorum sterlingorum inter predicta duo festa tenebitur liberare, et nichilominus duas marcas sterlingorum pro aliis necessariis annis singulis ad terminos quatuor principales videlicet natalis Domini pasche nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste et beati Michaelis in Septembri pro equalibus porcionibus ipsorum presbiterorum seu sacerdotum cuilibet ministrare. Qui quidem archipresbiter tam in administracione bonorum ut premittitur quam honoris prerogativa ceteris preferatur, aliis presbiteris seu sacerdotibus inter se illum gradum in sedibus et aliis que ordo temporis quo in societate hujusmodi fierunt illis attribuit habituris juxta legem que dicit quod isti gradus ceteros antecedat quem in eodem genere militandi labor prolixior fecerat anteire. Sint quoque tres illi sacerdotes memorato archipresbitero in exercicio cure animarum in predicta parochia fideles et soliciti cooperatores sacra sacramentalia parochianis ipsis cum opus fuerit ministrando, ad quod faciendum hujusmodi presbiteros seu sacerdotes et quemlibet eorundem per hanc nostram ordinacionem firmiter obligamus. Archipresbiter vero memoratus et quilibet ejus successor in sua institutione seu admissione vel quam cito postea per nos successoresve nostros vel abbatem monasterii antedicti de faciendo in ecclesia predicta continuam residenciam personalem, et tam ipsi quam presbiteri tres alii ac eisdem seu eorum alicui subrogandi seu subrogandis hiis nostris ordinacionibus voluntate precepto et statutis memoratis cessante impedimento legitimo ac aliis si oporteat racionabiliter faciendis corporalem prestabunt et prestabit ipsorum quilibet juramentum, alioquin ille qui hujusmodi juramentum coram nobis aut successoribus nostris vel saltem abbate memorato postquam de eo prestando per nos aut aliquem successorum nostrorum aut abbatem ipsum qui pro tempore fuerit, fuerit requisitus per tres dies continuos prestare distulerit, omni jure quod in quocumque beneficio in dicta ecclesia optinuerit absque monicione aliqua perpetuo sit privatus, salvis nobis et successoribus nostris sequestro in bonis pertinentibus ad ipsum archipresbiteratum quociens et quando et pro toto tempore quo vacaverit prout in aliis beneficiatis nostre diocesis hactenus est de consuetudine usitatum, necnon jure et jurisdiccione alias tam nostro quam successorum nostrorum ac eciam ecclesie nostre Exoniensi ac eciam archidiaconorum Tottonie et suorum officialium qui pro tempore fuerint in omnibus et singulis, ac eciam auctoritate quibus per premissa in ullo volumus nec intendimus derogare, et salva eciam nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exoniensibus qui pro tempore fuerint potestate premissis addendi seu detrahendi eisdem ac eciam ea declarandi, si, prout, et quando, nobis et ipsis videbimus seu viderint expedire. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo decani et capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exoniensis presentibus est appensum. Datum Exonie xiiij die mensis Januarii anno Domini M°CCC^mo vicesimo primo.

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Ordinacio seu taxacio vicariæ de Tavystok.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. i. folio 209 b.)

Universis Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis &c. Cum inter dilectos in Christo filios abbatem et conventum Tavystochie ecclesiam parochialem loci in usus proprios obtinentes ex parte una, et dominum David Foot dicte ecclesie perpetuum vicarium asserentem sibi non esse sufficienter provisum per viam ordinacionis scripte vel alio modo de certa porcione pro sua et successorum suorum futurorum vicariorum ibidem sustentacione congrua et oneribus per ipsos racione dicte vicarie supportandis ex parte altera, gravis fuerit et sit super hoc discencionis materia suscitata et pro parte dicti vicarii nostris auribus intimata, Nos cum ordinacio certa seu taxacio dicte vicarie nullatenus habeatur in scriptis et propterea volentes juxta officii nostri debitum per viam ordinacionis oportune dubietates et discordias in hac parte suscitatas penitus amputare, inquisicione plenaria et distincta super et de omnibus et omnimodis fructibus redditibus et obvencionibus ejusdem ecclesie de mandato nostro capta nobis transmissa et per nos intellecta, habitaque super hoc deliberacione provida cum partibus supradictis, de consensu et assensu unanimi earundem, vicariam ipsam et ejus porcionem ordinamus et taxamus in hunc modum: In primis videlicet quod dictus vicarius et successores sui qui pro tempore erunt ibidem vicarii habeant nomine vicarie suc a prefatis abbate et conventu domum honestam et liberam cum orto competenti contiguo ad inhabitandum, continentem ad minus aulam, cameram, celarium, coquinam, et stabulum, sicut decet, habeant eciam vicarii hujusmodi et ipsorum quilibet qui pro tempore erit omni die per annum liberatam seu corodium monachale, videlicet, duos panes ac cervisiam et carnes vel pisces quantum et prout unus monachus est diebus singulis percepturus. Item habeant dicti vicarii pro roba sua in festo pasche annuatim tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios sterlingorum; item pro prebenda unius equi annis singulis duodecim quarteria avenarum et decimam feni crescentis in dominio de Lamerton. Habeant eciam dicti vicarii decimam melioris orti de villa Tavystochie quam duxerint eligendum; item unum vitulum meliorem, unum porcellum, unum caseum, unum butirum, unum agnum, unam aucam, et unum vellus, prout de tota parochia duxerint eligendum. Habeant eciam medietatem denariorum proveniencium de consuetudine in sollempnizacionibus matrimoniorum, et in quolibet festo trium festorum principalium tres denarios. Item de dictis abbate et conventu per liberacionem ballivi eorum focalia ad estimacionem sex solidorum et octo denariorum. Item habeant capellariam in dicta ecclesia sicut dictus vicarius et predecessores sui hactenus percipere consueverunt, et in singulis festis purificacionis beate Marie a sacrista monasterii Tavystochie ceram valentem sex denarios sterlingorum, necnon omni die dominica per annum unum denarium cum pane benedicendo offerendum. Et ut prefato vicario et successoribus suis de porcionibus suprascriptis absque diminucione seu retardacione aliqua suis temporibus modo debito satisfiat, statuimus et ordinamus quod si et quociens fuerit pro parte dictorum religiosorum in solucione alicujus partis porcionis predicte per eos facienda per mensem continuum est cessatum, et abbas vel cellerarius, postquam fuerit pro parte dicti vicarii qui pro tempore erit requisitus ut de illis que sic fuerint a retro satisfaciant, per sex dies requisicionem hujus immediate sequentes de petitis satisfacere distulerint, tociens iidem religiosi fabrice ecclesie Exoniensis viginti solidos sterlingorum solvere teneantur. Dictus insuper vicarius et successores sui subeat et subeant onus officii decani ruralis quando et quotiens nomine dicte ecclesie fuerit subeundum; cetera autem onera omnia et singula tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria prefati abbas et conventus subeant et agnoscant. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh quarto decimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo quinquagesimo octavo, et consecracionis nostre tricesimo secundo.

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Injunciones abbati et conventui de Tavistok factæ.

(Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. folio 189.)

Vicesimo secundo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo octavo Dominus recepit certificatorium infrascriptum in hec verba: Reverendo in Christo patri et domino suo domino Thome Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo sui humiles et devoti filii abbas et conventus monasterii Tavystock ordinis Sancti Benedicti vestre Exoniensis diocesis obedienciam et reverenciam debitas tanto patri cum omni honore. Mandatum vestrum reverendum recepimus in hec verba: Thomas etc. dilectis filiis abbati et conventui Tavystok ordinis Sancti Benedicti nostre diocesis salutem cum gratia. Professam regulam observandi preceptis salutaribus incitamur et monitis; ut pro grege nobis credito vigilantes, insolencias et errores potissime inter religiosos retroactis inolitos temporibus cum exacta diligencia expurgemus: ut igitur defectus comperti in visitacionibus nostris diversis in monasterio predicto per nos canonice exercitis divina opitulante clemencia in melius reformentur, moniciones, precepta et mandata infrascripta vobis indicimus per presentes sub interminacione maledicciones eterne quatenus vos conjunctim seu divisim concernunt firmiter observanda. In primis itaque vobis precipimus et mandamus quatenus divinum officium diurnum pariter et nocturnum horis congruis ac cum devocione debita peragatur, et quod, spreta exnunc qualibet evagacione inutili et discursu, regularis observancia tam in jejuniis, vigiliis, silencio et oracionibus quam aliis que ad vestram religionem secundum regulam Sancti Benedicti pertinent, a vobis omnibus observetur, et quod numerus consuetus secundum monasterii facultates redintegretur ad Dei gloriam et honorem. Item districcius inhibemus ne quis vestrum in monasterio vel alibi incedendo vel equitando tunicis utatur botenatis, capuciisve secularibus aut ocreis rostratis aut linthiaminibus vel camiseis lineis de die vel de nocte, seu alio quocumque habitu indecenti; nec aliquis monachus dicte domus senescallo, cellario, ceterisque officiariis, quorum officia occupaciones et labores frequentes et extrinsecos exigunt et requirunt, quos officiorum suorum hujusmodi occasione tantummodo et non aliter egredi oportebit, dumtaxat exceptis, septa monasterii exeat nisi de licencia superioris sui, videlicet abbatis vel in ipsius absencia prioris, petita primitus et obtenta, neque cum mulieribus saltem suspectis aliqualiter confabuletur, set libris et regularibus informacionibus in ecclesia, claustro, ac aliis locis ad hoc deputatis intendat temporibus debitis et oportunis. Vobis eciam sub pena excommunicacionis majoris injungimus quatenus exnunc tam in victu quam in vestitu in communi et de communi juxta antiquam laudabilem ordinis et monasterii vestrorum consuetudinem et statuta et constituciones regularia hactenus approbata, excessu quocumque in hac parte circumducto, vivatis, et quolibet die simul omnes vel saltem due partes aut major pars vestrum in refectorio comedatis, ibique in mensa scripturam sacram legi juxta dictam regulam faciatis, cameras vestras hactenus usitatas penitus relinquendo; et vos, abbas, et juxta Salvatoris dictum exemplum aliis detis, ut, quemadmodum vos faciatis illi faciant, in refectorio saltem diebus piscium, quociens commode poteritis, comedatis et cum eisdem in dormitorio similiter jaceatis, ac monachos vestros vestitos et cinctos quiescere faciatis, et debitas correcciones in capitulo precipue quoad inobedientes et discordiam inter fratres seminantes sine personarum excepcione qualibet facere studeatis, prout ordo monasticus exigit et requirit. Item sanctorum patrum vestigiis inherentes vobis sub penis memoratis districcius inhibemus ne liberaciones pensiones sive corrodia aliqua imperpetuum vel ad tempus vite cuiquam concedantur nisi de consensu abbatis et conventus unanimi precedente cum deliberacione solicita et matura ex causa eciam racionabili et legitima ac pro monasterii vestri commodo et utilitate communi. Item statuimus et statuendo ordinamus quod carte, instrumenta, munimenta, dicti monasterii thesaurus, et sigillum vestrum commune tute custodiant sub tribus diversis clavibus et seruris juxta modum in dicto monasterio antiquitus observatum nec eodem sigillo vestro unquam aliquid sigilletur sine vestri aut vestrum majoris et sanioris partis capituli presencia et consensu. Item precipimus et mandamus quatenus tam vos, abbas, quam receptor et sacrista, celerarius ac ceteri vestrum in officiis constituti, compotum de administratis coram toto conventu vel majori parte aut deputandis ab eodem reddatis annuatim juxta ordinis vestri statuta et observancias regulares, et quod per vos superius nominatos de omnibus bonis, que majora esse dinoscuntur et estimacionis vilis non existunt, dicti monasterii tam infra quam extra fidele inventarium concipiatur ac sub salva custodia postea dimittatur, ut de statu monasterii antedicti temporibus futuris clarius poterit apparere. Item ordinamus quod elemosine debite et consuete in ipso monasterio sine diminucione aliqua de cetero erogentur, infirmique et debiliores sepius visitentur ac congruis medicinis et cibariis salubribus procurentur, domusque, necessaria vulgariter nuncupata, pro usibus hujusmodi infirmorum dumtaxat et non aliis deputetur, prout antiquitus fieri consuevit. Item percipimus quod de cetero juvenes et novicii non admittantur ad aliquod officium regendum et gubernandum infra vel extra monasterium quousque servicium reddiderint in ordine consuetum, set habeant suos magistros vel saltem unum ad illos instruendum tam in serviciis divinis quam in regularibus disciplinis, et quod omnes et singuli monachi monasterii supradicti a conviviis publicis et privatis ac potacionibus temporibus et locis indebitis, precipue post completorium, se abstineant, ut tenentur, nisi de abbatis vel in ipsius absencia prioris licencia petita primitus et optenta, et non revelent extraneis statum nec consilium domus nec mittant litteras ut solebant sine consensu, sciencia, et voluntate abbatis vel prioris, et quod coram omnibus tam in capitulo quam alibi sepius legantur et exponantur regula Sancti Benedicti et constituciones ejusdem ordinis in hac parte rite edite, sub penis superius limitatis. Item ordinamus quod prior domus ministeriis divinis ac conventui diebus et noctibus solicite intendat et non circa alia negocia dicte domus propterque ab hiis que ad priorem claustralem pertinent quomodolibet poterit impediri, et faciat eciam sacrista lumen in dormitorio preparari, et quod dictus abbas seu idem prior audiat confessiones monachorum vel deputetur aliquis ydoneus per ipsos ad illud officium peragendum. Item monemus omnes et singulos monachos dicte domus quod obedienter pareant superioribus suis in licitis et canonicis mandatis et condignas pro meritis subeant correctiones. Provideatur eciam per gubernatores domus de viro pro officio lotricis et aliorum officiorum cum comode fieri poterit, ita quod mulieres non habeant materiem ingrediendi monasterium supradictum. Item provideat precentor ecclesie et gubernatores supradicti quod libri in librario existentes, vestimenta et cetera ecclesie ornamenta, necnon et domus necessaria dicti monasterii, quatenus bona ejusdem ad hoc sufficere poterunt, cum ceteris oneribus emendentur. Precipimus insuper injungimus et mandamus vobis abbati quatenus opus fabrice campanilis jam inceptum continuetur et compleatur, ac presertim defectus in dormitorio, refectorio et claustro imminentes reparentur, seu loca ipsa reedificentur quamcicius fieri poterit competenter, sub pena juris. Item injungimus ut faciant hostia claustri horis competentibus claudi firmiter et serari, nec mittant ipsi aut permittant ceteros monachos monasterii sepedicti mittere aut vendere panem, cervisiam, carnes, pisces aut alia victualia quecunque extra monasterium sicut hactenus fieri consueverit, set de fragmentis et remanentibus disponat elemosinarius prout ad officium suum pertinet et videbitur expedire, nisi ipsorum quispiam patrem vel matrem, fratrem aut sororem pauperem habuerit seu egenum, et tunc hoc faciat de abbatis vel in ipsius absencia prioris licencia preoptenta. Item precipimus injungimus et mandamus quod nullus monachus dicti monasterii preter officarios supradictos exeat septa ipsius monasterii nisi licencia ut permittitur petita eciam et optenta, nec ingrediatur cimiterium ecclesie parochialis Tavystoch prefato monasterio contiguum aut ecclesiam parochialem antedictam, seu in eisdem aut camera porte ejusdem cimiterii, per quam itur in villam, contigua et vicina potaciones et commessaciones faciant, aut cum viris et mulieribus in locis predictis aliqualiter confabulentur, sub pena jejunii unius diei in pane et aqua pro qualibet culpa in hac parte contracta eorum singulis in premissis

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delinquentibus infligenda, per ipsorum tamen abbatem juxta regulam et statuta ordinis eorundem si culpe qualitas id exigerit gravius puniendi. Item injungimus et mandamus dictis monachis omnibus et singulis quod indumenta sua inveterata camerario dicti monasterii in utilitatem monasterii seu usum pauperum convertenda liberent et tenentur, sub pena excommunicacionis in contravenientes non immerito fulminande. Item precipimus injungimus et mandamus dictis monachis omnibus et singulis quod carnes non comedant nisi in locis et casibus a regula et constitucionibus eorum premissis, sub pena jejunii unius diei in pane et aqua quociens deliquerint in premissis, nisi ex causa racionabili abbas cum eis aliquociens duxerit dispensandum; dictique monachi incedant ocreati et caligis aut sotularibus minime calceati, ac flocis * utantur locis et temporibus oportunis, ut tenentur juxta ipsorum statuta et observancias regulares, sub pena excommunicacionis nisi abbas ex causa legitima aliter dispensaverit cum eisdem. Nullus eciam monachus ad regimen duorum officiorum et presertim incompassibilium in dicto monasterio de cetero assumatur, nisi abbas de conveniencia conventus sui seu sanioris partis ejusdem pro utilitate dicti monasterii aliter duxerit ordinandum. Item vobis abbati injungimus precipimus et mandamus quod nullum familiarem domicellum seu valectum aut quemcunque alium inter vos et confratres vestros discordiam seminantem publice vel occulte teneatis seu aliqualiter foveatis, set cum vobis aliquem fore talem constiterit, ipsum a familia vestra faciatis statim penitus ammoveri, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris in vos si in hac parte contraveneritis canonice promulgate. Item statuimus et ordinamus quod nullus locus aut possessio per abbatem alicui de monachis suis tradatur ad firmam, sub pena superius proxime annotata. Item precipimus injungimus et mandamus sub pena predicta quod monachis et presertim in refectorio comedentibus victualia competencia ministrentur, prout dicti monasterii suppetunt facultates. Item statuimus et ordinamus quod nulla loca redditus seu possessiones alicui ad firmam tradantur eciam seu vendantur, nec nativi, servi, aut ancille, seu maritagia ad dictum monasterium pertinencia et spectancia, vendantur, donentur aut quovismodo alienentur absque tractatu communi et deliberacione matura ac consensu abbatis et conventus seu sanioris partis ejusdem ad id primitus accedente urgenti necessitate aut evidente utilitate dicti monasterii subsistente; alienacionem vero et tradicionem ad firmam quamcumque aliter factam decernimus non tenere. Item cellerario dicti monasterii cuicumque injungimus et in virtute obediencie et sub majoris excommunicacionis pena districte precipiendo mandamus quod non permittat seu toleret aliquem de familiaribus dicti abbatis seu conventus aliqua fercula seu victualia quecumque ipsius monasterii in villam mittere in usibus minus honestis seu perversis aliqualiter consumenda, prout audivimus alias fore factum; et ut nemini cedat in dubium per que loca septa monasterii debeant terminari, ea per parietes boreales ecclesie conventualis dicti monasterii et ab ecclesia et claustro incipiendo ex parte orientali per quascumque domos et clausuras curie ejusdem monasterii circumquaque pretendentes usque ad aulam abbatis, et abinde et camera ejusdem ad claustrum prefati monasterii per quascumque domos et clausuras ex parte occidentali dicti claustri situatas eidem claustro contiguas et annexas usque ad dictam ecclesiam progrediendo, distingui et determinari intelligimus, decernimus, et eciam declaramus; que loca neminem de prefatis monachis exire volumus nisi secundum formam premissam, sub penis superius designatis; et ut hec ordinacio moniciones et decreta firma permaneant et infuturum inviolabiliter observentur, monemus vos dominum abbatem et conventum singularesque personas ejusdem monasterii primo, secundo, et tercio ac peremptorie et sub pena sentencie suspensionis ab ingressu ecclesie, quam in personas vestras singulares si monicionibus nostris, culpa et mora vestris precedentibus, non parueritis cum effectu intendimus fulminare, omnia et singula suprascripta quatenus vos abbatem et conventum et singulos vestrum communiter seu divisim concernunt diligenter et absque offensa seu contradictione juxta formam et exigenciam premissorum in omnibus observetis et non contraveniatis quovismodo, prout easdem penas antedictas cautius volueritis evitare. Et quia parum est statuta edere nisi sint qui ea tueantur et ea debite faciant observari, precipimus et mandamus vobis abbati et priori monasterii supradicti sub pena amissionis status vestri et utriusque vestrum, quam, si de negligencia et torpore in premissis aut in premissorum aliquo convinci vos contigerit, poteritis merito formidare, quatenus omnia et singula suprascripta effectui debito mancipetis, certificantes nos distincte et aperte si quem seu quos rebellem seu rebelles predictis decretis et ordinacionibus nostris ac vestris in hac parte correccionibus resistentem vel resistentes inveneritis quovismodo, et quid in premissis feceritis, et qualiter parendo in ea parte decreveritis faciendum, nos citra festum assumpcionis beate Marie proxime futurum, ubicumque tunc fuerimus in nostris civitate vel diocesi Exoniensi, distincte et aperte certificetis per litteras vestras patentes et clausas harum seriem continentes sigillo vestro communi consignatas. Datum in manerio nostro de Clist vicesimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini milesimo CCC^mo.LXXX^mo. septimo et consecracionis nostre anno decimo octavo.—Omnibus quidem mandatis ordinacionibus injuncionibus et decretis in eodem mandato vestro reverendo contentis pro observancia regulari efficacius conservanda atque in cultus divini et sancte religionis augmentum tam salubriter editis, quatenus nos communiter vel divisim concernunt, paruimus, paremus, et parebimus cum effectu in futurum in omnibus et per omnia, statutis, ordinacionibus et constitucionibus canonicis ac juribus et libertatibus ordinis nostri necnon consuetudinibus laudabilibus in eodem ordine et monasterio nostro predicto ab antiquo usitatis observatis legitime et prescriptis semper salvis. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presenti nostro certificatorio duximus apponendum. Datum quoad consignacionem in domo nostra capitulari apud Tavystoke decimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo octogesimo octavo.

* Frocks. See Ducange, ad voc.

Num. XI.

Dispensatio pro abbate de Tavystoke, statutis de Provisoribus non obstantibus.

(Rot. Pat. 36, Hen. VI. p. 2. m. 4.)

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, Johanni Denyngton abbati domus et ecclesie beate Marie Sanctique Rumoni de Tavystoke, quod ipse penes dominum summum pontificem modernum papam prosequi posset et habere licentiam utendi mitra, sandaliis, et aliis insignibus pontificalibus, et benedicendi in missarum solempniis, et gratiis dicendis, eisdem auctoritate et modis quibus aliquis episcopus utitur, quodque idem abbas quascunque alias provisiones materiam illam concernentes penes pontificem predictum similiter prosequi possit ac eis gaudere sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra concessimus et licentiam dedimus eidem abbati quod ipse litteras et bullas apostolicas de provisionibus predictis accipere, ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta exequi et exercere, legere, et legi facere, ac eis et earum qualibet libere et integre, quiete, pacifice et impune juxta vim, formam et effectum earundem litterarum et bullarum et cujuslibet earum, uti et gaudere valeat. Nolentes quod idem abbas aut ejus procuratores, fautores, consules, auxiliatores et eidem adherentes in hac parte, aut quicunque alii sollicitatores, lectores, aut publicatores litterarum et bullarum predictarum vel alicujus earundem, per nos vel heredes nostros impetantur, inquientur, perturbentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur, nec eorum aliquis impetatur, inquietur, perturbetur, molestetur in aliquo seu gravetur, statutis de provisoribus et quibuscunque aliis statutis, ordinationibus, provisionibus, sive actibus quibuscunque in contrarium factis, aut aliis rebus, causis, et materiis quibuscunque que pro nobis in hac parte dici, allegari, aut proponi poterint in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium tertio die Februarii etc.

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Num. XII.

Quod abbas de Tavystock sit unus e spiritualibus dominis parliamenti.

(Rot. Pat. 5 Hen. VIII. p. 2. m. 22.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem. Sciatis quod certis considerationibus nos specialiter moventibus, et ob specialem devotionem quam ad beatam Virginem Mariam matrem Christi, sanctumque Rumonum, in quorum honore abbatia de Tavystoke, que de fundatione nobilium progenitorum nostrorum quondam regum Anglie et nostro patronatu dedicata existit, gerimus et habemus, hinc est, quod de gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, volumus eandem abbatiam sive monasterium nostrum gaudere honore, privilegio, ac libertatibus spiritualium dominorum parliamenti nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum. Ideo concessimus, et per presentes concedimus, pro nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilecto nobis in Christo Ricardo Banham abbati de Tavystoke predicto et successoribus suis, ut eorum quilibet, qui pro tempore ibidem fuerit abbas, sit et erit unus de spiritualibus et religiosis dominis parliamenti nostri, heredum et successorum nostrorum, gaudendo honore, privilegiis, ac libertatibus ejusdem. Et insuper de uberiori gratia nostra, affectans utilitatem dicti monasterii nostri, considerando ejus distanciam, ita, quod si contingat aliquem abbatem, qui pro tempore fuerit, fore vel esse absentem propter predicti monasterii utilitatem, in non veniendo ad parliamentum predictum, heredum vel successorum nostrorum, istam quidem absenciam eidem abbati pardonavimus per presentes; ita tamen quod nunc solvet pro hujusmodi absentia cujuslibet parliamenti integri in nostro scaccario, suum per attornatum, quinque marcas nobis, heredibus, sive successoribus nostris, totiens quotiens hoc in futurum contigerit. In cujus etc. Teste rege, apud Westmonasterium xxiij Januarii etc.

Num. XIII.

Literæ Papales abbatem et conventum Tavistochiæ ab omni jurisdictione ordinariâ eximentes.

(Veysy's Register, vol. ii. p. 45 et seq., and Dugd. Monast.)

Leo episcopus, servus servorum Dei, ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Decet Romanum pontificem in apostolice dignitatis speculâ constitutum, fidelium personarum quarumlibet, presertim religiosarum, votis (ex quibus monasteriorum et aliorum locorum piorum omnium prospero statui, ipsarumque personarum inibi sub suavi religionis jugo altissimo famulancium, paci et tranquillitati consulit) libenter annuere, et ea que propterea per predecessores suos Romanos pontifices providâ ordinatione facta fuerint, approbare et innovare, ut eo firmius illibata persistant, quo frequentiori suo fuerint presidio pro tempore stabilita, aliaque uberius adjicere prout personarum prefatarum exposcit devotio, et id in Domino conspicit salubriter expedire. Dudum siquidem a felicis recordationis Celestino papa tertio, predecessore nostro, emanarunt litere tenoris subsequentis "Celestinus episcopus, etc." *

Cum autem sicut exhibita nobis nuper pro parte dilectorum filiorum Ricardi moderni abbatis et conventus monasterii beate Marie virginis et Sancti Rumoni de Tavistochiâ, ordinis predicti, Exon. diocesis in Com. Devon, petitio continebat, ipsi, qui in signum percepte libertatis dictos tres aureos camere apostolice annis persolvere singulis consueverunt, literas prefatas, ne successu temporis impugnationi subjaceant, ipsi ab indebitis molestationibus et perturbationibus sublevati, continuâ pace et tranquillitate frui ac sub regularis discipline observantiâ, quietius et liberius Domino in ejus beneplacito famulatum exhiberi possint, approbari et innovari, ac prefatum monasterium cum prioratu de Cowyk, ordinis et diocesis predictorum ac aliis illius beneficiis et membris, Ricardumque abbatem, conventum et personas dicti monasterii nunc et pro tempore existentes, cum eorum rebus et bonis mobilibus ab omni jurisdictione, dominio, potestate, correctione, visitatione et superioritate quorumcumque archiepiscoporum, episcoporum et aliorum ordinariorum, judicum eorumque officialium et vicariorum nunc et pro tempore existentium, ita tamen quod Ricardus et pro tempore existens abbas et conventus dicti monasterii, in signum percepte a Romana ecclesia libertatis et exemptionis, dimidiam unciam auri, viz. xx solidos legalis monete Anglie, dictis tribus aureis inclusis seu computatis dicte camere apostolice in festo beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli annis singulis persolvere omnino teneantur, penitus et omnino de novo eximi et totaliter liberari, ac sub dicti beati Petri et apostolice sedis protectione suscipi, illosque et illa nobis et successoribus nostris ac sedi predictis dumtaxat immediate subjici cupiunt. Quare pro parte abbatis et conventûs predictorum nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum, quatenus literas predictas approbare et innovare, ac prefatum monasterium cum prioratu predicto ac aliis illius beneficiis et membris Ricardumque abbatem, conventum et personas dicti monasterii nunc et pro tempore existentes, cum eorum rebus et bonis omnibus mobilibus et immobilibus, ab omni jurisdictione, dominio, potestate, correctione, visitatione et superioritate quorumcumque archiepiscoporum et aliorum ordinariorum judicum eorumque officialium et vicariorum nunc et pro tempore existentium, ita tamen quod Ricardus et pro tempore existens abbas et conventus dicti monasterii in signum percepte a Romanâ ecclesiâ libertatis et exemptionis, dimidiam unciam auri legalis, xx. solidos legalis monete Anglie, dictis tribus aureis inclusis seu computatis, dicte camere apostolice in festo beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum predictorum annis singulis persolvere omnino teneantur, penitus et omnino de novo eximere et totaliter liberare, ac sub beati Petri et sedis hujusmodi protectione suscipere, illosque et illas nostre et successorum nostrorum ac sedis predictorum protectioni dumtaxat immediate subjicere, aliasque in premissis oportune providere et benignitate apostolicâ dignaremur: Nos igitur, qui monasteriorum et locorum predictorum felicem statum, assiduumque religiosarum personarum hujusmodi divinis laudibus dedicatarum in tranquillitate altissimo famulatum, semotis omnibus obstaculis, observari et augeri, intensis desideriis affectamus, Ricardum abbatem et conventum prefatos ipsiusque conventûs singulares personas, a quibusvis excommunicationis, suspensionis et interdicti, aliisque ecclesiasticis sententiis, censuris, et penis a jure vel ab homine quâvis occasione vel causâ latis, si quibus quomodolibet innodati existunt, ad effectum presentium dumtaxat consequendum, harum serie absolventes et absolutos fore censentes, hujusmodi supplicationibus inclinati, ex certâ nostrâ scientiâ literas predictas ac omnia et singula in eis contenta, auctoritate apostolicâ tenore presencium approbamus et innovamus ac perpetue firmitatis robur obtinere et inviolabiter observari debere volumus. Et nihilominus, pro cautelâ prefatum monasterium cum prioratu et aliis beneficiis et membris hujusmodi ac Ricardum abbatem, conventum et personas dicti monasterii nunc et pro tempore existentes, cum eorum rebus et bonis omnibus mobilibus et immobilibus ab omni jurisdictione, dominio, potestate, correctione, visitatione et superioritate quorumcumque archiepiscoporum et aliorum ordinariorum judicum, eorumque officialium et vicariorum nunc et pro tempore existencium predictorum, sic tamen quod Ricardus et pro tempore existens abbas et conventus prefati monasterii in signum recepte a Romana eeclesia libertatis et exemptionis hujusmodi, dimidiam unciam auri, viz. xx solidos legalis monete Anglie, dictis tribus aureis inclusis seu computatis, dicte camere apostolice in festo prefato annis singulis persolvere omnino teneantur, penitus et omnino eximimus et totaliter liberamus, ac sub beati Petri et sedis hujusmodi protectione suscipimus, illosque et illa nobis et successoribus nostris necnon sedi prefatis dumtaxat immediate subjicimus; ita quod archiepiscopi, episcopi, ordinarii judices, vicarii et officiales predicti, quocumque nomine nuncupentur, conjunctim vel divisim, in monasterium, prioratum, beneficia, membra, abbatem, conventum et personas, ac res et bona hujusmodi tanquam prorsus exemptos et exempta, etiam ratione delicti vel contractus aut rei de qua ageretur, ubicumque committatur delictum, ineatur contractus, aut res ipsa consistat, nullam

* This bull is printed, supra, Num. II.

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in eos vel ea jurisdictionem, dominium vel potestatem quomodolibet exercere, aut excommunicationis, suspensionis et interdicti, aliasque sententias, censuras et penas in eos promulgare possint; sed dumtaxat ipse abbas, conventus et persone de se querelantibus coram sede prefata aut legatis vel subdelegatis ejusdem, de justitia respondere teneantur; illosque et illa, exemptos et exempta, susceptos et suscepta, ut prefertur, fore, ac omnes et singulos processus, necnon excommunicationis, suspensionis et interdicti, aliasque sententias, censuras et penas, quos et quas, contra exceptionem, liberationem, subjectionem et presentes literas, in prejudicium exemptorum hujusmodi haberi et promulgari contigerit, nulla, irrita et invalida nulliusque roboris vel momenti existere, sicque per quoscumque judices ecclesiasticos et seculares, ordinarios delegatos et subdelegatos, eciam sancte Romane ecclesie cardinales, eciam legatos, nuncios, et causarum palatii apostolici auditores in Romana curia et extra eam ac in quavis instantia, sententiari, decidi, judicari et interpretari debere, sublata eis et eorum cuilibet quavis alia sententiandi, decidendi, judicandi et interpretandi facultate, ac irritum et inane quicquid secus super omnibus et singulis premissis a quoquam, quavis auctoritate, scienter, vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari, decernimus et declaramus; non obstante pie memorie Innocentii Pape quarti eciam predecessoris nostri circa exemptos que incipit "Volentes," et quibusvis aliis apostolicis, ac bone memorie Ottonis et Ottoboni* olim in regno Anglie dicte sedis legatorum necnon et provincialibus et sinodalibus consiliis editis generalibus et specialibus constitutionibus et ordinationibus, ac monasterii et ordinis predictorum, necnon ecclesiarum metropolitanarum, episcopalium et aliarum, etiam juramento, confirmatione apostolica, vel quavis firmitate alia roboratis, statutis et consuetudinibus, privilegiis quoque, indultis et literis apostolicis, ordinariis et quibusvis aliis concessis ac per nos et sedem predictam confirmatis et innovatis, quibus eciamsi de illis eorumque totis tenoribus specialis, specifica, expressa, non autem per clausulas generales id importantes, mentio seu alia expressio habenda foret et in eis caveretur expresse quod illis non nisi sub certis inibi expressis modis et formis aut nullatenus derogari possit, illorum tenore acsi de verbo ad verbum presentibus insererentur, pro expressis habentes, illis alias in suo robore permansuris, hac vice dumtaxat specialiter et expresse derogamus ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque. Volumus autem quod, propter exemptionem et alia predicta, aliis privilegiis, libertatibus, et immunitatibus monasterio et illius abbati pro tempore existenti, conventui et ordini prefatis, concessis, confirmatis, innovatisque, nihilominus in suis plenis robore et firmitate permaneant, nullum prejudicium generetur, neque in monasterii et prioratus predictorum, parochialium ecclesiarum visitationibus et procurationibus, tam earum que ratione visitationis predicte debentur, quam aliarum antiquarum et solitarum procurationum, seu alias, absque visitatione debitarum, ullatenus derogetur. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre absolutionis, approbationis, innovationis, exemptionis, liberationis, susceptionis, subjectionis, decreti, declarationis, derogationis, et voluntatis, infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem Omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum, anno incarnationis Dominice MDXVII., XIV. calend. Octobris, pontificatus nostri anno quinto.

Num. XIV.

Literæ patentes pro Johanne Russell, milite, Domino Russell†.

Henricus etc. Omnibus, etc. Sciatis quod nos, ob certas causas et consideraciones nos specialiter moventes, ac in consideracione boni, veri et acceptabilis servicii nobis per predictum consiliarium nostrum, Johannem Russell, militem, baronem Russell, alias dictum Johannem Russell, militem, dominum Russell, ante hec tempora facti et impensi, de graciâ nostrâ speciali ac ex certâ scientiâ et mero motu nostris, dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes, pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus eidem Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et domine Anne, uxori ejus, totam domum et scitum nuper monasterii sive abbathie et ecclesie beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Rumonis de Tavestoke, in comitatu nostro Devonie, modo dissoluti, et totam ecclesiam campanile et cimiterium ejusdem nuper monasterii, ac omnia messuagia, domos, edificia, grangias, orrea, stabula, columbaria, molendina, stagna, vivaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, curtilagia, terram et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum et precinctum ejusdem nuper monasterii existentia, ac totum burgum et villam de Tavestoke in predicto comitatu Devonie, et omnia burgagia nostra in Tavestoke in comitatu predicto, et maneria nostra de Hurdewyk, Morwell, et Morwelham, cum suis membris et pertinenciis universis in comitatu predicto, ac hundredum nostrum de Hurdewyke alias dictum hundred de Tavestoke in eodem comitatu, ac bartonas sive grangias nostras de Hurdewyke, Morwell, et Morwelham, cum suis pertinenciis in Tavestoke, in comitatu predicto, ac dominia sive maneria nostra de Milton Abbott alias dictum Milton Legh, Lamerton, Hole, Brentor, Wykedabernon, Peterstavy, Ottrew alias dictum Otterey, Whitchurch, et Newton cum suis membris et pertinenciis universis in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto nuper monasterio spectantia sive pertinentia; ac totam rectoriam et vicariam nostram de Tavestoke cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis, in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto nuper monasterio spectantem sive pertinentem; ac totam rectoriam et vicariam nostram de Tavestoke cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto nuper monasterio appropriatas, ac spectantes seu pertinentes, unacum omnibus decimis, oblacionibus, et proficuis quibuscumque eisdem rectorie et vicarie seu earum alteri pertinentibus sive spectantibus, ac advocacionem, donacionem, liberam disposicionem, et jus patronatus ecclesie parochialis et vicarie de Tavestoke in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie; ac totum manerium nostrum de Antony cum suis membris et pertinenciis universis in comitatu nostro Cornubie, dicto nuper monasterio spectans sive pertinens, ac omnia et singula messuagia, terras, tenementa, grangias, bartonas, molendina, tofta, cotagia, gardina, pomaria, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, mariscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, annuitates, redditus, et firmas tenencium et firmariorum nostrorum, communias pasture, turbarie, ac alias communias, piscaria, jampna, brueras, mineras stanni et plumbi, acerta‡, vasta, moras, feoda militum, escaetas, relevia, herietta, wardas, maritagia, visus francplegii, curias lete, nundinas, mercata, tolneta, catalla, waviata, extrahuras, warennas, villanos et nativos cum eorum sequelis, wreccum maris, ac alia hereditamenta nostra quecunque cum pertinenciis in Tavestoke, Hurdwyke, Mylton Abbot alias dicto Milton Legh, Lamerton, Hole, Brentor, Wyke Dabernon, Peterstavie, Ottrew alias dicto Ottrey, Wytchurche, Morwell, Morwelham et Newton in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, ac in Antony in dicto comitatu nostro Cornubie, seu alibi ubicumque in eisdem comitatibus, seu in eorum altero, dictis maneriis, grangiis, bartonis, rectorie et vicarie, terris, tenementis seu eorum alicui vel quoquo modo spectantia vel pertinentia, aut que ut membra vel parcelle eorundem maneriorum, hundredi, bartonarum, grangiarum, rectorie et vicarie, terrarum et tenementorum, seu eorum alicujus habita, cognita, capta, sive reputata existunt aut fuerunt, ac omnia alia messuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia et hereditamenta nostra quecumque, cum pertinenciis, in Tavestoke predictâ, dicto nuper monasterio spectantes sive pertinentes, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et formâ prout Johannes, nuper abbas dicti nuper monasterii aut aliquis predecessorum suorum, abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii, in jure nuper monasterii illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem ejusdem nuper monasterii, omnia et singula premissa superiùs

* The constitutions of these two legates may be seen in Lyndwood's Provinciale.

† From an examined copy.

‡ *Acerta* seems to be meant for *asserta*, *i. e.* essart, as distinguished from *desert* or waste lands.

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specificata, cum suis pertinentiis, vel aliquam inde parcellam, habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit, et adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et formâ, prout ea omnia et singula premissa ad manus nostras ratione et pretextu dissolucionis dicti nuper monasterii, vel ratione et pretextu alicujus actûs parliamenti, vel aliter, aut aliquo alio modo, devenerunt, seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt, seu existere debent vel deberent. Damus eciam, et pro consideracione predictâ per presentes concedimus, prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, totum burgum nostrum de Denbury, ac omnia maneria de Denbury, Flympstok, Woryngton, Cowyke, Barleigh, Olderich, Cavelynche, Whymple, Woodmanston, Cristenstowe, Boryngton et Cornewood, cum suis juribus membris et pertinenciis universis in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto nuper monasterio spectantia sive pertinentia; ac manerium nostrum de Hawkewell, cum suis juribus membris et pertinenciis universis in comitatu nostro Somersete, dicto nuper monasterio spectans sive pertinens, ac omnia messuagia, terras, tenementa, grangias, bartonas, molendina, tofta, cotagia, gardina, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, mariscos, redditus, reversiones, annuitates, servicia ac redditus, et firmas tenencium et firmariorum nostrorum, communias pasture, turbarie et piscarie, ac alias communias quascumque, mineras stanni et plumbi, ac parcos, warenas, acerta, vasta, moras, feoda militum, escaetas, relevia, herietta, curias lete, visus franci plegii, villanos et nativos cum eorum sequelis, nundinas, mercata, tolneta, catalla, waviata, extrahuras, catalla felonum et fugitivorum, utlagatorum, attinctorum, et felonum de se, ac deodanda, wreccum maris, ac omnia alia hereditamenta nostra quecumque, cum pertinenciis, in Denbury, Plymstoke, Woringtон, Cowyke, Exwyke, Barleigh, Olderige, Cavelynche, Whymple, Wodmanston, Cristenstowe, Boryngton, et Cornewode, ac in parochia Thome Bekket, quondam vulgariter nuncupata Saynt Thomas Parisshe extra portam occidentalem civitatis Exonie in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, ac in Hawkewell in dicto comitatu nostro Somersete, que dicto nuper monasterio, sive predictis maneriis, quoquo modo spectabant sive pertinebant, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout dictus nuper abbas dicti nuper monasterii, aut aliquis predecessorum suorum, abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii, in jure nuper monasterii illius aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem ejusdem nuper monasterii predicti, maneria, terras, tenementa, et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis, vel aliquam inde parcellam habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt seu debuit, et adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras, ratione et pretextu dissolucionis dicti nuper monasterii, aut ratione vel pretextu alicujus actus parliamenti, seu aliter vel alio modo quocumque, devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent. Damus eciam, et pro consideracione predicta, per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, advocaciones, rectorias appropriatas et non appropriatas, decimas, oblaciones, obvenciones, porciones, pensiones, annuitates, et alia proficua et emolumenta ecclesiarum parochialium de Whitchurch, Lamerton, Milton Abbot alias dicta Milton Legh, et Boryngton, ac capelle de Olderige, et rectorie ecclesie parochialis dudum vulgariter nuncupate Saynt Thomas Parysshe extra portam occidentalem civitatis Exonie, et ecclesiarum parochialium de Cristenstowe, Okehampton, et Sprayton, in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, et ecclesiarum parochialium de Antony, et Peterwyn alias dicta Northepetherwyn, in dicto comitatu nostro Cornubie, que dicto nuper monasterii de Tavestoke appropriate, unite, sive annexe fuerunt, ac eciam rectorias appropriatas et non appropriatas, vicarias, decimas, oblaciones, obvenciones, portiones, pensiones et annuitates, et omnia alia proficua et emolumenta ecclesiarum parochialium de Old Donkyswell, et Aulescombe, et libere capelle ibidem in dicto comitatu Devonie, que dudum monasterio de Donkyswell in dicto comitatu Devonie modo dissoluto, appropriate, unite sive annexe fuerunt, ac eciam rectoriam appropriatam et non appropriatam, decimas, oblaciones, obvenciones, porciones, pensiones, annuitates, et omnia alia proficua et emolumenta ecclesie parochialis de Blakaveton in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, que dudum monasterio de Plympton in eodem comitatu, modo dissoluto, appropriata, unita, sive annexa fuit, necnon advocaciones, donaciones, presentaciones, liberas disposiciones et jura patronatuum vicariarum ecclesiarum parochialium de Lamerton, Mylton Abbot alias dicta Milton Legh, Whitechurche, Peterstavy, Okehampton, Sprayton, Crystenstowe, Blakaveton, Boryngton, Woryngton, Olde Donkyswell, Aulescombe et capelle ibidem, et ecclesie parochialis quondam vulgariter nuncupate Saynt Thomas Churche extra portam occidentalem civitatis Exonie, et capelle de Olderidge, et rectorie et ecclesiarum parochialium de Virgenstowe, Denbury et Whymple in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, et vicariarum ecclesiarum parochialium de Antony et Pederwyn, alias dicta Northpederwyn *, in dicto comitatu nostro Cornubie. Insuper, ex uberiori gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, damus, et pro consideracione predicta per presentes, pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, totam domum et scitum nuper monasterii sive abbathie beate Marie Virginis de Dunkyswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, modo dissoluti, ac totam ecclesiam, campanile et cemiterium ejusdem nuper monasterii, ac omnia messuagia, domos, edificia, grangias, orrea, stabula, columbaria, stagna, vivaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terram et solum nostrum, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum et procinctum ejusdem nuper monasterii de Donkyswell existentes, ac molendinum nostrum aquaticum, duo gardina et quatuor curtilagia cum pertinenciis in Olde Donkyswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, que dicto nuper monasterio de Dunkyswell spectabant sive pertinebant, necnon alia quatuor clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Beyn Crofts, et unum clausum terre arabilis nostrum, vocatum Yeoman Leysse, et unum aliud clausum terre arabilis, vocatum Cevere Crofte, cum pertinentiis, continentia in toto per estimacionem septemdecim acras in Dunkyswell, predicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell spectantia sive pertinentia, ac omnia alia prata nostra vocata Brytport Medowe, Culverheyball, Leyrehouse Mede, Mylbale Mede, Churche Haye Mede, Swyne Mede, Syne Mede, et Polemede, continentia in toto per estimacionem viginti quatuor acras in Olde Donkyswell, predicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell predicta simili modo spectantia sive pertinentia; ac omnes boscos nostros vocatos Aygewede, Myddelwall, Olde Parke et Rugewood, cum pertinenciis, continentes in toto per estimacionem quadringentas acras bosci in Olde Donkyswell predicta, dicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell spectantes sive pertinentes; necnon totam illam grangiam sive bartonam nostram, vocatam Bowreheys, cum pertinentiis, in Olde Donkyswell predicta, ac unum tenementum, cum pertinentiis, vocatum Bowreheys, ac omnia alia clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Stonyfeld, Barnyslonde, Crosfeld, Boroughfeld, Parkefelde, Smythefeld, Furfelde, Roodfelde, Penfeld, Newfeld, Leez, Higher Marelles Leez, Lower Marelles, le Hedder, le Mydle Steynt Wood, le Norther Steynt Wood, Trotosdowne, et Shipfeld, cum pertinentiis, continentia in toto per estimacionem CCCLXII acras, et unum pratum, vocatum Steyntwode Mede, continens in se per estimacionem III acras prati, ac omnia alia terras, jampna et brueras nostra, vocata Ruffegreydowne et Westdowne, cum pertinentiis, continentia per estimacionem IIII millia acras in Olde Dunkyswell prædictâ, dicto nuper monasterio de Dunkyswell simili modo spectantia sive pertinentia; necnon totam illam grangiam et bartonam nostram de Bywood, cum pertinenciis, in Olde Donkyswell predictâ, ac unum tenementum, cum pertinenciis ac omnia illa clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Cadefeld, le Downe Lands aliàs dictum the Newe Feldys, Fforche Felde, le Inner Fforche Felde, Barnslond, Churchelond, Stonyfeld, Oxen Leez, et le Grotten, cum pertinenciis, continentia in toto per estimacionem ducentas viginti et quatuor acras, et unum

* Bishop Bronescombe dedicated the church of Anthony, near Devonport, on October 14, and North Petherwyn on October 20, 1259. (See Register, fol. 8.) The taxation of this vicarage of S. Anthony, dated September 18, 1309, may be seen fol. 43 of Stapeldon's Register.

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pratum nostrum, vocatum Bywood Mede, cum pertinenciis, continens per estimacionem quatuor acras, ac omnia clausa more nostra, cum pertinentiis, vocata Bywood More et Shotte More, continentia in toto per estimacionem xxx acras, in Olde Donkyswell predictâ, dicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell simili modo spectantia sive pertinentia; necnon totam illam grangiam et bartonam nostram de Sheldon in Olde Donkyswell et Sheldon in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, ac unum tenementum, ac omnia illa clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Hobyd Ryse Ffurshyll, Lytell Beer Hyll, Great Beer Hill, lez Ferme Closes alias dictas lez Graunge Closes et Langles cum pertinenciis continentia per estimacionem ccxxix acras, et unum boscum vocatum Colewood cum pertinentiis continens per estimacionem iii acras, ac omnia illa prata nostra vocata Langmede Golemede Inwoodmeed Grangemeed et le Gardynemede, cum pertinentiis, continentia in toto per estimacionem decem acras et dimidium, et unam moram, vocatam le Northmore, cum pertinenciis, continentem per estimacionem duodecim acras in Olde Dunkyswell et Sheldon predictis, ac unam aliam moram, cum pertinenciis, continentem per estimacionem xii acras in Olde Donkyswell predictâ, dicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell simili modo spectantem et pertinentem, ac etiam totam illam grangiam et bartonam nostram de Bradhemby cum pertinenciis in Brodehemby in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, ac unum tenementum et omnia illa clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Clampitt, Cresfeld, Oxenheye, Metlande, le Great Rowden, les Litle Rowdens, Lodpytt, Whithyll, Oxenlez, cum pertinenciis, continentia in toto per estimacionem ducentas nonaginta et octo acras terre, et omnia illa ii prata nostra vocata le Great Mede alias dicta the Graunge Mede et Lodpytt Mede, continentia in toto per estimacionem xxv acras, et unam moram nostram, vocatam le Roughe Mershe, cum pertinenciis, continentem per estimacionem x acras, et omnes illos boscos nostros vocatos le Parke alias dictos le Grangewode et le Grove cum pertinenciis, continentes per estimacionem xiii acras in Brodehemby predictâ, dicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell spectantes et pertinentes, ac omnia illa iii clausa terre arabilis nostra, vocata Shapcombe felds cum pertinenciis, continentia per estimacionem c acras terre, et totum illud pratum nostrum vocatum Shapcombe Mede cum pertinenciis, continens per estimacionem viginti et quatuor acras, et totum illud boscum nostrum, vocatum Shapcomb Wood cum pertinenciis, continens per estimacionem viginti acras, jacens et existens in parochiâ de Luppyt in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto nuper monasterio de Donkyswell simili modo spectans sive pertinens, ac omnia et singula messuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, communias pasture, turbarie, et estoveriorum, servicia, firmas tenencium et firmariorum, jampnum, brueras, vasta, moras, ac omnia alia hereditamenta, proficua, commoditates, jura et possessiones quecumque, cum suis pertinenciis, situata, jacentia et existentia in Donkyswell, Olde Donkyswell, Brodehemby, Luppyt et Sheldon, predictis, que dictis bartonis et grangiis de Bowreheys, Bywoode, Sheldon et Brodehemby, sive earum alicui spectant sive pertinent, aut pro parcellis earundem bartonarum et grangiarum sive earum alicujus habita, cognita, sive reputata sunt vel existunt aut fuerunt, adeò plenè et integrè, et prout ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Dunkyswell, aut aliquis predecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii, in jure ejusdem nuper monasterii, dictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Donkyswell, ac predictas grangias, terras, tenementa, boscos et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis in Donkyswell, Olde Donkyswell, Brodehemby, Luppyt et Sheldon predictis, vel aliquam inde parcellam habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit, ac adeo plenè et integrè, ac in tam amplis modo et formâ prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione et pretextu cujusdam carte donacionis, concessionis, reddicionis et confirmacionis dicti nuper abbatis et conventûs ejusdem nuper monasterii de Donkyswell nobis facte, aut ratione alicujus actûs parliamenti nuper devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt, seu existere debent seu deberent. Insuper, ex uberiori gratiâ nostrâ speciali, ac ex certâ sciencià et mero motu nostris, damus ulteriùs, et pro consideratione predictâ, concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, totum manerium nostrum de Blakeaveton cum suis membris et pertinenciis universis, in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie nuper monasterio sive abbatie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre in eodem comitatu nostro Devonie modò dissoluto spectans sive pertinens, necnon omnia messuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, communias pasture, aquas, aquarum cursus, stagna, vivaria, molendina, gardina, pomaria, cotagia, tofta, grangias, bartonas, terras dominicales, terras mariscales, mariscos, liberos redditus, reversiones, servicia, parcos, chaceas, warennas, acerta, vasta, jampna, et brueras, moras, annuitates, firmas tenencium et firmariorum, feodi firmas, communias pasture et liberas piscarias, liberas faldas, mineras stanni et plumbi, redditus super quibuscumque dimissionibus reservatos, feoda militum, curie proficua, curias letarum, visus francplegii, et omnia que ad visum franci plegii pertinent liberas franchesias privilegia wardas maritagia, ac omnia alia jura, jurisdictiones, commoditates, possessiones et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum pertinenciis, in Blakeaveton et alibi in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, dicto manerio de Blakeaveton quoquo modo spectantia vel pertinentia, aut que ut membra vel parcella ejusdem manerii habita sive reputata existunt aut fuerunt, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Simon, nuper abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Torre, et aliquis predecessorum suorum abbatum ejusdem nuper monasterii de Torre, in jure nuper monasterii illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem ejusdem nuper monasterii predicti manerium de Blakeaveton habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit, adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione et pretextu cujusdam carte donacionis concessionis reddicionis et confirmacionis dicti nuper abbatis et conventus ejusdem nuper monasterii de Torre nobis facte, seu ratione vel pretextu alicujus actus parliamenti, nuper devenere seu devenire debuerunt, et in manibus nostris jam existunt sive existere deberent. Insuper, de uberiori gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris, damus et concedimus, et pro consideracione predicta, per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, totam domum et scitum nuper fratrum predicatorum infra civitatem Exonie modo dissolutam, ac totam ecclesiam, campanile et cemiterium ejusdem domus nuper fratrum predicatorum, ac omnia messuagia, domus, edificia, orrea, stabula, columbaria, molendina, stagna, ortos, pomaria, gardina, curtilagia, terram et solum nostra, tam infra, quam juxta et prope scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum et procinctum ejusdem domus nuper fratrum predicatorum predicte existentia, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ultimus prior dicte domus nuper fratrum predicatorum predictorum aut aliquis predecessorum suorum priorum ejusdem nuper domus, in jure nuper domus illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem ejusdem domus nuper fratrum predicatorum illa habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit. Habendum, tenendum et gaudendum predictum domum et scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Tavistok, ac predictum burgum et villam de Tavistoke, et omnia burgagia nostra in Tavistoke predicta, et hundredum de Hurdewike alias dictum hundredum de Tavistok, ac predicta maneria nostra de Hurdewike, Morewell et Morwelham, Milton Abbot alias dicta Milton Legh, Lamerton, Hele, Brentor, Wykedabernon, Peterstavy, Ottrewe alias dictum Ottrey, Whitchurche et Newton, ac predictas grangias et bartonas de Hurdewyke, Morwell et Morwelham, ac predictum manerium de Antony, necnon rectoriam et vicariam de Tavystoke, et advocationem vicarie ecclesie de Tavystoke, et cetera omnia et singula premissa in Tavystok, Hurdewyke, Milton Abbot, alias dicta Milton Leigh, Lamerton, Hele, Brentor, Wikedabernon, Peterstavy, Ottrewe alias dicta Ottrie, Whitchurche, Morewell, Morwelham, Newton et Antony predicta, preter dictas rectorias et advocationes ac proficua ecclesiarum de Whitchurch, Lamerton, Milton Abbot alias dicta Milton Legh, Peterstavy et Antony predict' prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et

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domine Anne uxori ejus et heredibus masculis de corpore ipsius Johannis Russell, militis, baronis Russell, legitime procreatis, TENENDUM de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite per servicium unius feodi militis ac reddendo inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris XXXVI libras ad curiam nostram augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli singulis annis solvendas pro omnibus redditibus, serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris, quoquo modo, reddendis, solvendis vel faciendis, et absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, preter redditus et servicia predicta nobis reservatos, quovismodo reddendo solvendo seu faciendo; ac HABENDUM, tenendum et gaudendum predictum burgum de Denbury, ac predicta maneria de Denburi, Plymstoke, Worington, Cowike, Exwike, Barleigh, Olderidge, Cavelinche, Whymple, Woodmanston, Cristynstowe, Borington, Cornewood, Hawkewell et Blakeaveton, ac dictas rectorias ecclesiarum de Whitechurche, Lamerton, Mylton Abbot alias dicta Mylton Leigh et Borington, ac dictam capellam de Olderige, et dictam rectoriam ecclesie parochialis dudum vulgariter nuncupatam Saynt Thomas Churche extra portam occidentalem civitatis Exonie, et predictas rectorias ecclesiarum de Cristenstowe, Okehampton, Sprayton, Antony et Petherwyn alias dicta North Petherwyn, ac eciam dictas rectorias de Olde Donkyswell et Awlescombe, ac capellam ibidem, ac dictam rectoriam de Blakaveton, necnon predictas advocaciones, donaciones et jura patronatuum ecclesiarum parochialium de Lamerton, Milton Abbot alias dicta Milton Leigh, Whitchurche, Peterstavy, Okehampton, Sprayton, Cristenstowe, Blackaveton, Borington, Worington, Olde Donkeswell, Aulescombe et capelle ibidem, ac dicte ecclesie parochialis extra portam occidentalem civitatis Exonie, et dicte capelle de Olderige, et predictas advocaciones rectoriarum vicariarum ecclesiarum de Virgenstowe, Denbury, Whimple, Antony et Petherwyn alias dicta Northpetherwyn, ac predictam domum et scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Dunkeswell, ac predictum domum et scitum dictorum nuper fratrum predicatorum, ac omnia et singula predicta bartonas, grangias, terras, tenementa, ac omnia et singula premissa cum pertinenciis in Denbury, Plympstoke, Worington, Cowike, Exwike, Barleigh, Olderige, Whymple et Cavelinche, Woodmanston, Cristenstowe, Boryngton, Cornewoode, Hawkwell et Blakeaveton, Okehampton, Sprayton, Donkeswell, Olde Dunkeswell, Awlescombe, Sheldon, Brodehemby et Luppytt predictis, prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis, TENENDUM de nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite, per servicium unius feodi militis, ac reddendo inde annuatim, nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, CCXLVIII libras V solidos ad dictam curiam nostram augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre, ad dictum festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli, singulis annis solvendos pro omnibus redditibus, serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendis, solvendis vel faciendis, et absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris, preter redditus et servicia predictos nobis reservatos, quovismodo reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo. Et ulterius, de uberiori gratia nostra ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris, et pro consideracione predicta, damus et per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, omnia et omnimoda exitus, redditus, revenciones et proficua predictorum scituum dictorum nuper monasteriorum de Tavistoke, Donkeswell et predictorum domus et scitus nuper fratrum predicatorum predictorum, maneriorum, grangiarum, rectoriarum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum, cum pertinenciis, a festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli anno regni nostri XXX^mo. hucusque provenientia sive crescentia, habendum eidem Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, ex dono nostro, absque compoto, seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo. Et ulterius, de ampliori gratia nostra speciali, ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris, et pro consideracione predicta, volumus, et per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris, damus et concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, et heredibus masculis de corpore dicti Johannis Russell, militis, et baronis Russell, legitime procreatis, quod idem Johannes Russell, miles, baro Russell, et heredes sui predicti inperpetuum de tempore in tempus annuatim habebunt, tenebunt et gaudebunt, ac habere tenere, gaudere valeant et possint, ad libitum suum, infra predicta maneria, hundreda, burgagia, et bartonas, ac omnia et singula alia premissa superius expressa et specificata, tot, tanta, talia, hujusmodi et consimilia curias lete, visus franciplegii de omnibus et singulis tenentibus suis tam residentibus quam non residentibus et aliis quibuscumque ibidem residentibus, ac omne id quod letam et visum franciplegii, assisam, assaiam panis et cerevisie, bona et catalla waviata, extrahuras ibidem contingentes, bona et catalla felonum et fugitivorum, utlagatorum, attinctorum, felonum de se, deodanda et in exigendo posita, wreccum maris, liberas piscarias, liberas warennas, in omnibus et singulis predictis maneriis et in qualibet eorum parcella, ac commisiones placitorum realium, personalium, mixtarum, et querelarum in omnibus curiis nostris, et tenere omnimoda placita et querelas infra burgum nostrum de Tavistoke emergentia coram seneschallo et ballivis ipsius Johannis Russell et heredum suorum predictorum, ac fines et amerciamenta tenencium suorum, infangthief, outfangthief, retorna brevium, et executiones eorundem, necnon omnia et omnimoda, tot, tanta, talia, hujusmodi et consimilia alia libertates, franchesia, jura, jurisdictiones, privilegia, exempciones, commoditates, proficua, emolumenta quecumque in omnibus et singulis predictis maneriis et ceteris premissis, ac in qualibet inde parcella, quot, quanta, qualia, que, in eisdem et consimilibus modo et forma, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout dicti nuper abbates dictorum nuper monasteriorum, aut eorum alicujus, vel aliquis predecessorum suorum, abbatum eorundem nuper monasteriorum, vel eorum alicujus, in jure nuper monasteriorum illorum, sive eorum alicujus, aliquo tempore ante separales dissoluciones dictorum nuper monasteriorum, sive eorum alicujus, separaliter habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in maneriis predictis et ceteris premissis, vel in aliqua eorundem parcella, racione et pretextu alicujus donacionis, concessionis vel confirmacionis per nos seu aliquem progenitorum nostrorum regum Anglie prefatis nuper abbatibus seu eorum alicui seu aliquibus eorum predecessorum, quoquo modo; facte, vel ratione vel pretextu alicujus usus, consuetudinis sive prescriptionis, seu aliter quocumque modo, habendum, levandum, percipiendum et gaudendum curias lete et visus franciplegii illas, et omne id quod ad letam et visum franciplegii pertinent, necnon eadem bona et catalla waviata, bona et catalla felonum et fugitivorum, extrahuras warennas et cetera premissa superius specificata cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis, prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis imperpetuum, absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo. Et ulterius, volumus, et per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell, et dicte Anne uxori ejus et heredibus masculis de corpore ipsius Johannis legitime procreatis, quod nos heredes et successores nostri, dictos Johannem Russell, militem, et baronem Russell, et dominam Annam, uxorem ejus, ac heredes masculos de corpore ipsius Johannis Russell legitime procreatos, de omnibus et omnimodis arreragiis et respectibus reddituum, ac annuitatibus et corrodiis, ac redditibus, oneribus, de maneriis, grangiis et rectoriis predictis ac de universis et singulis ceteris premissis superius specificatis, cum pertinenciis, seu de eorum aliquo exeuntibus seu solvendis, vel super eisdem seu eorum aliquo oneratis vel onerandis; preterquam de serviciis et redditibus, superius per presentes nobis reservatis, et preterquam de redditibus, serviciis et redditibus siccis et aliis serviciis quibuscumque personam seu quascumque personas, de tempore in tempus, exonerabimus, acquietabimus et defendemus per presentes, mandantes enim, et firmiter injungendo precipientes, tam cancellario et consilio nostro curie nostre augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre, pro tempore existente, quam omnibus receptoribus, auditoribus et ceteris officiariis et

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ministris nostris quibuscunque, quod ipsi et eorum quilibet, super solam demonstracionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium, absque aliquo alio brevi warranto a nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris, impetrando seu prosequendo, plenam, integram debitamque oblacionem, deduccionem, defalcacionem, et exoneracionem, prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et domine Anne, uxori ejus, et heredibus masculis de corpore ipsius Johannis Russell legitime procreatis, de omnibus et omnimodis hujusmodi corrodiis, feodis, annuitatibus, redditibus, oneribus, arreragiis et respectubus redditus, de maneriis, grangiis, rectoriis et ceteris premissis, aut de aliqua inde parcella, ut prefertur, exeuntibus vel solvendis, vel super eisdem seu aliqua inde parte vel parcella oneratis vel onerandis, preterquam de predictis redditibus et serviciis superius per presentes nobis reservatis, de tempore in tempus facient et fieri causabunt, de et super solucione dicti annui redditus XXXVI librarum, et dicti annui redditus CCXLVIII librarum V solidorum, tociens quociens aliqua hujusmodi allocatio defalcacio seu exoneracio fieri oportet; et he litere nostre patentes erunt tam dicto cancellario et consilio nostro et curie nostre augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre quam quibuscumque receptoribus, auditoribus et aliis officiariis ministris nostris, sufficiens warrantum et exoneracio in hac parte, eo quod expressa mencio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum, sive eorum alicujus, aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos prefato Johanni Russell, militi, baroni Russell et Anne uxori ejus, ante hec tempora factis, in presentibus minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto, actu, ordinacione, provisione sive restrictione inde in contrarium facto, edito, ordinato sive proviso, aut aliqua alia re, causa vel materia quacumque, in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium IIII die Julii anno regni nostri XXXI.

Num. XV.

Valor Ecclesiasticus, tempore Henrici Octavi (vol. ii. folio 381).

Abbatia monasterii Beate Marie Sanctique Rumoni de Tavystock in decanatu de Tavystok et in diocesi Exonie in comitatu Devon.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum pensionum decimarum oblacionum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes abbas monasterii beate Marie Sanctique Rumoni de Tavistok predicti infra aliquem archidiaconatum aliqualiter in jure monasterii predicti modo seisitus existit, prout postea patet, ex fundacione Ordulphi nuper comitis Devonie.

Manerium de Hurdewyk cum hundredo et membris suis videlicet Milton Abbot, Wyke Dabernon, Whitchurch, Hele Peterstavy, Brentor, in comitatu Devonie, et Antony in comitatu Cornubie.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum et convencionariorum tenencium ibidem per annum			
Cum 12*s.* 4*d.* de redditu unius messuagii et medietate unius ferlingi terre in Hele infra parochiam de Tavystok per annum que nuper devenit ad manus dicti abbatis racione eschaeti per mortem Elizie Hanworthy nuper suspensi pro felonia per ipsum perpetrata	217	8	6 di' q'
Et cum 6*s.* 8*d.* de exitibus et proficuis nundinarum tentarum apud Brentor annuatim communibus annis			
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	16	6	10
Inde solutum vicecomiti Devonie et successoribus suis ad opus Domini regis pro auxilio vicecomitis annuatim et imperpetuum *	2	4	–
Et remanet clare	231	11	4 di' q'

Burgus de Tavystock.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum ibidem per annum	7	19	5½
Cum 1£ de exitibus et mercatis nundinarum communibus annis			
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem burgi per annum communibus annis	–	17	8 di' q'
£8. 17. 1½ et dimidium quadrantis.			

Manerium de Hatherlegh.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum ibidem per annum	24	4	4			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie cum aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	6	17	11½	30	13	11½
Inde solutum . . . . . domino de Blaketoriton et heredibus suis pro quodam annuali redditu, vocato *a Trymmyng rent,* annuatim imperpetuum	–	8	4			
Et remanet clare						

Burgus de Hatherlegh.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	6	4	8	8	12	3
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem burgi per annum communibus annis	2	7	7			

* The payment called "auxilium vicecomitis," or the sheriff's aid, was one of the vicontiel rents forming part of the farm of the body of the county (firma corporis comitatus), for which the sheriff accounted to the crown. It occurs only in the sheriff's accounts of certain counties, and, in Devonshire, was probably payable at the Tourn. (See Sir M. Hale's Treatise on Sheriff's Accounts, p. 27.) It further appears, from the entries under Hurdwick and Abbotsham in the above extract from the valor, that it was collected only from certain manors, and might be either a fixed rent, as in the above entry; or a fluctuating one, as it would seem to have been in respect of Abbotsham. In numerous instances payments of this kind, of which the origin has been long forgotten, are still either collected or kept in charge. – S.

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Manerium de Boryngton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise convencionariorum tenencium cum terris dominicalibus ibidem per annum	15	17	1½			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	3	11	7 d.q.	18	14	9¼
Inde solutum . . . . . dominis de Northtauton et heredibus suis pro quodam alto redditu annuatim imperpetuum	–	4	–			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Denbury.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	17	4	3½			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii communibus annis	6	9	2¾	23	5	10¼
Inde solutum . . . . . domino de Haytor et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim et imperpetuum	–	6	8			
Et Waltero Michel rectori de Denbury et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu ab antiquo tempore consueto	–	1	–			
Et remanet clare						

Burgus de Denbury.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	4	14	–½			
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis et proficuis ejusdem burgi per annum communibus annis	–	12	9¼	5	6	9¾

Manerium de Plymstock.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium una cum firma molendini, vendicione cere, exitibus gardinorum et incremento ibidem per annum Cum £26. 10. 10. de valore 79 quarteriorum et quinque modiis frumenti provenientium de redditu infra manerium predictum valore cujuslibet modii 10*d.* Et cum 2*s.* de valore quatuor librarum cere provenientis de redditu infra manerium predictum valore cujuslibet libre cere 6*d.*	39	2	1			
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	4	4	6¾	43	4	3¾
Inde solutum domino Henrico Marchioni Exonie domino castri de Plympton et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim et imperpetuum	0	2	4			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Crystenstawe.

Redditus assise liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium, firme molendini ibidem per annum	11	5	7			
Et de finibus terrarum unacum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	6	17	3	18	2	10

Manerium de Cornewode.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium ibidem per annum	2	8	4

Manerium de Woryngton.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum Cum 20 quarteriis frumenti precii cujuslibet quarterii 8*s.* quod in toto se attingit at 8£	123	16	3½ diq			
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	18	15	3½	141	17	11 di' q
Inde solutum . . . . . domino de Penheyle et heredibus suis pro uno annuali redditu annuatim in perpetuum	–	–	4			
Et . . . . priori de Launceston et successoribus suis pro decimis bertone de Woryngton predicta annuatim et imperpetuum	–	13	4			
Et remanet clare						

Bertona de Morwall cum Morelham.

Redditus assise pro terris bertone ibidem per annum	10	–	–			
Et de perquisitis curie cum vendicione bosci ibidem per annum communibus annis	5	7	3	15	7	3

Bertona de Leghȝ.

Redditus assise pro terris bertone ibidem per annum	16	–	–

Bertona de Hurdewyck.

Bertonia ibidem valet per annum cum uno clauso terre vocato le *Selerȝ Close* et cum uno alio clauso terre vocato le *Comen Close*	34	–	–

Prata et gardina prope monasterium de Tavystock.

Prata et gardina prope monasterium ibidem valent per annum	4	–	–

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Hospicium de Bere infra civitatem Exonie.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise ibidem per annum	7	6	8			
Inde solutum Johanni . . . . priori de Plympton et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim et imperpetuum per annum	1	–	–	6	6	8
Et remanet clare						

Halstock, Inwardley, et Chaggeford.

Redditus assise omnium terrarum et tenementorum ibidem per annum				1	17	10

Manerium de Couwyck cum membris suis, videlicet, Exwyck, Barley, Olderiggs, Cobelynche, Hawkewyll, Whympell, et Woodemanston.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium de Couwyck predicto per annum	16	14	5½			
Et redditus mobil' in Couwyck predicto per annum	–	13	6			
Et redditus tenencium ad voluntatem de Couwyke predicto per annum	5	16	6			
Et terrarum dominicalium sive bertone in Couwyke predicto per annum	39	5	8			
Et redditus assise convencionariorum tenencium in Exwyck et Barley predictis per annum	11	7	3¾			
Et redditus assise liberorum tenencium in Olderigge Cavelyncke Haukewyll Whymple et Woodemanston predictis	3	3	2½	78	16	7¼
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie in Couwyck predicto per annum communibus annis	2	1	5½			
Inde solutum majori et communitati civitatis Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu ibidem per annum	–	2	–			
Et remanet clare						

Piscaria de Tamer.

Piscaria ibidem valet per annum	15	–	–			
Inde solutum domino principi ad manerium suum de Calstoc annuatim	10	–	–	5	–	–
Clare						
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium predicti abbatis				697	3	10½di' q
Inde solutum Johanni Coche ballivo manerii de Hurdewyk predicto pro feodo suo per annum				3	–	–
Et Johanni Harrys generali receptori monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum				5	–	–
Et . . . . receptori manerii de Crystenstawe predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	6	8
Et . . . . receptori burgi de Hatherlegh predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	1	6
Et Johanni Lacche ballivo de Denbury predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	13	4
Et Johanni Lacche receptori burgi de Denbury predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	3	–
Et Johanni Wynnacotte ballivo manerii de Woryngton predicto pro feodo suo per annum				3	–	–
Et Petro Eggecombe militi capitali seneschallo monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum				3	6	8
Et Thome Denys militi capitali seneschallo libertatum et francesiorum de Tavystok predicto pro feodo suo per annum				3	–	–
Et Ricardo Pollard subsenescallo monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum				Nil quia plus sequitur.		
Et Johanni Alford subsenescallo libertatum et francesiorum de Tavystock pro feodo suo per annum				Nil.		
Et Johanni Thomas generali auditori monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum				3	–	–
Et eidem Johanni Thomas auditori manerii de Couwyk pro feodo suo per annum				1	–	–
Et eidem Johanni Thomas subsenescallo predicto manerii de Couwyck et aliorum maneriorum pro feodo suo per annum				Nil.		
Et Thome Denys capitali senescallo predicto manerii de Couwyk pro feodo suo per annum				1	6	8
Et Ricardo Mayo ballivo manerii de Couwyck predicto pro feodo suo per annum				3	–	–
Et Adam Williams senescallo manerii de Cornewode predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	13	4
Summa allocationum				27	11	2
Et remanet clare omnium temporalium				669	12	8½di' q

Possessiones spirituales predicti abbatis in comitatu Devonie.

Vicaria de Tavistock in decanatu de Tavistock in diocesi Exonie.

Vicaria ibidem per annum valet annuatim £29. 7. 8. in decima garbarum . . .						
Et pro omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte vicarie pertinentibus	29	17	8			
Inde solutum Willielmo Launder et successoribus suis vicariis ibidem pro pencione sua annuatim imperpetuum	10	–	–	49	5	2
Et archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim	–	–	2			
Et remanet clare						

Capella de Brentor in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Capella ibidem valet per annum cum decima garbarum et altilagio ibidem	7	1	2			
Inde solutum sausario et medario * dicti abbatis de Tavistock et successoribus suis pro parcella decime garbarum ibidem per annum	3	18	4	3	2	10
Et remanet clare						

* From this entry under Brentor, it appears that an annual payment, in lieu of a portion of tithe, was made to the sausarius and medarius of the abbot. The *salsarius* was an officer or servant, and the *salsarium* or *salsaria* a department, in the culinary establishment well known in the royal palace. They are mentioned in Fleta, lib. ii. cap. 14 and 18, and occur under the names of Sawcerye, Salsery, Sausery, &c., in the royal household down to a late period. (See Collection of Ordinances for the Royal Household, ed. Soc. Antiq. p. 96, 143, 238.) The *medarius* was a functionary not, we believe, to be found in the royal household, where mead does not appear to have been generally used at table; but in the west it was an article of more common consumption, and the medarius of the abbey of Glastonbury is mentioned in ordinances promulgated as early as Pope Innocent III. and in other instruments. (Adam de Domerham, Hist. Glaston. vol. ii. p. 410, 477, &c.) The "confector medonis," or mead brewer, figures as a royal officer in the court of Howel the Good. (Leges Wallicæ, vol. ii. ed. 1841.)

The practice of assigning certain portions of the lands or revenues of a convent to the support of specific departments of the household seems to have been not uncommon. In the Chronicle of Jocelin de Brakelond, we find the cellarer and the sacrist disputing about the perquisites and revenues appurtenant to their several offices, and from the same work we learn that these offices, with the lands attached, were sometimes subject to be revoked and taken into the hands of their superior. (Cronica, &c. p. 65, 74-77.)

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Rectoria de Mylton in decanatu et diocesi predictis.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum £15. 3. pro decima garbarum	–	–	–	13	15	8
Inde solutum Henrico Hawkyns et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione imperpetuum	1	7	8			
Et remanet clare						

Rectoria de Lamerton in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 11 – –

Rectoria de Whitchurch in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum videlicet annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 14 – –

Rectoria de Petherwyn in decanatu et diocesi predictis in comitatu Cornubie.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum videlicet annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 20 –

Rectoria de Hatherleigh in decanatu de Okehampton et diocesi predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum videlicet annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 11 – –

Rectoria de Boryngton in decanatu de Okehampton et diocesi predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum videlicet annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 11 – –

Rectoria de Sancto Antonio in comitatu Cornubie in decanatu de . . . . . et diocesi predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum videlicet annuatim in decima garbarum . . . . . 19 – –

Rectoria Sancti Thome Martiris juxta Couwyk cum capella de Olderige in decanatu de Kenn et diocesi predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum £11. 6*s.* 8*d.* pro decima garbarum ibidem.				2	4	5
Inde solutum Johanni Rugge clerico vicario ibidem et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione	6	–	–			
Et Johanni Stevyns et successoribus suis prebendariis de Hays unam annualem pencionem per annum	2	–	–			
Et ei pro alto redditu soluto prebendario de Hays predicto per annum	–	15	–			
Et ei pro procuracione	–	6	8			
Et ei pro sinodatico pro ecclesia Sancti Thome predicta	–	–	7			
Et remanet clare						

Rectoria de Crystenstawe.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum 9£ pro decima garbarum ibidem.				8	–	
Inde solutum Johanni Rugge clerico vicario ibidem et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione per annum	1	–	–			
Et remanet clare						

Rectoria de Sprayton.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* pro decima garbarum ibidem.				7	–	–
Et terra sanctuarii ibidem cum terra vocata *Prior Mede* per annum	1	6	8			
Et inde solutum Roberto Wythebroke clerico vicario ibidem et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione per annum	1	–	–			
Et remanet clare						

Rectoria de Vyrgenstawe.

Predictus abbas percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum – 2 –

Rectoria de Sydenham.

Item percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum . . . . – 1 6

Rectoria de Shevyock in comitatu Cornubie.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum . . . . . – 3 –

Rectoria de Rame in eodem comitatu.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum . . . . . – 2 2

Rectoria Sancti Johannis Baptiste in predicto comitatu.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum . . . . . – 1 –

Rectoria de Whymple.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum 1 6 8

Rectoria de Okehampton.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum . . . . . 1 – –

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Rectoria de Methe.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum				–	2	–
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti abbatis . . .				172	6	5

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum ac possessionum temporalium unde Robertus prior et conventus monasterii de Tavystock predicta infra aliquam archidiaconatum aliqualiter modo seisitus existit prout postea patet.

Manerium de Abbottysham.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum .	14	12	11	14	5	2
Inde solutum vicecomiti Devonie et successoribus suis pro auxilio vicecomitis ibidem per annum communibus annis	–	7	9			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Roughburgh.

Redditus assise custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	2	19	–

Manerium de Nuton.

Redditus assise diversorum custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	7	14	2	6	3	2
Inde solutum Johanni abbati de Tavistok et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim ibidem per annum et imperpetuum	1	11	10			
Et remanet clare						

Villa de Tavistock.

Redditus assise diversorum custumariorum tenencium ibidem cum molendino fullonico per annum	9	15	–	8	12	4½
Inde solutum Roberto Burell et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu per annum . .	–	5	–			
Et Johanni abbati de Tavistok et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim per annum	–	7	–½			
Et eidem abbati et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu per annum	–	5	3½			
Et remanet clare						

Terre in Tavistok pertinentes priori de Tavistock tantum.

Redditus assise custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	2	15	4	2	14	9
Inde solutum Johanni abbati de Tavystock et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim ibidem per annum	–	–	7			
Et remanet clare						
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium predictorum prioris et conventus				34	14	5½
Inde solutum Thome Docton senescallo maneriorum predictorum pro feodo suo per annum . .				1	–	–
Et Thome Hacche receptori maneriorum predictorum pro feodo suo per annum				–	10	–
Et Johanni Alford ballivo manerii de Roubourgh predicto pro feodo suo per annum				–	3	4
Et remanet clare omnium temporalium . . .				83	1	1½

Possessiones spirituales predictorum prioris et conventus.

Rectoria de Abbottisham in decanatu de Hartland in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum	9	13	4

Rectoria de Okehampton in decanatu de Okehampton in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum	9	6	8

Ecclesia Sancti Martini de Woryngton et Sancti Egidii.

Percepit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de ecclesia predicta	–	1	–

Northbrent cum orientali parte de Tavistock.

Parcella decime garbarum in Northbrent valet per annum	3	18	4	5	15	4
Parcella decime garbarum in orientali parte de Tavystock valet per annum	1	17	–			
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predictorum prioris et conventus				27	5	4
Summa omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium prioris et conventus predictorum clare				60	6	5½
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium et temporalium tam predicti abbatis quam predicti prioris et conventus monasterii predicti clare				902	5	7 di' q
Inde pro decima . . .				90	4	6¾

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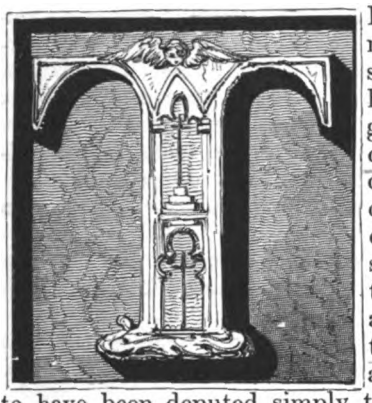
Priory of S. Nicholas, Exeter*,

IN THE DEANERY OF CHRISTIANITY, ALIAS EXETER.



THIS monastic establishment, at the time of the suppression of religious houses, was justly regarded as the most ancient, as well as the most considerable, in the city of Exeter. It was formed out of some of the possessions given by William the Conqueror, to his noble abbey of S. Martin, of Battle, in Sussex. Gunterus, a monk of Battle, appears to have been deputed simply to make arrangements for the infant institution, and, after a short residence here, was appointed abbot of Thorney. Cono supplied his place as the first prior, and is reported to have interested himself successfully in the welfare of the rising establishment. Under the auspices of William Rufus, he was enabled to erect the conventual church of S. Nicholas as a cell to Battle abbey, with an endowment of distinct property for its support. He procured a supply of members from the parent house, and its renunciation of all claim to the church of S. Olave †, and to that of Columpton, with its prebends, known by the names of Uppeton, Colebroche, Hineland, Waevre, and Esse ‡. It was stipulated, however, that the priory of S. Nicholas should pay to the mother house the yearly sum of 60*s.*, as a mark of dependence. This payment continued in force for about 150 years, when the pension was reduced to 20*s.*; yet at the dissolution of the house it had increased to the sum of seven pounds.

From a letter addressed by the primate, S. Anselm, (Epistolarum t. i. ep. 20, lib. iii. Paris ed. 1721.) in 1103, to Osbern, bishop of Exeter, it would seem that these new religious men suffered molestation from some of the clergy, and were restricted, by his authority §, in their practice of ringing their bells. S. Anselm mildly rebukes such obstruction, and recommends these monks "de monasterio quod vulgo dicitur de Batailla in vestra civitate morantes," to the bishop's protection. The good bishop fully acceded to their utmost wishes, as we find by a document in a MS. now in the cathedral library, the gift of his predecessor Leofrick ‖; but he desired them not to ring their bells on Christmas night, or on Easter Sunday eve, or S. Peter's and Paul's mass-day, and to join the cathedral canons in procession twice in the year, viz. on Palm Sunday and Ascension-day ¶. Moreover, he confirmed a donation to the priory, and bestowed his blessing on its benefactors. The document is still preserved in the archives of the corporation of this city. (Appendix, Num. IV.)

In the Appendix we subjoin a series of charters of our sovereigns in favour of S. Nicholas' priory. Amongst them is the donation, by King Henry I., of the Relisdon estate, now Rollestone or Ruxton, once the property of Harold. King John (who spent April 22, 1201; July 13 & 14, 1204; March 31, and April 1, 1207, in Exeter; see Hardy's Introduction to the Pat. Rolls) appears to have given the priory particular proofs of favour and protection. He granted them an estate called Bradeham, of the yearly value of fifty shillings, and the moiety of the tolls of Lammas Fair, and all the profits of S. Nicholas Fair, holden in this city **. During the reign of his father, the Fitz-Stephens, the Cogans, the Roaches, the Landris, who were amongst the successful invaders of the kingdom of Cork, made grants of lands and tithes near the city of Cork, which are copied in the Appendix from the originals in the archives of the mayor and corporation of Exeter.

In Bishop Bronescombe's Register are entered a few records transcribed from "the Leger Book" of S. Nicholas' Priory, by William Jermyns, the principal registrar of the see of Exeter, late in the year 1589. This book probably then belonged to the above archives, at the Exeter guildhall with the rest of the deeds of this priory. It afterwards became the property of Sir Robert Cotton, and fortunately escaped the conflagration of many of his MSS. in the fire of Oct. 23, 1731. How it found its way to Dublin, we know not; but, by a recent purchase at the sale of Mr. Cooper, Dublin, it has come into the possession of that lover of antiquity, the living emulator of Sir Robert Cotton, Sir Thomas Phillipps, of Middlehill, co. Worcestershire, bart. †† The first of the deeds so transcribed into the episcopal register corresponds with No. 35 of the cartulary, or "Leger Book;" and is a composition between the prior and convent of S. Nicholas, as patrons of S. Peter's church, Brampford Speke, and Sir Richard de Cruis, knight, respecting the chaplain in the daughter chapel of Netherex, between the years 1214 and 1223. The second relates to the grant of the advowson of the vicarage of All Saints, Rackenford, by the Benum family, to the said priory, in the time of King Richard II. (No. 201.) The third refers to the agreement between the convent and Julian, rector of Thorverton, concerning the tithes of Godeclive mill; the latter is

* This saint was archbishop of Myra, the capital of Lycia, in Asia Minor, who died in 342; his relics were brought thence to Bari, a sea-port in the kingdom of Naples, in 1087. (See Hen. de Knyghton, de Eventibus Angliæ, lib. ii.) His memory has been held in great veneration by the western churches. As the saint was the patron of children, the chorister boy of Exeter Cathedral, chosen to represent the bishop on the feast of Holy Innocents, went in full procession on that day to S. Nicholas' Priory. (MSS. in the city archives.)

† According to the MS. Ordinale of Bishop Grandisson, formerly used in Exeter Cathedral, the martyrdom of S. Olave took place July 29, 1028.

‡ Monast. vol. iii. p. 243. N. E. It appears that the monks settled at first at Collumpton. Does *Hineland* mean Newland, formerly called Newiland? *Esse* in Domesday means *Exe* or *Ash*. Is Ayshland here intended? Upton, Colebrook, and Weaver, retain their old names.

§ The bishop, as we learn from a letter of Pope Pascal II. (Wilkins's Council. vol. i. p. 375.) had prevented them from exercising the right of burial within the precincts of their monastery.

‖ The manuscript has been bound with several other documents, and now consists of 130 folios.

¶ The following is the document alluded to:—

Wite ðæ þe nu beoð ⁊ ða te cumene sy þat yc Osbern execestre biscop gef leaua ðam munche on Sancte Nicholaus minstre to hringinde hyre tyde be dage ⁊ be nihte hwanne hy efre willat swa swa belympð to hire ande bernisse bute an cristes masse niht ⁊ giester sunneue ⁊ Sancte Petres ⁊ Paules massedeg. And þeor leaua purch hyre abbed Henri ⁊ to foran him ⁊ his munchun ⁊ to foran eallum mynum canunche innan minum capitule of myne ⁊ hyre ealre helf swa fastlice ys ysett, þat non man after þys ðas ysettinge undon ne mage. And for þyse leaua twgys elce gere þat ys an Palm sunnendeg ⁊ Cristes upstigan deg, to processiun mid þam canunche hy gan sceule.

** In 3 John, an eleemosynary payment of 20*s.* in Bradeham, is mentioned among the regular royal alms to the priory. (Rot. Cancel. p. 15.) The charter of John giving a moiety of the Lammas fair to the priory is referred to in the Hundred Rolls, vol. i. p. 95; and the charters of William, Hen. I., and Hen. II. were relied upon by the prior in a quo warranto for usurping certain franchises in the manor of Bradeham, 10 Ed. I. Upon that occasion the prior alleged his dependence on Battle abbey, that he was removable at the will of the abbot, and that he ought not to be called upon to answer the charge without making the abbot a party. (Rot. de Quo Warranto, p. 164, 180.) It would seem from this, that the prior was not perpetual at this time. It is, however, possible that the prior's plea was over-ruled, or not substantiated; for the result does not appear.—S.

†† See the abstract of all its deeds, in Nichols' Collectanea Topographica, vol. i. Lond. 1834.

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satisfied to receive sixpence yearly in lieu of tithes (No. 89). The fourth (No. 152) is an amicable composition between the chapter of S. Peter's church, Exeter, and the prior and monks of S. Nicholas, respecting certain tithes issuing from two mills and the fishery of the Exe river, near S. Clement's chapel. The former party disclaims further pretensions in consideration of the yearly acknowledgment of forty pence, payable in even portions at Easter and Michaelmas. This composition took place in the episcopate of Simon de Apulia (1214—1223). A fifth relates to a taxation of Cadbury vicarage, about the year 1230 (No. 141). Bishop Brewer appropriated the parish church of Poughill to the priory for the maintenance of lights in its conventual church. See the Register (vol. ii. fol. 12) of Grandisson, who, on Aug. 1, 1335, fixed the amount of payment to one mark only. The church of Butterleigh had been granted by Brian de Butterleigh to the convent, in the episcopate of Bishop Bartholomew (1161—1184). (See the deed 346, in the cartulary.) From the Treminet family, at rather a later period, the priory obtained the advowson of S. Peter's at Brampford, now called Brampford Speke from the descent of the manor to Richard de Espech, who married the daughter and heiress of William Treminet (No. 27, 28, cartulary). Pinhoe church was confirmed to the prior and convent by Bishop John, in the reign of Richard I., as Cadbury had been by his said immediate predecessor, Bishop Bartholomew.

We may now venture to offer the regular succession of the perpetual priors of this house, after observing that they were presented invariably by the abbots of Battle, in the same manner as the priors of the sister cell of S. John's at Brecknock.

Gunterus and *Cono* have been already mentioned.

Benedict, whose name occurs to a deed in the cartulary (No. 167), by which Godfrey, a chaplain, makes a gift of a curtain, a silk alb, and two copes to the priory.

Radulphus, of whom we can learn nothing but his name.

Alfredus occurs as prior in the deed No. 109, by which Robert de Lucy, knt., grants six shillings rent from Bickleigh.

Osbern. We meet with him in 1170; again in a conveyance of some land near St. John's church, Exeter, when he paid 30*s.* 10*d.* to Bernard and Paganus and their four sons, in the Guildhall, Exeter, during the provostship of William Hoel, who received as his official fee thirty pence, and his four catchpoles a penny each. (See Appendix, Num. VI.)

Galfridus, who witnessed the deed 198 of the cartulary.

Maurice. In whose time the see received a grant of one pound of pepper yearly from the premises of Durandus, in Correy-street, (now Gandy-street,) Exeter.

John, } of whom we can learn nothing more than
Theobald, } their names in the cartulary.

Peter; who often occurs between the years 1212 and 1223. We suspect, both from the time and the witnesses, that the Prior Nichola, mentioned in Nos. 54 and 77 in the abstract of the cartulary, is a misprint for Peter.

Roger was living in 1227. See No. 158 of the cartulary.

Hugh. The initial of his name appears to a deed in the corporation archives, by which he grants to Robert, the son of Henry le Butor and his heirs four acres of land and twenty perches of meadow in Matford, under the yearly rent of forty pence.

Alan, or *Alanus.* I meet with him in a lease bearing date June 1, 1244: again in March the next year, when Alan, bishop of Cloyne, conveyed an estate called Calmedward, and a messuage in Cloyne, to S. Nicholas' priory, under the yearly acknowledgment of two pounds of wax on the feast of S. Colman, December 12. During the government of this prior an indulgence of forty days (if ratified by the diocesan) was granted in May, 1247, by Gottifred, superior of the city of Bethlehem, to all true penitents who should devoutly visit the conventual church of S. Nicholas, Exeter, or contribute to its fabric.

The same prior also procured, on Oct. 25, 1249, the reduction of the annual pension of Battle abbey from sixty shillings to twenty shillings, as appears from the following document:—

"Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Radulphus Dei gratia abbas de Bello et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra, quod cum dilecti fratres nostri Alanus prior and conventus Sancti Nicholai Exon. tenerentur nobis et ecclesie nostre in sexaginta solidis nomine pensionis annuatim solvendis, nos, pensatis facultatibus, eorum gravamini compacientes, quadraginta solidos de dicta pensione sexaginta solidorum pro nobis et successoribus nostris eisdem et successoribus eorum imperpetuum remisimus et quietum clamamus. Ita quod de cetero ipsi et successores eorum nobis et successoribus nostris tantum in viginti solidis sterlingorum nomine pensionis solvendis annuatim ad festum Sancti Martini in estate imperpetuum teneantur; salva in omnibus nobis et successoribus nostris subjectione et reverentia nobis et successoribus nostris hactenus exhibita. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigilla nostra apposuimus. Dat. apud Bellum oct. kal. Novembris anno gratie M.CC quadrag. IX°."

In the appendix may be seen some other documents relating to this prior.

Robert de Cumbwell, who resigned in the early part of the year 1262, as we learn from Bishop Bronescombe's Register.

Robert de Rye was admitted to the government of this priory by Bishop Bronescombe, then in London, on June 29, 1262.

Alan, } of whom we can learn nothing but their names.
John, } Their terms of government must have been very short.

Roger occurs in a deed, June 24, 1295, in which he agrees, in consideration of the grant of a tenement on S. David's-hill by Richard de Nyweton, to maintain for ever his father's obit on September 15. There was to be a solemn peal of the conventual bells on this anniversary; all the monks were to attend the office of Dirige (dirge), and each monk was to receive twelve pence and a bottle of wine of three halfpence value. This prior was elected abbot of Battle in 1318, and the temporalities were restored to him on May 6, that year. His death was notified to King Edward II. Jan. 31, 1321.

William de Burn, admitted by Bishop Stapeldon, at Chudleigh, on Aug. 28, 1318, "ad prioratum Sancti Nicholai Exon. vacantem per electionem fratris Rogeri nltimi prioris dicti prioratus in abbatem de Bello." (Reg. Stapl.) This prior resigned after a short period, when

Robert, alias dictus *Laurentius de Swyng*, was admitted by Bishop Stapeldon, at Exeter, Jan. 14, 1319, "ad presentationem fratris Rogeri abbatis de Bello." During his government, 1321, the belfry of S. Nicholas church fell suddenly to the ground *. There is probably a mistake in No. 344 of the cartulary, where Richard Horwode is named prior in 1326; for Robert was certainly prior in 1327.

John de Gordon, whose institution is not given, was certainly prior in 1327. He had the reputation of being a man of business. On whose resignation

John de Grethorne, or *Breckon*, was admitted by Bishop Grandisson, at Chudleigh, on Sept. 9, 1334. On the Sunday next after the feast of S. Nicholas, anno 10° Edw. III. (Dec. 1336,) this prior and convent (by a deed penes auctorem) granted to Sir Oliver de Dinham, knt., license to make a water-course "per medium terre nostre in Rammyshap" within his manor of Alre-Peverel, in Collumpton parish; for which license the said knight agreed to pay to the convent one penny for ever at Christmas, and to be at the whole charge of keeping the said water-course in good repair, and to have but a moiety of the fishery therein. This prior died in office.

John de Wye was admitted by Bishop Grandisson, at Chudleigh, March 26, 1349. He died very shortly after his appointment.

Thomas Swyng, admitted by Bishop Grandisson, at Chudleigh, June 6, 1349. About three years later he obtained the said bishop's permission to visit Battle abbey, but on the express condition of returning to his post at a limited time. As he failed to do so, his lordship directed a commission, on Feb. 26, 1352-3, to inquire into the

* Regist. Drokensford, ep. Bathon et Well. cited in Tanner's Notitia Mon.

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causes of such delay. The prior, on the following March 12, appeared before the commissioners at the house of the bishop of Hereford, in London, and, unable to offer any satisfactory reasons for his absence, judged it expedient to tender his resignation; repeatedly assuring them that he had been anxious to relinquish office, to attend better to his own spiritual profit and sanctification. His resignation, tendered in the following words, was admitted. "Universis pateat per presentes quod, licet ego Thomas Swyng prior ceu custos celle Sancti Nichole Exon. regimen et possessionem dicti prioratus aliquamdiu pacifice possedi, regimen tamen ac officium prioris prioratus antedicti ex certa scientia cum omni jure et possessione sua in sanctas et venerabiles manus domini Joannis Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopi, pure, sponte et absolute resigno et officium prioris prioratus predicti re et verbo demitto et omni juri michi in hac parte competenti renuncio in his scriptis."

Matthew de Exonia was presented to Bishop Grandisson by Robert de Bello, abbot of Battle, on March 17, and was admitted April 17, 1353, "in camerâ suâ principali apud Chuddelegh." His lordship, after receiving his oath of obedience, strictly enjoined him never to desert his priory, or retire from office, without the episcopal permission first asked and obtained. This he obtained after governing his house for six years and a half, when

Gilbert de Lyndeseye, from treasurer of Battle, was admitted at Chudleigh, Dec. 3, 1359, by Bishop Grandisson. After taking the oath of canonical obedience, he was reminded by his lordship that he was never to grant any corrodies or perpetual pensions, "sine suâ licentiâ et abbatis monasterii de Bello."

On April 1, the tenth of Richard II., the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of Exeter, allowed this prior to dig the ground and to lay pipes for conducting the water from the fountain in S. Paul's-street into the convent premises *. He lived to an advanced age, and on July 16, 1388, was allowed a coadjutor in one of his brethren, William Cantelbury, by Bishop Brantyngham. The same prelate, on Oct. 29, the following year, instructed the dean and chapter to proclaim the sentence of excommunication within the cathedral and parish churches of the city against certain unknown persons who had invaded the rights and property of his monastery.

Robert Bregge, who had long been a cellarer of Battle abbey. The time of his institution to this priory is not recorded in the episcopal registers; but I believe late in 1383. He died in office, when

Thomas Haukhurste, or *Hankrygg*, who had been almoner of Battle, was admitted his successor May 23, 1396. On whose resignation

William Mershe was admitted by Bishop Stafford, at Crediton, June 3, 1400. On Nov. 8 following, the convent seal was stolen from his chapter-house. It is thus described in Bishop Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 51. "Sigillum rotundum fuerat habens in medio insculptum ad instar et similitudinem castri quadrati habentis in sui medio unam turrim excelsam et in angulis suis alias turres bassiores et propugnacula, et super castrum hujusmodi, in una parte vetus scutum armorum regis Anglie cum tribus leopardis, et in alia parte gladium erectum et in ejusdem gladii cuspide sive punctu coronam regiam, ac subter castrum draconem gradientem insculpt'. In circumferencia vero sive circulo ejusdem sigilli scriptum erat sic

SIGILLVM . ECCLE . SCI . NICHOLAI . EXONIE."

The bishop threatens excommunication unless it be restored within fifteen days; in the mean while, he pronounces all leases and deeds, sealed with it since Nov. 8, to be null and void. He further declares, that in the event of its being restored, it must be broken up and destroyed, and another seal prepared "de diversa sculptura et de alia forma." We have recovered an impression of the lost seal appendant to a deed dated April 1, 1387.

* By a deed of May 3, 1346, we learn that the dean and chapter conveyed the water from S. Sidwell's to an inclosed building in S. Peter's yard: thence it branched off into three channels—one for the use of the church, another for the city, and a third to S. Nicholas' priory. The city and priory agreed to pay eight shillings yearly to the church for this accommodation.

This prior, William Mershe, was elected abbot of Battle on July 23, 1404, and died early in 1417.

William Becket, admitted by Bishop Stafford Feb. 26, following. He died in office nine years later.

John Underdowne, who had been cellarer at Battle abbey, was admitted by Bishop Stafford, then at Warminster, on June 7, 1414: on whose death

John Dalyngton, who had been treasurer, cellarer, and almoner of Battle, was admitted by the last-mentioned bishop, at Clyst, March 9, 1418-9. He died also in office, when

Stephen Feversham was admitted by Bishop Edmund Lacy, at Clyst, Jan. 13, 1436-7, and continued prior until his death.

John Newton was admitted by Bishop Nevyll's vicar general March 14, 1459-60. Three years later he was elected abbot of Battle, the temporalities of which were restored to him June 14, 1463, and governed that royal monastery full twenty-six years.

Richard Wylsham, almoner of Battle, was admitted at Exeter on Newton's abdication, June 28, 1463. On Feb. 10, 1477, he granted to John Meryfeld, a tenant of the priory, a parcel of land within S. Nicholas' fee, between "Seynt Nicollyslane" on the east part, and a garden on the west part, which he then rented at will, and the tenement then occupied by the said Meryfeld on the south part, and a small lane leading to divers gardens of the priory on the north side.

John Herford; who had served the office of treasurer at Battle: the date of his institution here is not given; but on his death

William Westfield, for a time seneschal or steward of Battle and almoner, was admitted by the grand vicar of Bp. Oliver King, October 28, 1493. He resigned early in 1499, to become prior of S. John the Evangelist's at Brecknock, whence he was promoted to the rank of abbot of Battle in 1503, and died five years later.

John Lewis, who had been prior of Brecknock for two years, was admitted by the grand vicar of Bp. Richard Redmayn, April 10, 1499, and died late in 1522.

William Collumpton, the last prior, was admitted by Bishop Veysy, in Exeter palace, on January 10 following Lewis' death. He leased to Martin Paffin and Elizabeth his wife two stables, with adjoining gardens, in St. Paul's-street, Exeter, for a term of fifty-eight years, at the yearly rent of 9*s*. The prior reserves to himself or deputy free ingress and egress to examine and repair the pipes in the fountain, then called commonly St. Paul's well, whence water was conveyed to the priory. He surrendered his convent to the king's commissioners, and was gratified with a pension of £20. He was still living in 1553. The priory was suppressed Sept. 18, 1536; and King Hen. VIII. on June 25, 1540, granted its site to Sir Thomas Denys, knt., who had been one of its pensioners. But we read in the acts of the Exeter corporation, that, on "Oct. 20, 30 Hen. VIII. 1538, the mayor and chamber agreed that William Burgeyn should ride to London, and cause the new charter concerning the city of Exeter to be assured and allowed within the exchequer: also, that he be a suitor to my lord privy seal (Lord John Russell) to the council, for the purchase of all the lands and tenements concerning the priory of S. Nicholas, as well within the city as in the parish of S. David without Northgate. And, also, they wholly agreed that the said Wm. Burgeyn shall have daily, while he is out, to his costs, 2*s*. 4*d*., to find him and his servant." From Hoker's MS. (among the corporation archives), p. 345, we learn that the corporation, in 1539, bought great store of the stones of the house of S. Nicholas†, and re-edified a great part of the

† Shortly before the dissolution of the priory, William, bishop of Hippo, and suffragan of Bishop Veysy, held the following ordinations in its conventual church:

March 8		Feb. 28		Feb. 20	
March 30		March 21		March 13	
April 12	1533.	April 4	1534.	May 22	1535.
June 7		Dec. 19		Sept. 18	
Dec. 20				Dec. 18	

Probably the church was well provided with vestments, for we observe, in the warden's accounts of S. Petrock, a payment, in 1524, to the sacristan of S. Nicholas, "pro capis (copes) mutuatis."

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decayed city walls and prienhay. About the end of November this year (1539) one of the middle arches of Exe bridge fell in, and a large quantity of materials was used for rebuilding the same.

We believe the following extracts from the same MS. of Hoker will interest our readers.

"The order for the relieving of the poor people in the monastery of S. Nicholas, late dissolved.

"There was within the said monastery a certain house, called the 'Poor Men's Parlour,' to the which place there repaired daily seven poor men before dinner-time, and to every of them was delivered on the flesh days a two-penny loaf, a pottle of ale, and a piece of flesh; and if it happened that any one of the said seven did not or could not come then, his part and portion should be sent unto him. And on the Fridays likewise at afternoon, as soon as dinner was done, all such poor as were tenants came, and every of them should have also a two-penny loaf, a pottle of ale, and a piece of fish, and a penny in money. And if it happened that any of the said poor did not or could not come to the said parlour at the time prefixed, then his part or portion should be sent unto him. And likewise, at the after dinner, there came to the said parlour all other poor folk which were either tenants to the said monastery, or dwelling within their fee, called 'S. Nicholas' fee,' and they should have meat and drink sufficient. And upon every day called S. Nicholas' day there was provision made of bread, and then there was delivered to every poor body one loaf. And likewise upon every Good Friday there was used a general alms, which was one penny in money to every poor body coming." (Hoker's MS.)

From Hoker's MS. p. 343.—"This year, 1535, by a parliament holden at London, all religious houses of the sume of ccc marks and under, were given to the king to be suppressed; and Sir John Tregonwell, Sir Thomas Arundell, and others, were appointed to be commissioners for the same in the west parties; who came to this city in the somer tyme to execute their commission, and beginning first with the priory of S. Nicholas; after that they viewed the same, they went thence to dynner, and commanded one in the time of their absence to pull down the roodloft up the churche. In the mean while, and before they did return, certain women and wives in the city, namely, Jone Reve, Elizabeth Glanfeld, Agnes Collaton, Alys Myller, Joan Rede, and others, mynding to stop the suppressing of that house, came in at last to the sayd churche: dore being fast, they broke it open, and finding there the man pulling down the roodloft, they all sought all the means they could to take him, and hurled stones unto him, insomuch that for his safety he was driven to take the tower for his refuge, and yet they pursued him so eagerly that he was enforced to leap out at a window and so save himself, and very hardly he escaped the breaking of his neck; but yet brake one of his ribs. John Blackaller, one of the aldermen of the city, being advertised hereof, he with all spede gate him to the said monastery, so thinking that what with fair words, and what with foul words, to have stayed and pacified the women; but howsoever he talked with them, they were playn with hym, and the foresaid Elizabeth Glanfeld gave him a blow, and sent him packynge. The mayor (William Hurst) having understanding hereof, and being very lothe the visitors should be advertised of any such disorders and trobles, he came down with his officers. Before whose comyng, they had made fast the churche dores, and had bestowed themselves in places meet as they thought to stand to their defence. Notwithstanding the mayor broke in upon them, and with much ado he apprehended them, and took them all, and sent them to ward. The visitors being then made acquainted therewith, they gave thanks to the mayor for the care and diligence of their services, and so they proceeded to the suppressing of the house: and before their departure they intreated the mayor for releasing of the women."

The conventual churchyard extended in the direction of Fore-street: for we read in the rental of S. Mary's of the Marsh, made Nov. 2, 1421, "De tenementis Johannis Schapleigh in parochiâ Sancte Marie de Arcubus juxta cemeterium Sancti Nichi in magno vico, per an. vi*s.* viij*d.*"

In this cemetery was an aqueduct, on the west side of the church, and we have seen a license of the prior and convent to Martin Dirling and his heirs, "quod possunt ducere aquam ab aqueductu, que est in cemeterio nostro ex occidentali parte ecclesie nostre per gardinum nostrum quod est in occidentali parte vie que ducit a magno vico usque ad Fratres Minores, ubi utilius et commodius sibi viderint expedire, in perpetuum, usque ad domum suam." The conventual church, we conceive, occupied the site of the present catholic chapel of S. Nicholas, and part of the premises of Messrs. Golsworthy and Tuckett: the cemetery is now covered by Olave-square, the Oatsheaf-inn premises, and the Wesleyan chapel: the priory garden, we apprehend, was the one on the west side of Friernhay-lane, belonging to the late Mr. Blackmore.

The tanners at fairs and market-days usually stood near the priory south gate in Fore-street leading to S. Nicholas' Minstre (now called Mint). The west gateway is still standing, with several portions of ancient buildings, but insufficient to mark out the ground-plan of the whole.

The four seals of the priory were discovered in the archives of the mayor and corporation of Exeter, to whose valuable records, and to the registers of the see of Exeter, we are chiefly indebted for what is interesting in this account of S. Nicholas' priory.

Num. I.

Carta regis Willielmi, per quam (inter alia) ecclesiam S. Olavi de Exonia cum pertinentibus, et amplissimam libertatem ecclesiæ S. Martini de Bello concessit.

(Ex archivis civitatis Exoniæ.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis. Ego Willielmus Dei gracia rex Anglorum notum facio omnibus tam posteris quam presentibus archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus et omnibus fidelibus Francis et Anglis, quod cum in Angliam venissem et in finibus Hastinges cum exercitu applicuissem contra hostes meos qui michi regnum Anglie injuste conabantur auferre, in procinctu Belli jam armatus, coram baronibus et militibus meis cum favore omnium ad eorum corda roboranda notum feci ecclesiam quandam ad honorem Dei construere pro communi salute, si per Dei graciam obtinere possemus victoria. Quam cum essemus adepti, votum Deo solvens in honore Sancte Trinitatis et beati Martini confessoris Christi ecclesiam construxi pro salute anime mee et antecessoris mei regis Eadwardi et uxoris mee Matildis regine et successorum meorum in regno, et pro salute omnium quorum labore et auxilio regnum obtinui, et illorum maxime qui in ipso bello occubuerunt. Et quia in hoc loco ubi sic constructa est ecclesia Deus mihi victoriam prestitit in bello, ob victorie memoriam ipsum locum Bellum appellari volui. Huic igitur ecclesie Sancti Martini de bello hanc imprimis dignitatem regali auctoritate concedo, ut habeat curiam suam per omnia, et regiam libertatem, et consuetudinem tractandi de suis rebus vel negociis, et justiciam per se tenendam. Sitque libera et quieta in perpetuum ab omni subjeccione episcoporum, et quarumlibet personarum dominacione, sicut ecclesia Christi Cantuarie. Et si quis latro, vel homicida, vel aliquo crimine reus, timore mortis fugiens, ad hanc ecclesiam pervenerit, in nullo ledatur sed liber omnino dimittatur. Abbati vero ipsius ecclesie liceat ubique latronem vel furem de suspendio liberare, si forte supervenerit. Concedo eciam eidem ecclesie leugam circumquaque adjacentem liberam et quietam ab omni geldo et scoto, et hidagiis, et danegeldis, et opere pontium, et castellorum, et parcorum, et clausuris et exercitu, et omnibus auxiliis, et placitis, et querelis, et siris, et hundredis, cum saca et soca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et warpeni et testagiis et hamsocne et forestal et blodewite et cildwite et latrocinio; et liberam ab omni consuetudine terrene servitutis, et ab omni exaccione episcoporum. Huic iterum ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello do regale manerium quod vocatur Wi, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, ex mea dominica corona, cum

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omnibus libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus, ita liberum et quietum, sicut liberius et quietius tenui vel ut rex dare potui, scilicet ab omni geldo et scoto et hidagiis et denegeldis et opere pontium et castellorum et clausuris parcorum, et exercitu, et omnibus auxiliis, et placitis et querelis, et siris et hundredis, cum saca et soca et tol et theam et infangenetheof et warpeni et testagiis et hamsocne et forestal et blodewite et cildwiti et latrocinio si acciderit. Similiter do duos denarios de omnibus forisfacturis et placitis omnium hundredorum que pertinent ad summonitionem de Wi. In Dengemaris vero, quod est unum membrum de Wi, concedo eidem ecclesie omnes maritimas consuetudines quas illic habui cum omni wrec. Et si piscis qui craspeis vocatur illic advenerit, abbatis et monachorum sit totus; si vero intra terminos de Blachewase, et Horsemede, et Bradelle usque Withiburne appulerit, duas partes ejusdem piscis et linguam habeat ecclesia, sicut ego semper habui. Do eciam eidem ecclesie hec maneria; Alsistona, Limenesfeld, Hov, Craumaris, Bristwoldintona, cum omnibus appendiciis suis, libera et quieta cum supradictis libertatibus et regalibus consuetudinibus. Si infra leugam vel in maneriis ecclesie murdrum evenerit, vel thesaurus inventus fuerit, abbatis et monachorum sit uterque. Warennam propriam in ipsa leuga habeat ecclesia et in omnibus suis maneriis. Do eciam eidem ecclesie Sancti Martini ecclesiam de Radingis, et ecclesiam de Culintona, et ecclesiam Sancti Olavi de Exonia, cum terris et decimis et omnibus ad eas pertinentibus*. Et si aliquis ex baronibus meis vel hominibus aliquid de suo eidem ecclesie in elemosinam dederit, easdem libertates, quas concessi rebus quas ego eidem ecclesie dedi, eis concedo, et presenti scripto ut supradicta regali auctoritate confirmo.

✠ Willielmus rex. Lanfrancus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis. Thomas archiepiscopus Eboracensis. Mauricius episcopus Londoniensis. Walkelinus episcopus Wintoniensis. Osbernus episcopus Exoniensis. Gundulphus episcopus Rofensis. Hugo comes Cestrie. Rogerus comes de Muntgumer. Willielmus comes de Waren. Willielmus filius Osberni. Willielmus de Brain. Bemardus de novo mercato†.

Num. II.

Carta regis Henrici septimi, varias antecessorum suorum cartas pro abbatia de Bello et cella S. Nicholai recitans et confirmans.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

Henricus ‡ Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam confirmacionis domini Henrici sexti nuper regis Anglie factam in hec verba: Henricus§ Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam confirmacionis domini Henrici nuper regis Anglie patris nostri factam in hec verba: Henricus|| Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus ducibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie proavi nostri factam in hec verba: Edwardus¶ Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Acquitanie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Willielmi celebris memorie dudum regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Willielmus** rex Anglie Baldwino vicecomiti de Devenescira et omnibus baronibus suis et ministris ejusdem provincie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis meis de Bello ecclesiam Sancti Olavi in Exonia cum terre de Sireford et Chenebr* et cum omnibus aliis terris et rebus ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus. Unde volo et precipio quatinus eam libere et in pace teneant et ut libera sit ab omni consuetudine terrene servitutis et ab omnibus placitis et querelis et syris et hundredis et ab omni geldo et scoto et auxilio et dono et denegeldo et exercitu cum soca et saca et thol et infangenethef et omnibus operibus castellorum et poncium sicut dominica elemosina mea. Testibus, Thoma Eboracensi archiepiscopo, et Willielmo filio Osberti. Apud Wynton.

Inspeximus eciam cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Willielmus† rex Anglie Willielmo vicecomiti filio Baldwini et omnibus baronibus suis et ministris qui habitant in Devenescira salutem. Notifico vobis quod mea condonacione ecclesia beati Olavi regis et martiris a monachis de Bello edificatur in honore beati Nicholai quam cum omni terra que pertinet ad ecclesiam suprascripti martiris meo privilegio, videlicet litteris et sigillo, liberam facio et ita liberam et quietam per omnia cum saca et soca et thol et theam et infangenethef et warpeny et murdro et omnibus consuetudinibus et operibus et auxiliis sicut pater meus liberam fecit ecclesiam Sancti Martini de Bello ubi hostem devicit et ubi coronam regni hereditariam sibi bellando acquisivit. Testibus Walchelino Wintoniensi episcopo; Rogero Bigot. Apud Winton.

Inspeximus insuper cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Willielmus † rex Anglie Baldwino vicecomiti et aliis justiciariis suis de Devenescira salutem. Sciatis me concessisse monachis de bello ecclesiam Sancti Olavi cum terra de Scireford et cum omnibus aliis rebus ad ipsam ecclesiam pertinentibus, et volo ut bene et pacifice teneant sicut dominicam meam elemosinam. Teste Thoma Eboracensi episcopo. Apud Wintoniam.

Inspeximus eciam cartam celebris memorie domini Henrici dudum regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Henricus ‡ rex Anglie episcopo Excestriensi et vicecomiti Ricardo et ministris eorum et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Excestria salutem. Precipio quod ecclesia Sancti Nicholai ita quiete et honorifice maneat sicut fuerat melius tempore Willielmi patris mei et fratris mei, sicut eciam ipsi clamaverunt eam quietam et liberam similiter eciam ego pro animabus eorum et Matildis matris mee et pro mea et uxoris mee Matilde clamo quietam et liberam ab omni consuetudine. Testibus Alueredo de Lincoln, et Willielmo filio Odonis. Apud Tanitonam.

Inspeximus eciam cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Henricus‡ rex Anglie omnibus baronibus hominibus et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ejusdem ecclesie terram Heraldi de Exonia quam ad firmam tenebat pro viginti quinque solidis per annum, infra burgum et extra, terram scilicet de Redelisdona et quod ei pertinet, solutam et quietam ab omnibus rebus pro anima mea et patris et matris et fratris mei et antecessorum meorum; et prohibeo ne eis aliquis inde injuriam faciat sed cum honore et in pace teneant. Teste Roberto Lincolniensi episcopo. Apud Londoniam.

Inspeximus eciam cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Henricus ‡ rex Anglie omnibus baronibus hominibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Devenescira. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ejusdem ecclesie terram Heraldi de Exonia quam ad firmam tenebat pro viginti quinque solidis per annum infra burgum et extra ex utraque parte prope murum et terram de Redelisdona cum omnibus que ad eam pertinent, solutam liberam et quietam et (ab?) omnibus rebus. Concedo eciam et confirmo dictis monachis terram de Sireford et Chenebri cum hominibus terris et rebus omnibus ad eccle-

* Columpton (sub nomine *Coliton*) and S. Olave are named as belonging to Battle Abbey, in Domesday.

† Another charter of the same king, also conveying extensive immunities to the abbey of S. Martin, is omitted here, being very slightly, if at all, applicable to the cell at Exeter. (See Dugd. Monast. vol. III. p. 233.)

‡ Henry VII. § Henry VI.
|| Henry V. ¶ Edward III. ** William Rufus.

* Sherford (sub nomine *Sireford*) belonged to Battle Abbey at the Domesday survey (Exon. Domesd. 89). Kenbury is in Exminster, in which parish the abbey also then had lands. (Ibid. 461.) The Exon. Domesday (fol. 61) shews also lands in Sulferton (Silverton) hundred. There is now no such hundred; but some of the priory lands were in the neighbourhood of Silverton.

† William Rufus. ‡ Henry I.

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siam Sancti Nicholai pertinentibus quas terras Willielmus rex dicte ecclesie dedit et concessit. Unde volo et precipio quatenus ea omnia libere et quiete et in pace habeant et teneant et ut libera sint ab omnibus placitis et querelis et siris et hundredis et omnibus sequelis et ab omni geldo et scoto et auxilio et dono et denegeld et exercitu cum soca et saca et thol et infangenethef et omnibus operibus castellorum et poncium et omnibus clausuris et ab omnibus terrenis consuetudinibus sicut dominicam elemosinam dicti regis Willielmi et meam. Hec omnia concessi et confirmavi dictis monachis pro anima ejusdem regis et mea et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum. Testibus Roberto episcopo Lincolnie, et Willielmo Cantuariensi, et Willielmo de Warlewast, et Gisleberto de Aquila, Ricardo archidiacono Pictaviensi, Willielmo comite Arundel, W. de Samer. Apud London.

Inspeximus insuper cartam ejusdem progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Henricus* rex Anglie Willielmo episcopo Exoniensi et vicecomiti Ricardo et ministris eorum et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Devenescira salutem. Precipio quod omnes terre quas barones vel milites mei per totam Devenescir dederunt ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie sint libere et quiete ab omnibus consuetudinibus terrene servitutis sicut eciam W. pater meus et frater meus reges eas quietas et liberas esse clamaverunt, ita et ego pro animabus eorum et Matilde matris mee et pro mea clamo eas quietas et liberas ab omni terreno servicio. Testibus Roberto episcopo Lincolniensi, et Ricardo Cantuariensi, et Gisleberto de Aquila. Apud Londoniam.

Inspeximus eciam cartam progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Henricus† rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Acquitanie et comes Andegavie episcopo Exoniensi baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis Devonie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse ac presenti carta confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes consuetudines quas dedit ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et rex Henricus avus meus filius ejus predicte ecclesie Sancti Nicholai concessit et carta sua confirmavit, scilicet quod omnis terra Sancti Nicholai per totam Devenesciram infra burgum et extra sit libera et quieta ab omnibus placitis et querelis et siris et hundredo et ab omni geldo et scoto et auxilio et dono et exercitu et omni consuetudine terrene servitutis cum saca et soca et thol et theam et infangenetheof et omnibus operibus castellorum et poncium sicut dominica elemosina antecessorum meorum et mea. Et precipio quod ecclesia dicta Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachi ibidem Deo servientes hec predicta habeant bene et in pace libere et quiete plenarie et integre et honorifice sicut carta regis Henrici avi mei testatur. Et prohibeo ne quis super hoc aliquam eis faciat injuriam aut contumeliam super forisfacturam meam. Testibus Rogero archiepiscopo Eboracensi, Jocelino episcopo Sarum, Ricardo Cancellario, et Gisleberto de Aquila. Apud Westmonasterium.

Inspeximus insuper cartam celebris memorie domini Johannis dudum regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba:

Johannes‡ Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Acquitanie et Normannie comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et priori et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in dotem ejusdem ecclesie terram de Bradeham de qua nobis reddi solebant per annum quinquaginta solidi blanci, habendum eis et tenendum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari servicio et demanda, salvo nobis et heredibus nostris homagio et servicio et terra Morini de Bradeham et heredum suorum. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti prior et monachi habeant et teneant predictam terram de Bradeham cum omnibus pertinenciis suis imperpetuum bene et in pace libere et quiete et integre in omnibus locis et rebus cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad illam pertinentibus, salvo nobis et heredibus nostris homagio et servicio et terra predicta Morini et heredum suorum sicut predictum est. Testibus Willielmo Saresburiensi comite, Willielmo Briwer, Willielmo de Boterell, Ricardo filio Ricardi, Petro de Stokes. Datum apud Exoniam xiij° die Julii anno regni sexto.

Nos autem donaciones concessiones confirmaciones et quietas clamaciones predictas ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilecto nobis in Christo nunc priori ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie et monachis ejusdem loci et eorum successoribus concedimus et confirmamus sicut carte predicte racionabiliter testantur et prout idem prior et monachi ac predecessores sui dictas terras et tenementa cum suis pertinenciis ac ecclesias predictas hactenus racionabiliter tenuerunt et libertatibus predictis hactenus racionabiliter usi sunt et gavisi. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus Johanne Cantuariensi archiepiscopo totius Anglie primate cancellario nostro, Hugone Lincolnensi episcopo thesaurario nostro, Roberto Dunnelmensi episcopo, Thoma comite Norfolk et Marescallo Anglie, Johanne de Warenna comite Surrie, Thoma de Bello campo comite Warwici, Thoma Wake de Lydell, Johanne Darcy senescallo hospicii nostri, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium vicesimo secundo die Marcii anno regni nostri undecimo.

Inspeximus eciam cartam domini Henrici nuper regis Anglie progenitoris nostri factam in hec verba:

Henricus§ Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Normannie et dux Acquitanie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem: inspeximus cartam nostram quam dudum fecimus dilectis nobis in Christo abbati et conventui de Bello in hec verba:

Henricus§ Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Normannie Acquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos intuitu [caritatis] et pro anima gloriosi regis Willielmi Conquestoris Anglie predecessoris nostri et pro salute anime nostre et animarum successorum et heredum nostrorum concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris Deo et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello et abbati et conventui ejusdem ecclesie quam predictus rex Willielmus ex voto fundavit ut suam dominicam capellam liberam esse voluit ob victoriam ibidem sibi a Deo concessam, omnes terras redditus et possessiones necnon et cellas cum suis pertinenciis a predecessoribus nostris vel ab aliis fidelibus sibi collatas. Concessimus eciam et hac carta nostra confirmavimus eisdem abbati et conventui quod omnes homines sui liberi sint et quieti ab omni theoloneo et omnia mercata sua per totum regnum nostrum ubique absque theoloneo faciant sicut carta domini Henrici regis avi nostri quam iidem abbas et conventus inde habent testatur, et quod ipsi et successores eorum imperpetuum habeant amerciamenta omnium hominum suorum coram quibuscumque justiciariis vicecomitibus aut aliis ballivis nostris amerciati fuerint. Et quod habeant catalla fugitivorum et suspensorum et quorumcumque dampnatorum qui de ipsis tenuerint et eciam catalla forinsecorum qui infra libertatem ipsorum judicati fuerint, que quidem catalla infra libertatem ipsorum cum ipsis malefactoribus inventa fuerint, et quod habeant pecuniam de pecuniis suis que ad murdredum pertinet et quod cedentibus vel decedentibus abbatibus ejusdem loci, ipsi monachi habeant custodiam abbatie sue et omnium terrarum et tenementorum ad ipsam pertinencium et liberam administracionem de omnibus rebus et possessionibus ad eandem abbaciam pertinentibus. Et quod abbatem sibi preficiant de seipsis secundum formam eleccionum de prelatis que est in regno nostro sine impedimento et contradiccionibus nostri et heredum nostrorum et omnium ballivorum nostrorum, petita tamen a nobis et heredibus nostris licencia eligendi et optenta et facte eleccionis assensu nostro requisito et optento. Omnes eciam donaciones libertates quietancias et consuetudines per cartas predecessorum nostrorum regum Anglie et aliorum fidelium eis concessas cum omnibus predictis presenti carta nostra predictis abbati et conventui et cellis suis regali auctoritate concedimus et

* Henry I. † Henry II. ‡ John. § Henry III.

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confirmamus sicut carte predicte plenius testantur. Quare volumus et precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod predicti abbas et conventus et eorum successores imperpetuum habeant et teneant omnes predictas donaciones concessiones libertates quietancias et consuetudines bene et in pace libere quiete et integre cum predicta custodia et administracione et eleccione et cum aliis predictis ut predictum est. Et prohibemus super forisfacturam nostram ne aliquis justiciarius vicecomes constabularius forestrarius viridarius aut aliqui alii ballivi nostri vel eorum ministri in aliquo se intromittant contra hanc concessionem nostram de terris redditibus et possessionibus vel hominibus predictorum abbatis et conventus, quia ipsos et homines suos terras res redditus et omnes possessiones suas in specialem proteccionem et defensionem nostram suscepimus. Hiis testibus, Petro, etc. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium decimo die Julii anno regni nostri tricesimo septimo.

Nos autem predictas donaciones concessiones libertates et acquietancias ratas habentes et gratas eisdem abbati et conventui graciam facere volentes specialem concedimus eis quod, licet ipsi aliquibus libertatibus et quietanciis contentis in cartis suis quibuscunque eis a predecessoribus nostris a regibus Anglie et nobis concessis minime plene hucusque usi fuerint, eisdem libertatibus et quietanciis de cetero utantur sine contradiccione vel impedimento nostri et heredum nostrorum seu aliorum quorumcunque. Concessimus eciam eisdem abbati et conventui quod habeant et percipiant omnia amerciamenta sui et hominum suorum et fines et redemptiones eorundem hominum suorum ad nos vel heredes nostros racione cujuscunque delicti pertinencium, salvis nobis et heredibus nostris finibus quos eundem abbatem et successores suos abbates loci predicti nobiscum facere contigerit. Et quod idem abbas et conventus habeant retornam omnium brevium nostrorum tam summonicione scaccarii nostri quam de aliis ad libertatem suam pertinentibus, et quod respondeant ad idem scaccarium de omnibus dictis summonicionibus et demandis eandem libertatem tangentibus, ita quod nullus vicecomes seu alius minister noster ingrediatur terras aut tenementa eorundem abbatum et conventus ad aliquas districciones aut summoniciones aut alia facienda que ad officium eorum pertineant nisi per defectum predicti abbatis vel ballivorum suorum. Ita tamen quod idem abbas de finibus quos nobiscum fecerit nobis respondeat ad scaccarium nostrum. Hiis testibus, etc.

Nos autem donaciones concessiones confirmaciones libertates franchesias et quietancias predictas ac omnia alia et singula in cartis et literis contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus approbamus et dilectis nobis in Christo nunc priori et monachis dicte ecclesie Sancti Nicholai que cella abbatis et conventus predicte ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello existit et eorum successoribus imperpetuum tenore presencium concedimus et confirmamus prout carte et littere predicte racionabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo die Junii anno regni nostri vicesimo (1505).

Num. III.

Literæ Anselmi, archiepiscopi, de monachis monasterii de Bello apud Exoniam.

Migne, Patr. Lat. 159, p. 17
Epistol xx. (Alfordi Annales, tom. iv. p. 168.)

Anselmus Dei dispositione vocatus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis reverendo episcopo Exoniensi Osberno salutem. Episcopalem decet dignitatem quoscumque potest ad servitium Dei invitare et volentes Deo servire quibus valet, consulendo et adjuvando confortare. Hâc igitur fiduciâ reverentiam vestram obsecro ut monachos de monasterio quod vulgo dicitur de Batailla in vestrâ civitate morantes propter Deum et propter nostrum, si quid ad hoc valere potest, amorem paternâ et episcopali pietate adjuvetis et ab omnibus adversariis pro possibilitate vestrâ, sicut vos decet, defendatis, quatenus si quid boni Deus per illos operari dignabitur cum illis a Deo retributionem recipiatis. Audivi enim quod quidam de clericis vestris fecerunt illis quedam que fieri non oportuit. Unde precor ut predictis monachis eam jubeatis fieri satisfactionem ut deinceps juste conqueri non possint de clericorum vestrorum indiscretione. Eosdem quoque clericos fraternâ charitate et paternâ fiduciâ precando moneo quatenus ita se habeant erga eosdem fratres ut ipsâ charitatis exhibitione et benignâ familiaritate probent sibi placere profectum illorum et studium ad serviendum Deo. Quod autem prohibetis eos pulsare signa sua secundum ordinem suum, nusquam recte fieri solet nisi ubi monachi in majori ecclesiâ civitatis deserviunt. Ubi enim canonici in majori ecclesiâ civitatis ad serviendum Deo sunt constituti, unusquisque ordo, canonicorum scilicet et monachorum, secundum opportunitatem servitii sibi injuncti, tardant vel festinant signa pulsare absque omni rectâ prohibitione. Quapropter ratione ipsâ commoniti eos signa sua secundum ordinem suum pulsare deinceps prohibere ne velitis. Hoc quoque petunt ipsi fratres et ego cum illis et pro illis, ut, si quando in aliquo conventu populi auxilium postulare volunt ad ecclesie sue constructionem, nullatenus prohibeantur. Valete.

Num. IV.

Carta Osberni episcopi donationem terræ et ecclesiæ de Pochelle confirmans.

(Ex archivis Civitatis.)

Sciant omnes et presentes et futuri, quod ego Osbernus Sancti Petri Exoniensis episcopus confirmo presenti carta donacionem quam Baialandus Ladubed dedit ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie, in die quando factus est monachus in eadem ecclesia, scilicet, terram de Pochelle* et ecclesiam ejusdem ville, que in ipso feudo est, in perpetuum habendam et tenendam sicut elemosinam, que ecclesiastico jure solet concedi et dari ecclesiis Dei et sanctis. Quicunque custodierint et manutenuerint hanc donacionem factam, habeant Dei benedictionem et meam, et quicunque eam retrahere aut auferre temptaverint, aut aliquo modo impedire voluerint, quantum mee fragilitati permittitur, a consortio sanctorum excommunicentur, ni resipiscant. Valete.

[The bishop is represented without a mitre; his crosier rises to the height of the shoulder, with a simple hook. The inscription is, SIGILLVM · OSBERNI · EXONIENSIS · EPISCOPI.]

Num. V.

Carta Galfridi clerici de terra de Clifford.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

Sciant presentes et posteri quod ego Gaufridus, clericus Reginaldi quondam comitis Cornubie, concedo Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus terram quam Ricardus de Acford consensu Orbane uxoris sue in manerio suo de Cliford mihi dedit in feudum et hereditatem, scilicet servicium Pagani qui de eodem tenemento annuatim reddit sex solidos per quatuor terminos, de quo redditu in puram et perpetuam helemosinam medietatem dedi Sancto Nicholao, scilicet, redditum trium solidorum et pro alia medietate dederunt michi predicti monachi triginta solidos, sicque salvo jure domini fundi, scilicet unum [par de] calcaribus de cruke ad festum Sancti Michaelis omni anno reddendo pro omni servicio. Totum predictum tenementum et redditum eidem loco similiter concessi et dedi integre libere et quiete perpetualiter habendum. Deinde Sanctum Nicholaum heredem meum feci nominatim pro salute anime mee et ut sim frater et particeps omnium beneficiorum ejusdem loci tam in vita quam in morte in perpetuum. Hiis testibus, Roulf filio Sem, Martino Prudome, Aluredo de Brete,

* The name occurs in Domesday for Poughill. Rualdus Adobed, or Adobat, also occurs in that record as a large landowner in the county.

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Jordano Blund, Adam de Moltone, Willielmo filio Derling, Willielmo Lambrict, Baldwino filio Hoel, Ricardo Ballard, Baldwino Albul.

[The seal is wanting.]

Num. VI.

Concordia et quieta clamatio de terris in civitate Exon. ecclesie S. Nicholai datis.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

✠ Sciant omnes presentes et futuri quod Bernardus cum Dameta uxore sua, et Paganus cum Alveva uxore sua et filiis suis Gauffrido et Radulfo, Martino et Ricardo calumniam quam faciebant super terram quam Godefridus de Mandevilla capellanus et Ragenildis consocialis ejus dederunt ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exon., que terra jacet juxta ecclesiam Sancti Johannis in civitate Exon., super altare Sancti Nicholai multis ibi presentibus deposuerunt; et terram illam liberam et quietam eidem ecclesie Sancti Nicholai clamaverunt, et fratres sororesque necnon et participes omnium beneficiorum ecclesie illius facti sunt. Ibi eciam super Sancti Evangelii textum et super sanctorum reliquias juraverunt, quod nunquam ipsi vel aliqui per illos seu neque aliquis suorum ab illo die illam calumniabit. Et si quis terram illam forte calumniaverit ipsi pro posse suo calumniam illam defendent et ad nichilum redigent. Pro hac igitur conventione dedit illis Prior Osbernus et monachi predicti ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exon. triginta solidos, et predictis filiis suis, Gauffrido scilicet tres denarios, et Radulfo tres denarios, Martino duos denarios, et Ricardo duos denarios, et Willelmo Hoel tunc proposito jus suum, scilicet triginta denarios, et quatuor cacepollis, unicuique unum denarium, coram civibus Exon. in Gilthalla. Hec conventio facta est tempore regis Anglorum Henrici Secundi, Hugonis* de Ragelega tunc vicecomitis Devonie, et Willielmi Hoel prepositi civitatis Exon., et Walteri de Luci abbatis de Bello, et Osberni prioris Sancti Nicholai Exon., et in Gilthalla coram civibus civitatis Exonie confirmata est.

[Then follow the names of many persons, amongst whom Hildebertus "tunc constabularius castelli Exon., et Baldewinus clericus prepositi," are the most remarkable.]

Num. VII.

Carta Milonis de Cogan pro monachis S. Nicholai†.

(Ex iisdem.)

Milo de Cogan, omnibus dominis suis amicis hominibus Francis, Anglicis, Walensibus et Hibernensibus qui sunt et qui futuri sunt salutem. Sciatis me dedisse et concessisse, et hac mea carta confirmasse, pro salute Domini mei Henrici regis Anglie et Johannis filii sui necnon et omnium suorum, Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia, et monachis ibidem Deo et Sancto Nicholao servientibus, terram que est inter crucem de Cameliere super aquam usque ad curtilagia burgencium civitatis et ex altera parte tendentem per viam quo burgenses et alii vadunt ad ecclesiam Sancti Sepulchri in perpetuam elemosinam, libere, et quiete, in perpetuum habere. Testibus Ricardo de Cogan qui hanc terram perquisivit ad opus ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia, et patre suo Milone, et Radulfo filio Roberti, Willielmo de Brideshale, Gunfrido Gargate, Rogero de Chirichelle, Hugone de Tilli, Ricardo Hundeth, Luca de Lundon, Rogero de Oxeneford, Johanne Hundeth, fratre Phillipo de hospitali Jerosolimetano, et fratre Henrico, Reginaldo monacho, Stephano clerico, Johanne clerico, et aliis multis.

* He was sheriff of Devon, according to Sir W. Pole, from the seventh to the thirteenth year of Henry II. (See Collect. &c. p. 91.)

† This and the following charters, to Num. XI. inclusive, relate to lands, &c. in Ireland. The names of Fitz-Stephen and Cogan are familiar in the history of the conquest of Ireland in the reign of Henry II., and they enable us to make a near approximation to the date of their grants. In 1177, the king granted the kingdom of Cork (with certain exceptions) jointly to Robert Fitz-Stephen and Milo de Cogan, to hold of himself and his son John, "per rectas devisas." (See the charter in Littleton's History of Henry II., appendix to book v.) In 1182, Milo de Cogan was assassinated. (Littleton, book v. p. 414.) The union, in the above grants, of the names of the king and his son makes it almost certain that they were subsequent to the royal charter, and leaves the short space of less than five years for the dates of these grants. The Cogans and Fitz-Stephens appear very early as landowners in Devonshire by intermarriage with heiresses. (See Pole's Collections, pp. 209, 333-4. Lysons' Devonshire, p. 28, 76, 162, &c.)

The invasion of Ireland in the twelfth century was accompanied by circumstances which make it in some degree parallel with the conquest of England in the eleventh. Cupidity, ambition, and the spirit of adventure in both cases availed themselves of a colour of legitimate right, and fortified themselves with the sanction of papal authority; and it is not improbable that the example of the Conqueror, in commemorating his successes by founding Battle Abbey, may have suggested to his imitators on a smaller scale these donations of confiscated Irish lands to its growing scion at Exeter. Whether the donations were all reduced into possession, does not appear. If they were, the possessions must have been alienated very soon, or have become independent establishments.—S.

Num. VIII.

Cartæ Roberti filii Stephani et Milonis de Cogan de terris vocatis Murivet-himelan et Babilannocan‡.

(Ex iisdem.)

Notum sit omnibus presentibus et futuris quod ego Robertus filius Stephani et Milo de Cogan dedimus Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ibidem Deo et Sancto Nicholao famulantibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute domini nostri Henrici regis Anglie et Johannis filii sui et omnium suorum tam presencium quam futurorum terram que vocatur Murivet-Himelan et aliam que vocatur Babilannocan cum omnibus pertinentiis que pertinent ad illas terras tam in piscaturis quam in aliis rebus. Testibus Ricardo de Cogan, Radulfo filio Roberti, Alexandro filio Mauricii, Reinfrido filio Hugonis, Gunfrido, Willielmo de Brideshale, Huroldo de la Muntaine.

Notum sit omnibus tam presentibus quam futuris quod ego Robertus filius Stephani et Milo de Cogan dedimus et concessimus Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai de Exonia et monachis ibidem Deo et Sancto Nicholao famulantibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute Domini Henrici regis Anglie et omnium suorum terram que vocatur Murivethimelan et terram que vocatur Babelonnocan cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in ecclesiis in piscaturis in pratis in nemoribus in pascuis in viis in semitis et in omnibus aliis rebus que pertinent ad illas terras libere et quiete et honorifice et ab onere terrene servitutis. Testibus Ricardo de Cogan, Gaufrido de Cogan, Radulfo filio Roberti, Reinfrido filio Willielmi, Alexandro filio Mauricii, Reinfrido Bec, Rogero de Cantuaria, Haroldo, Gunfrido, Rogero de Oxeneford, Stephano filio Bert, Willielmo de Brid', Ricardo Hund', Johanne Hund', Gunnor, et multis aliis.

Num. IX.

Carta Davidis, Henrici, et Adami de Rupe de insula vocata Begerun.

(Ex iisdem.)

Sciant tam presentes quam futuri nos, scilicet David et Henricus et Adam de Rupe, dedisse et concessisse et hac nostra presenti carta confirmasse parvam insulam nostram que Begerun nuncupatur, simul cum ecclesia super eandem insulam constructa, Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie monachis ibidem Deo et Sancto Nicholao famulantibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam pro salute anime patris nostri Rodberti filii Godeberti et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum et pro salute nostra et omnium parentum nostrorum, ea eciam convencione, ut conventus ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie nullam sibi super hanc donationem extra predictam insulam in terra nostra

‡ These two charters differ so little, that one seems to be only an amended form of the other. The omission of John, the king's son, in the second, is perhaps accidental.

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proprietatem possit vendicare; alia etiam conventione, ut post obitum Ade monachi, qui hanc elemosinam impetravit, nullus prior in rem prenominatam per priorem Sancti Nicholai Exonie absque nostro communi consilio instituatur. Testibus Mauricio de Pendegast, Phillipo Puher, Alexandro de Brideshale, Hugone de Stochelee, Roberto de la Roche, Henrico de la Roche, Bertram de Frend, Elia de Frend, Widie, Roberto le Lu, Henrico filio Willielmi, Waltero Hoel, Rogero Christophero, et multis aliis.

Num. X.

Carta Thomæ Landri de decimâ de Balicornere.

(Ex iisdem.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Thomas Landri dedi et concessi et hac mea presenti carta confirmavi Deo et ecclesie beati Nicolai Exonie totam decimam de Balicornere in perpetuum pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et omnium parentum meorum et amicorum. His testibus, Stephano filio Roberti, Huroldo, Hereberto Cornubiensi, Herbelot, Edwardo, Odone le Gros, Hugone, et aliis multis.

Num. XI.

Carta Stephani Russel de terra apud Fingeham in Hiberniâ.

(Ex iisdem.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Stephanus Russel salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me recepisse de Alano priore Sancti Nicholai Exonie et ejusdem loci conventu unam carucatam terre in Hybernia in Fingeham pro homagio et servicio meo, unam scilicet carucatam de terra illa quam David de Rupe dedit priori et conventui beati Nicholai Exonie, tenendam et habendam de illis et successoribus eorum michi et heredibus meis legitimis libere quiete pacifice et integre jure hereditario, reddendo inde annuatim predicto priori et conventui et successoribus eorum sexdecim solidos sterlingorum ad duos terminos anni, scilicet, ad pascha octo solidos et ad festum Sancti Michaelis octo solidos pro omni servicio et demanda. Si vero ita contigerit quod ego Stephanus vel aliquis heredum meorum in solucione predicti redditus ad statutos terminos cessaverimus vel in servicio debito, si quid debeatur, tempore quo debet defecerimus et racionabile namium super dictam terram non possit inveniri, tunc licebit dicto priori et conventui dictam terram cum catallis ibi inventis seisiare et retinere donec eis de arreragiis tam redditus quam servicii plenarie fuerit satisfactum. Predictus vero prior et conventus predictam terram secundum quod predictum michi et heredibus meis warantizare tenentur. In cujus rei testimonium hanc cartam in modum cyrographi factam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus, Ada de Ryfford tunc majore, magistro Thoma de Burton, Petro clerico de Huniton, Willielmo Hastestemet, Philippo Hastestemet, et multis aliis.

Num. XII.

Carta Roberti le Butor de terris apud Mathford.

(Ex iisdem.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus le Butor, filius Rogeri le Butor, dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi pro salute anime mee et Henrici filii, elemosinarie domus Sancti Nicholai Exonie IIII^{or} acras terre de terra mea in Mathford quarum due acre jacent propinquiores itinere regali quo itur versus Exoniam in boreali parte preter duas, et alie due jacent inter iter quo itur de Pyenine ad Mathforde, et moram et viginti percatas prati propinquiores curtilagio meo in eadem mora, tenenda et habenda de me et heredibus meis libere quiete integre et pacifice in omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus in perpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis unum par cyrothecarum vel unum denarium ad pascha pro omni servicio exacione et demanda, salvo servicio regali, et priori et conventui Sancti Nicholai Exonie tres solidos quos ego et heredes mei eisdem solvere tenebamur ad tres anni terminos, scilicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis XII denarios et ad Pascha XII denarios natale Domini XII denarios sicut carta Henrici fratris mei testatur. Ego vero Robertus le Butor et heredes mei dictam terram cum viginti percatis prati et omnibus pertinenciis contra omnes gentes tenemur warantizare dicte elemosinarie. Pro hac autem donacione concessione et confirmacione dedit mihi Robertus tunc elemosinarius plenarie pre manibus decem solidos sterlingorum. Et ut hac mea donacio et concessio confirmacio rata et stabilis semper permaneat presentem cartam sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus Galfrido de la Pumeraye, Hugone de Bolay militibus. Roberto Cors, Luca de Omnibus Sanctis, Rogero le Butor, Jordano de Omnibus Sanctis capellano, Willielmo Baubi diacono, Petro de Huneton clerico, Roberto Butor, et multis aliis.

✠ Sigillum Roberti le Butor.

Num. XIII.

Carta Petri prioris Willielmo Bure de terra apud Exoniam.

(Ex iisdem.)

Petrus prior ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie ejusdemque loci conventus omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit eternam in Domino salutem. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Willielmo Bure vel heredibus suis terram quandam in Exonia quam Angerus medicus pro anime sue remedio dedit Deo et ecclesie beati Nicholai Exonie in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, illam videlicet terram que est inter domum Segari Hoy et domum que fuit Semari Le Rat, tenendam sibi vel heredibus suis jure hereditario in perpetuum de nobis, reddendo inde annuatim nobis sex solidos pro omni servicio ad nos pertinente ad quatuor anni terminos, scilicet ad natale Domini decem et octo denarios, ad Pascha decem et octo denarios, et ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste decem et octo denarios, et ad festum Sancti Michaelis decem et octo denarios. Et pro hac concessione et confirmacione nostra dedit ecclesie nostre predictus Willielmus unam marcam argenti in recognicionem. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat, presenti scripto et sigilli nostri munimine confirmavimus. Hiis testibus, Hylario Blundo et Ricardo Waleran tunc prepositis, Rogero filio Henrici, Johanne Caperun, Roberto pictore, Ernesio, Johanne Spoe, Ricardo Horwode, Jordano Horwode, Rogero Liden, Gileberto coco, Willielmo portario, Ricardo serviente prioris, Willielmo de Monte, et multis aliis. [The seal of S. Nicholas's priory is attached.]

Num. XIV.

Carta Adami filii Ricardi de Marisco de terra vocata Cumba.

(Ex iisdem.)

Sciant omnes tam presentes quam posteri. Quod ego Adam filius et heres Ricardi de Marisco pro salute mea et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum et pro animabus patris et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum, do et concedo Deo et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie et monachis ibidem Deo famulantibus totam terram meam de Cumba quam ipsi monachi adquietaverunt pro xxvii marcis argenti et iij^{bs} bizantiis in pleno comitatu Devonie apud Exoniam. Hanc igitur terram liberam et quietam a

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me et heredibus meis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam memorate ecclesie et sigillo meo confirmo, salvo servicio domini regis, et domini feodi illius quantum pertinet ad baroniam de Toriton. Hoc autem donum posui super altare ipsius ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie manibus meis per unam glebam terre illius de Cumba, eo pacto ut ego et fratres mei, et anime patris et matris mee participes simus omnium beneficiorum ejusdem ecclesie in perpetuum. Testibus Alano clerico. Waltero clerico. Raginaldo clerico, et Radulfo nepote prioris. Baldwino Blundo et multis aliis.

Num. XV.

Concordia inter prioratum S. Nicholai et prioratum de Otterton de bosco de Buddeleghe.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

Hec est concordia facta anno ab incarnacione Domini MCCXII coram toto comitatu Devonie inter Petrum priorem et conventum Sancti Nicholai Exonie et Morinum hominem domini regis de Bradeham ex una parte, et Nicholaum priorem et monachos de Otrintune ex altera parte, de boscho de Buddeleghe unde contencio fuit inter eos, scilicet, quod predictus prior et conventus Sancti Nicholai Exonie et homines illorum de Bradeham et predictus Morinus quietam clamaverunt totam demandam et comunam quam solebant habere in predicto boscho de Buddeleghe pro quadam parte predicti bosci que jacet ab orientali parte semite que venit de Lospathe et vadit per transversum bosci usque ad boschum Rogeri de Daledich inter terram predicti Rogeri de Daledich et terram et boschum Jordani de Buddeleghe quem de predicto priore de Otrintune tenet, sicut divise inter eosdem facte demonstrant. Sciendum et eciam quod Morinus de Bradeham, homo domini regis, et heredes ejus partem suam quantum ad quantitatem terre sue pertinet in predicta parte bosci prioris Sancti Nicolai Exonie et hominum de Bradeham habebunt et Nicholaus alterius de boscho prioris de Otrintune de jure poterunt. Ut autem hec concordia tam solemniter facta inter eosdem in perpetuum robur obtineat, eam presenti scripto cum sigillorum suorum appositione confirmaverunt. Hiis testibus Eudone de Bello Campo tunc vicecomite Devonie, Henrico Exonie et Waltero Cornubie archidiaconis, magistro Ysaac et magistro Rogero de Didesham canonicis Exonie, Galfrido de Aubemare et Willielmo fratre suo, Rogero de Daledich, Jordano de Buddeleghe, Willielmo de Hokesham, et toto comitatu Devonie.

✠ Sigillum ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie. ✠ Sigil' Morini de Bradeam.

Num. XVI.

Carta Alani prioris de terrâ in Lyfchelehale*.

(Ex iisdem.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Alanus prior Sancti Nicholai Exonie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos tradidisse ad perpetuam firmam et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse domino Reginaldo de Botellis totam terram nostram in Lyfchelehale cum pertinentiis singulis libere et quiete imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim nobis ipse et heredes vel successores sui in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai Exonie octo solidos sterlingorum ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omni servicio et demanda. Ita tamen quod Thomas Tuyllum terram suam in Lyfchelehale teneat quiete in omnibus libertatibus prout in carta quam de nobis habet plenius continetur, et hoc more solito quamdiu vixerit. Licebit autem nobis, si casu contigerit dictum nobilem virum heredes eciam suos vel successores a solucione dicti redditus termino statuto cessasse, dictam terram propria auctoritate tamquam dominis fundi namiare, et namium in capitali domo in predicta terra sine alicujus contradicione deponere vel inde abducere prout nobis melius viderimus expedire. Si vero expensas et labores pro detencione dicti redditus aliquo modo impenderimus, tenetur dictus miles et ejusdem heredes et successores sine difficultate qualibet plenarie nobis refundere. Et ad predicta observanda obligavit se heredes et successores suos qualicumque compulsioni et cohercioni vicecomitis Devonie qui pro tempore fuerit, postposito contra hoc omni regali remedio. Ad hanc in similem convencionem ex abundanti ad majorem securitatem firmiter et sine dolo tenendam sponte obligavit se dictus Reginaldus pro se et heredibus suis et successoribus fide media jurisdiccioni domini Exoniensis episcopi vel ejus officialis qui pro tempore fuerit, omnibus postpositis excepcionibus, cavillacionibus, fori privilegio, excepcione non numerate pecunie, regia prohibicione et ceteris impetratis et impetrandis et omnis juris remedio. Datum Exonie kalendis Junii anno gracie M°CC°X°LIIIJ°. In cujus rei testimonium huic scripto sigillum nostrum conventuale una cum sigillo dicti militis in modum cirographi duximus apponendum. Hiis testibus, Domino Willielmo de la Pomerey, magistro Thoma de Burthon, Petro de Honethon clerico, Roberto de Teing, Willielmo Ruffo clerico, et multis aliis.

[Both the seals are lost.]

* Called *Loftkoeshole*, post p. 125.

Num. XVII.

Carta Alani prioris de terrâ in vico S. Pauli apud Exoniam.

(Ex iisdem.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Alanus dictus prior Sancti Nicholai Exonie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos unanimi assensu et consensu nostro tradidisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse magistro Rogero de Thoiz totam terram illam cum pertinenciis suis in vico Sancti Pauli Exonie que jacet inter domum que fuit Gervasii filii Henrici et terram que fuit Andree Leverok, tenendam et habendam sibi et heredibus suis vel cuicumque assignare voluit, preterquam domui religionis vel ecclesie conventuali, de nobis et successoribus nostris libere quiete pacifice et integre jure hereditario imperpetuum; reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris octo denarios sterlingorum in quatuor anni terminis principalibus equis porcionibus pro omni servicio, exaccione et demanda, salvo relevio. Licebit autem nobis et successoribus nostris dictam terram namiare pro predicto redditu si ad dictos terminos non fuerit solutus. Et siquid inventum non fuerit ibidem ad namiandum, bene licebit nobis et successoribus nostris tenementa magistri Rogeri, quicumque ea pro tempore tenuerint, in eodem vico namiare, donec dictus redditus plene fuerit solutus cum arreragiis sui temporis si que fuerint. Nos vero Alanus dictus prior Sancti Nicholai et ejusdem loci conventus et successores nostri totam predictam terram cum pertinenciis suis dicto magistro Rogero et heredibus sive assignatis suis, preterquam domui religionis et ecclesie conventuali, contra omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum tenemur warantizare. Quod si casu contingente dictam terram warantizare non poterimus dictus magister Rogerus et heredes sui sive assignati a dicti redditus solucione licite cessabunt. Ita tamen quod si dictum tenementum ad opus predicti Rogeri et heredum sive assignatorum suorum recuperaverimus, dicti Rogerus et heredes sui sive assignati sepedictum redditum cum arreragiis sui temporis et saisine si que fuerint tenentur nobis plene resarcire. Et ut hoc nostra tradicio concessio et presentis carte nostre confirmacio rata et inconcussa permaneat imperpetuum presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Martino Rof tunc majore Exoniensi, Waltero de Molton et Roberto Spowa, prepositis. Waltero Gervasio, Johanne de Octeston, Willielmo Ricardo aurifabro, Willielmo et Johanne Baubi clericis, et aliis. Datum apud Exoniam anno Domini M°CC°XL° sexto, in festo translacionis Sancti Benedicti.

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Num. XVIII.

Relaxatio servitiorum per Johannem Luterel in Thurfurton.

(Ex iisdem.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Johannes Luterel miles, dominus de Chileton, salutem in Domino. Cum prior Sancti Nicholai Exonie et ejusdem loci conventus teneant de me duo messuagia et duos ferlingos terre cum pertinenciis in Radeclyve in parochia de Thurfurton per fidelitatem et per redditum unius libre cymini per annum, videlicet, ad festum Sancti Michaelis et per alia servicia, tamen ego predictus Johannes volo et pro me et heredibus meis concedo quod predicti prior et conventus et eorum successores imperpetuum teneant tenementa predicta cum suis pertinenciis de me et heredibus vel assignatis meis libere quiete ab omnibus serviciis predictis preter redditum predicte libre cymini. Ac eciam ego dictus Johannes relaxo et per presentes quietum clamo de me et heredibus meis prefatis priori et conventui et eorum successoribus imperpetuum omne jus meum et clameum quod habeo habui seu quovismodo habere potero in eorum homagiis fidelitalibus releviis scutagiis auxiliis et omnibus aliis serviciis et demandis preter redditum predicte libre cymyny. Et ego vero predictus Johannes et heredes mei prefatos priorem et conventum et eorum successores imperpetuum tenemur acquietare contra Ricardum Payn et ejus heredes per presentes de predictis serviciis, et ad hoc obligo me et heredes meos per presentes imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti scripto indentato tam ego predictus Johannes quam predicti prior et conventus sigilla nostra alternatim apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Gilberto de Umfravyle, Roberto de Cruwes, Johanne de Reygwy juniore, militibus. Johanne de Chuddelegh, Willielmo de Lynor, Johanne de Chydderlegh, Johanne de Somerton et aliis. Datum apud Exoniam die lune proxima ante festum Sancti Dunstani anno regni regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu quartodecimo [1340].

Num. XIX.

Carta Matthei, prioris, de terris apud Tadiforde juxta Exoniam.

(Ex iisdem.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Matheus prior ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie ac ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu nostro dedisse concessisse et per hoc presens scriptum nostrum confirmasse Johanni Morhay, Waltero filio suo, et Scolastice filie ejusdem Johannis, ad totum terminum vite eorum vel unius eorum diucius viventis; unum gardinum nostrum jacentem extra portam borealem civitatis Exonie in suburbio ejusdem civitatis apud Tadiforde inter viam regalem que ducit de Exonia versus Criditon ex parte orientali et mariscum dictorum prioris et conventus ex parte occidentali in longitudine et in latitudine inter tenementum dicti Johannis Morhay ex parte boriali et gardinum quod quondam fuit Ricardi Hobbe ex parte australi, habendum et tenendum totum predictum gardinum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni, Waltero et Scolastice ad totum terminum vite eorum vel uni eorum diucius viventis de nobis et successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint libere quiete bene et in pace, reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint duodecim denarios sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus. Et predicti Johannes, Walterus et Scolastica facient sectam relevium et servicium ut alii liberi tenentes faciunt, et si contingat predictum redditum a retro existere in parte vel toto per unum mensem post aliquem terminum ob defectum dictorum Johannis, Walteri et scolastice, extunc bene liceat nobis et successoribus nostris in predictum gardinum ingredi et nobis retinere sine aliqua contradicione predictorum Johannis, Walteri et Scolastice. Et nos vero dicti prior et conventus et successores nostri predictum gardinum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predictis Johanni, Waltero et Scolastice vel uni eorum diucius viventis contra omnes mortales warantizare tenemur per totum terminum supradictum in forma predicta. In cujus rei testimonium tam predicti prior et conventus quam partes predicte sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt. His testibus, Roberto Noble tunc majore civitatis Exonie, Roberto Brown, Johanne Aleyn, Willielmo Gerveys, Willielmo Stokelegh, tunc senescallis ejusdem civitatis, Johanne Spicer, Johanne Gist, Nicholao Whytyng, et aliis. Datum apud Exonie die dominica proxima post festum Sancti Mathei evangeliste anno regni regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu Anglie tricesimo tercio [1359].

Num. XX.

Indentura inter civitatem Exoniæ et prioratum S. Nicholai de aquæductu faciendo per vicos civitatis *.

(Ex iisdem.)

Hec indentura facta inter majorem et communitatem civitatis Exonie ex parte una et Gilbertum priorem ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie et ejusdem loci conventum ex altera testatur, scilicet, quod iidem major et communitas quantum in eis est concesserunt predictis priori et conventui et successoribus suis quod ipsi a fonte qui est in tenemento quod dictus prior et conventus modo tenent, quod quondam fuit Petri de fonte, infra civitatem predictam in vico Sancti Pauli libere possint vicos et pavimenta aperire et fodere et ponere pipas ad ducendam aquam per conductum a fonte predicto usque ad prioratum suum predictum, ita quod dicta apertura vicorum et pavimentorum necnon posicio conductuum predictorum fiat per visum quatuor hominum dicte civitatis per dictos majorem et communitatem assignatorum; et postquam dicte pipe sive conductus primo ponantur, bene liceat eisdem priori et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum loca ubi dicte pipe sive conductus poni contigerit cum et quociens conductus ille indigeat emendacione iterum aperire ubique de cetero imperpetuum pro pipis et conductu hujusmodi emendandis et eos pro suo beneplacito emendare, habendum et tenendum dictum proficuum et aisiamentum ad aperiendum et fodiendum ut premittitur hujusmodi conductum ponendum emendandum et reperiendum predictis priori et conventui et successoribus suis imperpetuum quociens et quando necesse fuerit; ita quod predicti prior et conventus et eorum successores predictos vicos et pavimenta post quamlibet manuoperacionem pro premissis corrigendis infra tres dies reparent corrigant et debito modo emendent, et eciam per totum tempus manuoperacionis hujusmodi vicos et pavimenta predicta per eos et eorum servientes aperta cooperiant et custodiant, ita quod dampnum ob eorum defectum transeuntibus non eveniat ullo modo; quod si dampnum hujusmodi ea de causa alicui transeunti evenerit, predicti prior et conventus emendas facient dampnificato secundum judicium et ordinacionem majoris et quatuor senescallorum ejusdem civitatis, qui pro tempore fuerint, infra xv dies post judicium et ordinacionem predictorum majoris et senescallorum facta in forma predicta; et sic, tociens quociens dampnum hujusmodi ea de causa alicui transeunti evenerit, iidem prior et conventus et successores sui emendas damnificato facient secundum judicium et ordinacionem eorundem majoris et senescallorum in forma predicta. Et si iidem prior et conventus emendas non facient damnificato in forma predicta infra xv dies post judicium et ordinacionem predicta, extunc predicti prior et conventus et eorum successores concedunt per presentes solvere majori et communitati ejusdem civitatis qui pro tempore fuerint viginti solidos ultra id quod adjudicabitur parti lese in forma predicta et sic tociens quociens dampnum hujusmodi ea de

* This document, although of no particular interest, is inserted because its provisions respecting contingent damages in case of accident are curious in a legal point of view. The mayor and stewards acted at this time as justices.

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causa alicui transeunti evenerit, nisi emende fiant in forma predicta. Et iidem prior et conventus concedunt per presentes quod major et communitas ejusdem civitatis tam pro dampnis hujusmodi dampnificato per eosdem majorem et communitatem sic ut premittitur adjudicatis et ordinatis quam pro predictis viginti solidis in forma predicta dictis majori et communitati debitis, quociens hujusmodi dampnum evenerit et emende non fiant ut predicitur, in omnibus terris et tenementis dictorum prioris et conventus in eadem civitate et suburbio ejusdem distringere possint et districciones retinere quousque tam hujusmodi damnificato de dampnis suis per eosdem majorem et communitatem sic ut premittitur adjudicatis et ordinatis quam prefatis majori et communitati de predictis viginti solidis in forma predicta dictis majori et communitati debitis satisfactum fuerit. Et si predicti major et communitas aut successores sui de predictis viginti solidis ad opus eorum aut de dampnis hujusmodi dampnificato ut premittitur levandis per predictos priorem et conventum aut successores suos, aut per legem, vel aliquo alio modo, perturbati fuerint, extunc predicti prior et conventus et successores sui careant omnino dictis proficuo et aisiamento, quousque predictis majori et communitati de predictis viginti solidis et de dampnis hujusmodi dampnificato occasione premissa illatis, ut premittitur adjudicatis, plenarie fuerit satisfactum, concessione premissa non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium predictus prior et conventus sigillum suum commune penes predictos majorem et communitatem remanenti huic indenture apposuerunt. Datum Exonie primo die Aprilis anno regni regis Ricardi Secundi post conquestum decimo [1387].

Num. XXI.

Will of Lady Matilda Courtenay *,

Containing a charitable bequest to the prior of S. Nicholas.

To all Crysten people to whom this present wrytyng endented shall come, Mawte that was the wyfe of Hugh Courtenay knight sendeth gretyng yn oure Lord everlestyng. Wheras y the said Mawte have enfeffed master Harry Webber dean of the cathedrall churche of Exceter late chaunter of the same churche, Thomas Pay, William Pawlyn, Thomas Tregaron, clerks, SymonWhyte, chapelyn, Thomas Dourysh the yonger, Harry Drewe, John Thryng, John Coteler, John Underdon and Thomas Marchall, wyth John More and John Lymyngton late dede, yn and of a messuage of myne sette yn the north partye of the lane called Prustonstrete yn the cyte of Exceter, yn the which Thomas Bastyn late dwellyd yn, wyth a gardeyn therto lyyng, and also in a newe messuage of myne ysette yn the south parte of the same lane yn the este parte of the messuage of John Hacchys, wyth a gardeyne yn the whiche a fullyng rak ys, and also yn a messuage of myne ysette yn the southe parte of the same gardeyn nyghe the lane ycalled Tyghstrete † to have and to holde to them and to ther heyres yn fee symple wythoute any condycyon, of trust to perfourme my ordynaunce and wylle, know ye that my said ordynaunce and wylle ys that the said feffees that suffre ynmedyatly after my decesse the priour of Seynt Nycholas for the tyme beyng and his covent to occupye and take uppe the hole profytes and yerely revenus of the said messuages and gardeyns above alle necessarye reparacyons and charges of the same, the which priour yerely for evermore of the same revenuz issues and profytes, on the mynday ‡ that shal be held at Seynt Nycholas forsaid for my soule and other soulys, accordyng to my wylle shall pay xiij^{d} to xiij pore folke beyng yn Symon Grendon is almeshous ynmedyatly after my decesse and other xiij^{d} to the pore children of Seynt John is hous wythynne este yeate of the citie of Exceter yerely at the same day duryng the terme of xx^{ti} yer ynmedyatly after my decesse, to pray for my soule and the soules above rehersed; and after the same xx yere determyned, that the said priour his successours and covent shall yerely contynue the said myneday for ever and the said payment of xiij^{d} to the said pore men of Symon Grendon is hous; and that the same priour and his successours for ever shall have of the said revenuz and profytes yerely to his own proper use iij^{s} and every monke of the said covent ii^{s} and the said priour and his successours shall have alle the remanent of all the said issues and profytes of the said messuages and gardeyns to meyntene and repayre them there wyth, and that the said priour and covent and ther successours that so receyveth the revenuz and profytes of the said messuages and gardeyns shall dayly for evermore after complyn sayd or songe yn ther said churche of Seynt Nycholes synge an anteme of our Lady yn our Lady chapell there, and then ynmedyatly therafter thay to say the psalme of De Profundis with Pater noster and Ave Maria wyth preces and orysons thereto belongyng at my tumbe and buryell there for evermore for my soule and the soulys above reherced. And if the said priour and covent or ther successours perfourme, ne pay, nor do not the said prayours charges and observaunces, y wyll that the said messuages and gardens be solde by the said fefees or by the fefees of them, and that myn heires be preferred to the sale therof, and the mony therof to be payd and receyved before hand, and thay to dyspose that for my soule. Also y wyll that if the said fyffees dye alle yn to two before my said wylle and ordinaunce be performed, y wyll that the said two so overlevying shal by ther discresion enfeffe divers other feythefull men in gretter nomber yn the said messuages and gardeyns wyth ther appurtenaunces in fe symple to perfourme my said wylle. And if so be all thay dye yn to two, then thay two so overlevyng yn lyke fourme to make estate of the same messuages and gardens wyth ther appurtenaunces, and so two of the fefees of the same messuages and gardeyns so alwey overlevyng to mak estate of the same messuages and gardeyns to other persons yn gretter nomber as hitt is above reherced for the complysshment of my said wylle and ordynaunce, til that my said wylle and ordynaunce be fully perfourmed and execute. In wytnesse of the whiche to eyther parte of this present wrytyng endentyd y the said Mawte and Sir Hugh Courtenay, knyght, my son and heir, have put to oure seles, and also the said priour and covent of Seynt Nycholas and the priour and covent of Seynt John wythynne yest gate of the cyte of Exceter, at my specyall request and prayer, for the more credence have put to ther covent seles the xx^{ti} day of August yn the fourth yer of the reygne of Kyng Edward the Fourthe. (1464.)

[This payment of thirteen pence is thus noticed in the Valor Ecclesiasticus of King Henry VIII. 1535:

"Et solutum tresdecem pauperibus annuatim ad orandum pro anima domine Matilde Courtenay in die anniversarii sui ex ordinacione ejusdem Matilde per annum 1*s.* 1*d.*"]

* She was the daughter of Sir William Beaumond, knight, and her license to be married to Sir Hugh Courtenay of Haccombe, knight, "in capella mansionis dicti Willielmi Beaumond de Heaunton situatâ," bears date October 16, 1417. (See Bishop Stafford's Register, vol. i. fol. 235.) She died July 3, 1467, and was buried in the lady chapel of S. Nicholas' priory. In making an excavation for a cellar on the site of the church of S. Nicholas, on June 8, 1842, a leaden coffin was discovered containing human bones, perhaps her remains. Her tomb must have been destroyed with the church itself, about the year 1538. The coffin had evidently been opened for the sake of plunder, as the lid was found to have been cut lengthways. The remains were decently reinterred.

† This street perhaps derived its name from a person called Tythe or Tyghe; for in a deed dated Exon, the Monday after the feast of S. Edward, the second year of King Edward the Third's reign (October, 1328) I find mention of a tenement "in quodam vico qui vocatur Tythestrete inter tenementum quod fuit Johannis de la Tythe ex parte occidentali."

‡ Anniversary-day.

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NUM. XXII.

Rental of S. Nicholas.

(Ex archivis civitatis.)

Redditus et receptiones prioratus S. Nicholai anno regni Edwardi IV. decimo sexto.

Recepciones Johannis Underdon receptoris domus sive prioratus Sancti Nicholai in civitate Exonie a die Veneris proxime post festum Sancti Barnabe apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi IV. 16to usque eundem diem extunc proxime sequentem [1476] *.

Terminus nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis recepi de ballivo civitatis Exonie de redditu ejusdem termini	–	15	–
Item de eodem ballivo pro eodem termino	–	13	4
Item de eodem ballivo pro eodem termino	–	8	5
Item de redditu de Monkynlond pro eodem termino	–	2	3
Item de Johannes Daly de Bowlegh pro eodem termino	1	–	–
Item de Johanne Combe	–	2	–
Item de Johanne Damerel	–	3	1
Item de Johanne Dubber	–	4	4
Item de Johanne Rolleston	–	3	–
Item de molendinario Sancti Nicholai	1	10	–
Item de redditu de Kenebury	–	10	–
Item de redditu de Clapmylle	–	1	8
Item de Exley (Nicho. Ley?) pro uno tenemento in Cowle	–	5	–
Item de terra de Crulledyche	–	10	–
Item de redditu de Monkyncoble	–	5	5
Item de redditu de Comba Sancti Nicholai	1	6	8
Item de redditu de Dunsford de Hugone Hore	–	5	–
Item de redditu de West Donne ibidem	–	1	6
Item de Willielmo Bustard 1*d.* pro redditu de Nytherexe	–	3	4
Item de Johanne Elyot de Pynne	–	7	6
Item de Willielmo Legh 2*s.* et Johanne Page 2*s.* nil quod solvit vicario, videlicet	–	4	–
Item de redditu de Saltmede	–	7	6
Item de ballivo de Columpton	13	6	8
Item de preposito de Shyreford	7	–	–
Item de preposito de Brodeham	–	17	–
Item de Johanne Reche pro redditu ibidem	–	6	1
Item de Johanne Carsewyll pro redditu ibidem	–	3	4
Item de eodem pro Brenpeny	–	1	–
Item de Johanne Cole pro redditu ibidem	–	1	–
Item de Thoma Marshall pro molendinis et terris ibidem	–	15	–
Item de Johanne Dabbe pro redditu ibidem	–	3	9
Item de redditu de Rafesclyst	–	13	4
Item de redditu de Matford			
Item de ballivo de Columpton pro herietto Johannis Dawe	–	3	4
Item de eodem ballivo pro fine unius tenementi apud Wevere	–	10	–
	32	12	2

* Several omissions and miscalculations will be found in this rental.

Recepcio foris in termino nativitatis Sancti Johannis.

	£	s.	d.
Imprimis de rectore Sancti Olavi pro tabula sua †	–	2	–
Item de eodem pro tabula sua	–	1	8
Item de uno coreo vendito	–	2	4
Item de Johanne Browne pro tabula pueri sui	–	1	8
Item de Johanne Bonnore pro una ove adjudicata	–	–	6
	–	8	2

Terminis Sancti Michaelis archangeli.

Imprimis de ballivo civitatis	2	6	8
Item de eodem ballivo super compotum	1	2	–
Item de redditu de Monkenlond	–	2	3
Item de Johanne Daly de Bowlegh	1	–	–
Item de Johanne Combe	–	2	–
Item de Johanne Bounce	–	3	1
Item de Johanne Dubber	–	4	4
Item de Johanne Rolleston	–	3	–
Item de molendario Sancti Nicholai	–	15	–
Item de redditu de Kenebury	–	10	0
Item de redditu de Clapmylle	–	1	8
Item de Nicholao Ley de Bowle (Cowle?)	–	5	–
Item de redditu de Monkyncoble	–	5	5
Item de redditu de Comba Sancti Nicholai	1	6	8
Item de redditu de Donsford	–	5	–
Item de redditu de West Donne	–	1	6
Item de redditu de Nytherexe	–	3	4
Item de Johanne Elyot de Pynne	–	7	6
De redditu Willielmi Legh 2*s.* et Johannis Page 2*s.* nil, quod solvit vicario videlicet	–	4	–
Item de redditu de Saltmede	–	7	6
Item de ballivo de Columpton	13	6	8
Item de preposito de Shyreford	7	0	9
Item de preposito de Brodeham	–	19	–
Item de Johanne Reche pro redditu ibidem	–	6	1
Item de Johanne Carswyll	–	3	4
Item de eodem pro Brenpeny	–	1	–
Item de Johanne Cole	–	1	–
Item de Thoma Marshall	–	15	–
Item de Johanne Cabbe (Dabbe?)	–	3	9
Item de redditu de Rofesclyst	–	13	4
Item de Johanne Radeford pro redditu de Grauntelond per annum	–	5	–
Item de eodem pro terra de cruce et aliis terris de gleba	1	1	1
Item de Johanne Tylle pro terra apud Yongheyes	1	–	–
Item de eodem pro uno redditu tenementi apud Seynt Davys Downe			
Item de pensione de Northtawton	1	6	8
Item de decimis ecclesie de Aysshe Clyst, videlicet de priore Tottonie hoc anno	–	7	–
Item de Johanne Carpenter pro redditu de toto anno	–	12	–
Item de preposito de Shyreford super compotum	–	7	2
Item de eodem preposito super compotum	–	13	5½
Item de pensione ecclesie de Poghill per annum	–	13	4
Item de redditu de Loftokeshole in manerio de Botreaux Mollond per annum	–	8	–
Item de abbatissa de Canonlegh pro redditu unius exclusi ‡ fixi ad terram domini apud Dunsford una libra piperis et in pecunia per annum	–	–	3
Item de redditu de Matford			
Item de redditu de Hempstone ad festum Michaelis tantum			
	40	10	9½

† Here and throughout the account, "tabula" means the *board* of the party, and the sum against it is the consideration paid to the convent for the expense of boarding with them.

‡ A sluice.

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	£	s.	d.
Item de ballivo civitatis super compotum ut in pede		16	8
Item de ballivo civitatis super compotum ut in pede compoti sui		6	2
Item de ballivo civitatis Exonie super compotum		4	–

Receptiones foris in termino Sancti Michaelis.

Imprimis de rectore Sancti Olavi pro tabula sua		2	8
Item de pixide coram Sancto Nicholao			8
Item de oblacione die Sancti Nicholai in pixide		2	6
Item de Johanne Broune pro tabula pueri sui		3	4
Item de Thoma Elyot pro stramine vendito apud Pynne		10	–
Item de medietate precii unius corei bovis venditi		1	2
Item pro medietate de les cheytes ejusdem			4
Item pro quinque pellibus bovium venditis uni homini apud portam occidentalem		10	–
	1	10	8

Terminus natalis Domini.

Imprimis de ballivo civitatis Exonie pro eodem termino	2	3	4
Item de redditu de Monkenlond			
Item de Johanne Daly de Bowlegh	1	–	–
Item de Johanne Combe		2	–
Item de Johanne Bounce		3	1
Item de Johanne Dubber		4	4
Item de Philippo Rolleston		3	–
Item de Nicholao Ley		5	–
Item de Johanne Drake juniore		1	8
Item de Ricardo Druell pro Kenbury		10	–
Item de Henrico Skynner pro molendino Sancti Nicholai	1	–	–
Item de redditu de Monkyncoble		5	5
Item de Johanne Packer pro Comba Sancti Nicholai	1	6	8
Item de Hugone Hore pro terris apud Dunsford		5	–
Item de redditu de West Donn ibidem		1	6
Item de redditu de Nytherexe		3	4
Item de Johanne Elyot de Pynne		7	7
Item de Willielmo Legh 2*s.*, Johanne Page 2*s.*, nil, quod solvit vicario pro pensione videlicet		4	–
Item de redditu de Saltmede		7	6
Item de ballivo de Columpton	13	6	8
Item de ballivo de Shyreford	6	2	–
Item de preposito de Brodeham		17	–
Item de Johanne Reche pro redditu ibidem		6	1
Item de Johanne Carswyll		3	4
Item de eodem pro Brenpeny		1	–
Item de Johanne Cole		1	–
Item de Thoma Marshall		15	–
Item de Johanne Dabbe		3	9
Item de redditu de Rofesclyst de Johanne Germyn		13	4
Item de redditu de Matford pro isto termino		1	2
	£30	19	3

Receptiones in termino natalis Domini.

De rectore Sancti Olavi pro tabula sua in crastino cinerum		2	–
Item de Waltero Pyper pro uno busello pisarum			11
Item de Johanne Estcote pro uno pec pisarum.			
Item de Johanne Underdon pro dimidio busello pisarum			5½
Item de Johanne Bustard pro dimidio busello pisarum.			
Item de Johanne Elyot pro uno busello pisarum.			
Item de Ricardo Rylard pro uno busello pisarum			10
Item de magistro Willielmo Somayster pro dimidio buselli pisarum *.			
Item de stramine vendito apud Coldbury		2	3
Item de Georgio Colle 1*s.* pro stramine ibidem		1	–
Item de Benedicto Thatcher pro stramine ibidem			11
Item de Nicholao Dubber pro stramine			11
Item de Johanne Underdon pro dimidio buselli pisarum			5
Item de una muliere pro dimidio buselli pisarum			5
Item de Thoma Tayllour pro pec pisarum			2
Item de Johanne Myryfeld pro tumba Johanne uxoris sue		3	4
Item de rectore Sancti Olavi pro tabula sua in crastino dominice in ramis palmarum		1	8
Item de Johanne Toker pro dimidio buselli pisarum.			
		12	5½

Terminus pasche anno 17 Edwardi Quarti (1477).

In primis receptio de rectore Sancti Olavi pro pensione annuatim soluta		8	–
Item de ballivo civitatis Exonie	2	–	–
Item de redditu de Monkenlond.			
Item de Johanne Daly de Bowlegh	1	–	–
Item de Johanne Combe		2	–
Item de Johanne Bounce		3	1
Item de Johanne Dubber		4	4
Item de Johanne Rolleston		3	–
Item de Nicholao Ley		5	–
Item de Johanne Drake juniore		1	8
Item de Ricardo Druell pro Kenbury		10	–
Item de Henrico Skynner pro molendino Sancti Nicholai	1	10	–
Item de redditu de Monken Coblegh		5	5
Item de Johanne Packer pro Comba Sancti Nicholai		12	8
Item de Hugone Hore pro terris apud Dunsford		5	–
Item de redditu de West Donne ibidem		1	6
Item de redditu de Nytherexe		3	4
Item de Johanne Elyor de Pynne		7	6
Item de Willielmo Legh 2*s.* Johanne Page 2*s.* nil, quia solutum vicario pro pensione sua.			
Item de redditu de Saltmede		7	6
Item de ballivo de Columpton	13	6	8
Item de preposito de Shyreford	7	–	–
Item de preposito de Brodeham		17	–
De Johanne Reche		6	1
De Johanne Carswyll		3	4
De eodem pro Brenpeny		1	–
De John Cole		1	–
De Thoma Marshall		15	–
De Johanne Dabbe		3	9
De redditu de Rofesclyst		13	4
De redditu de Matford		1	2

✠ Item de rectore de Boterle pro pensione per annum pro duabus libris cerei.

* Professor Buckland stated at the meeting of the British Archæological Society, Canterbury, 1844, that prior to the Reformation peas and beans formed much of the sustenance of the peasantry and soldiery, and that supplies of such food were provided for the armies, especially during the wars of the houses of York and Lancaster; and he spoke in strong terms of its restorative and nutritious qualities.

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Recepciones foris, in termino pasche anno 17 Edwardi Quarti.

	£	s.	d.
In primis de Johanne Maundell pro aceto vendito	–	–	8
Item pro tabula unius presbyteri pro quatuor septimanis	–	4	–
Item de rectore Sancti Olavi pro tabula sua	–	2	4
Item de sacriste ecclesie pro oblacionibus die sepulture Philippi Hamelyn, Johanne uxoris Johannis Myryfeld	–	2	11
Item pro oblacione in pixide die Reliquiarum	–	1	8
Item de Johanne Broune pro tabula pueri sui	–	2	4
Item de rectore de Boterle.			
Item de oblacione die sepulture uxoris Stephani Ryggewey	–	1	7½
Item de oblacione in pixide coram Sancto Nicholao	–	1	5
Item pro tabula unius presbiteri pro quatuor septimanis	–	4	–
Item pro uno equo vendito ad feriam de Chudle	–	9	2

Num. XXIII.

Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Prioratus Sancti Nicholai Exon.

In decanatu Cristianitatis *.

Infra archidiaconatum et diocesim Exonie.

Verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicti prioratus unde Willielmus Columpton est prior, examinatus et approbatus coram commissionariis.

Devon.

Scilicet possessiones temporales ejusdem prioratus

Feodum Sancti Nicholai infra civitatem Exonie.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum 8£ de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem et cum £1. – 6. de perquisitis curie et exitibus medietatis nundinarum annuatim tenendarum apud Cruldych in Southynhay in vigilia festo et crastino ad vincula Sancti Petri communibus annis. Summa £9. – 6. . . . Inde solutum Johanni Rawe servienti ad legem capitali senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1. 6. 8. Et Johanni Potter ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1. 6. 8. Et solutum vicariis chori ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie et successoribus suis pro quodam annuali redditu per annum 2s. Et solutum Johanni Dreywode et heredibus suis pro via habenda super terram suam per annum 2s. Et solutum tresdecim pauperibus annuatim ad orandum pro anima domine Matilde Courteney in die anniversarii sui ex ordinacione ejusdem Matilde per annum 1s. 1d. Summa £2. 18. 5. Et remanet	6	2	1

* The cities of Exeter and Lincoln are styled deaneries of Christianity, but are no better entitled to that name than the other English sees; for to all ware attached curiæ Christianitatis, or courts Christian.

Manerium de Brodeham.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum £10. 2. 1. de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem, et cum 3s. 4d. de perquisitis curie finibus terre et aliis proficuis communibus annis. Summa £10. 5. 5. Inde solutum Johanni Drake senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 1£. Et remanet	9	5	5

Manerium de Bowlegh.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum £8. 4. 8. de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem, et cum 3s. 4d. de perquisitis curie finibus terre et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis. Summa £8. 8. . . . . Inde solutum Ricardo Cole senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum, 10s. Et remanet	7	18	–

Manerium de Columpton.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum £1. 17. 2. de redditu assise liberorum tenencium, et cum £25. 12. 2. de redditu custumariorum tenencium ibidem, et cum 1£ receptis de finibus terre et herietis ibidem communibus annis. Summa £28. 9. 3. . . . . Inde solutum Henrico Walrond armigero et heredibus suis de quodam annuali redditu pro via habenda ad terram dicti prioris vocatam *Newyslond* per annum 1s. . . Et solutum Willielmo Turnor ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1. 6. 8. Summa £1. 7. 8. Et remanet	27	1	7

Manerium de Sherford.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum £30. 6. 10. de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem . . . . . Et cum 1£ de perquisitis curie, finibus terre, herietis et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis. Summa £31. 6. 10. . . . Inde solutum Waltero Lawry ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 4s. Et remanet	31	2	10

Redditus assise in diversis locis in predicto comitatu Devonie.

	£	s.	d.
Et terre et tenementorum in Monkynlond 9s. Kenbery £3. 6. 8. Monkencoblegh £1. 1. Cumba Sancti Nicholai £5. 6. 8. Dunsford £1. 8. Saltmede 2£. Pynhowe £2. 6. Rolfeclyst £4. 5. 4. Matford 4s. 8d. Poughhill £1. 6. 1. Hempston Cantellowe 2s. et Netherex 13. 4. Valent per annum, ut particulariter patet super eorum capita. Summa £28. 8. 9. . . Inde resolutum vicario perpetuo ecclesie parochiale de Pynhowe et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum 16s. Et remanet	21	12	9
Summa totalis remanet possessionum temporalium predictarum .	103	2	8

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Scilicet possessiones spirituales dicti prioratus in predicto comitatu Devonie.

Decima garbarum.

	£	s.	d.
De decima garbarum ecclesiarum de Colompton 31£. Pynhoo 10£. Brampford Speke 3£. Cadbury £2. 13. 4. Capelle de Netherex 2£. Valet communibus annis prout particulariter patet super eorum capita. Summa clara	48	13	4

Penciones.

Et annuales penciones provenientes de ecclesiis de Northtawton £1. 6. 8. Poughhill 13*s.* 4. Sancti Olavi Exonie 8*s.* Boterlegh 1*s.* Et quedam annualis pencio 7*s.* recepta de priore Tottonie et vicario de Brodeclist pro decima garbarum tocius terre bertone de Aysshclist. Valent per annum prout particulariter patet super eorum capita. Summa clara. . .	2	16	–
Summa totalis possessionum spiritualium predictarum	51	9	4
Summa totalis omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium predicti prioratus per annum	154	12	–

Inde

Resolutum abbati et conventui de Bello et successoribus suis in comitatu Sussex de quadam annuali pencione per annum . .	7	–	–

Remanet

Et remanet clare	147	12	–
Inde pro decima	14	15	2½

Num. XXIV.

Computus ministrorum temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of roll, 27 to 28 Hen. VIII. among the records of the late Augmentation Office.)

Feodum S. Nicholai, Exonie.

Redditus assisi	27	17	8
Perquisita curiarum	–	–	–

Deductions.

Feoda et vadia	1	2	–
Redditus resoluti	–	8	–

Brodham.

Redditus custumariorum tenentium	5	19	–
Tenentes per copiam	–	14	6
Liberé tenentes	3	–	–

	£	s.	d.
Redditus mobiles (cocks and hens valued by old custom at 2*d.* each)	–	4	2
Perquisita curiarum	–	2	11

Deductions.

Feoda et regarda	–	6	–

Bowleigh, with Cadbury, Monkenland, Kenbury, Rolfescleyff, Pinhowe and others.

Redditus assisi	26	11	8
Firma manerii de Kenbury	3	6	8
Perquisita curiarum	–	–	–

Deductions.

Feoda et vadia	–	2	–
Annuitates sive corrodia	2	–	–

Upton Wever, alias Columpton cum rectoriâ ibidem.

Redditus assisi	25	18	6
Redditus liberé tenentium	1	11	1
Firma rectorie	1	11	–
Perquisita curie	–	–	–

Deductions.

Feoda, vadia, et corrodia	2	8	6

Shirforde.

Redditus tenentium per copiam curie . . .	22	18	11
Redditus assisi	7	4	9
Perquisita curiarum	–	3	9

Deductions.

Feoda et vadia, etc.	–	13	4

Rectoria de Pynhowe et Brampford Speke.

Firma garbarum, etc.	14	–	–

Cadbury, Netherexe, cum pensionibus prioratui pertinentibus.

Cadbury, per annum	2	13	4
Netherex	2	–	–
Pensiones: North Tawton per ann.	1	6	8
Poughill	–	13	4
S. Olave	–	8	–
Butterleigh	–	1	–
Prioratus Totton	–	7	–

Scitus prioratus Exonie, cum pertinentibus.

Scitus cum pomerio et gardino continent' 2½ acr. valued at, per ann.	–	13	4
Pratum voc. *Grene Mede*, continens 8 acr. .	1	6	8
Other property near the mill	–	3	–

[Nothing is answered for the scite and premises mentioned under the last head, because the late prior was permitted to remain in possession till the preceding Sept. 22, since which time they had remained unoccupied. In the original roll all the tenements and tenants are particularized under each head; an observation which applies to all other ministers' accounts abstracted in the new edition of Dugdale's Monasticon.]

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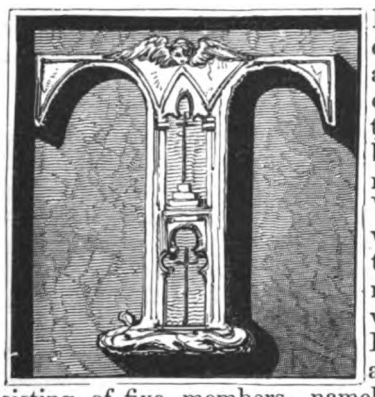
Priory of SS. Peter and Paul, Plympton,

IN THE DEANERY OF PLYMPTON.



THIS establishment, dedicated to the Blessed Mary and S. Peter and S. Paul, of the order of S. Augustine*, was founded in 1121 by William Warelwast, the nephew and chaplain of William the Conqueror, who had given to the see the church of Plympton many years before his advancement to the see of Exeter. For this purpose a prebendal college consisting of five members, namely, a dean and four prebendaries, supposed to have been founded there by King Edgar, was removed and transplanted to Boseham in Sussex †. (3 Leland, Itin. fo. 23.) The canons of S. Peter of Plympton are stated to have possessed two hides of lands in the royal demesne there, when the Domesday survey was made. (Exon. Domesday, p. 79).

The princely bishop cherished his new priory of black canons with parental affection, and, amongst other donations, conveyed to the convent, as we learn from his own deed still extant, dated Exeter, July 2, 1133, the house and gardens of Ascelinus the archdeacon, in Exeter, which he had recently purchased; and the house and land of Clarembald in the south street of the said city. He further secured to them the perquisite of sixty shillings ‡ from every prebend in his cathedral church, on the death of its prebendary canon. The mortal remains of the founder were deposited in the chapter-house of his favourite priory, as were those of his nephew, Robert Warelwast, the fifth bishop of Exeter.

Walter de Valle tortâ gave to the priory the island of S. Nicholas, so called from the chapel there founded in honour of the sainted archbishop of Myra. The rental of the priory shows that certain lands and rents were attached to the several conventual offices of almoner, precentor, cellarer, and chaplain of the infirmary.

Whoever is acquainted with the deeds and writings of the subsequent bishops, the immediate patrons of Plympton Priory §, must have observed how closely they imitated the zeal of the founder in watching and guarding its interests, and promoting its welfare. Amongst other privileges, the prior and convent possessed the right of appointing the rural dean of Plympton. This was fully admitted by Gilbert Basset, archdeacon of Totnes, during the early part of King John's reign, in his deed still extant, and inserted in the Appendix, post Num. XV. Under such auspices it grew into greatness, so as to exceed even Tavistock Abbey in annual value, and to shed lustre on the town of Plympton S. Mary. Many members of the Courtenay, Valletort, Strode, and other eminent families, selected its sacred precincts for the place of their interment. Leland (Itin. vol. iii. fo. 24) says, that "Martine, the third or fourth prior of Plymtoun, builded the substance of the chirch that there a late stoode." So soon had the venerable structure been demolished! At present scarcely a vestige remains of any of the conventual buildings. In Leland's time the lower part of them seems to have been choked with the sands brought by the river from the tin-works on the moor.

Within one hundred and fifty years after the erection of the priory church, another sacred structure was required for the growing population around; and Bishop Stapeldon, on the Friday after the Feast of the Apostles Simon and Jude (October 29, 1311) consecrated one in honour of the Virgin Mary for the use of the parishioners; and on the same day reconciled the cemetery. (Reg. fol. 65.) It was situate "infra cemeterium prioratûs," and is described by Bishop Brantyngham to be "ab ecclesia matrice et conventuali apostolorum Petri et Pauli notorie dependens." (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 40.) As a mark of subjection, the parishioners were required to assist at divine service in the conventual church on the feast of its dedication, and to receive the blest palms there on Palm-Sunday, and walk in the solemn procession of that day. This obligation was sanctioned by archbishop Courtenay, when he made the visitation of the diocese of Exeter, March 12, 1387, and confirmed by Pope Boniface IX. (Lacy's Reg. vol. iii. fol. 430.) For some neglect of this ancient custom Bishop Lacy expressed his high displeasure, and, March 21, 1436, enjoined its strict observance for the future. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 139.)

* The annual revenue of the 173 Augustine monasteries in this kingdom amounted, at the dissolution, to £33,027. 1*s*. 11*d*. Of this sum Plympton was rated at £912. 12*s*. 8*d*. per annum.

† The prebends in this royal free chapel and collegiate church were styled Apuldurham, Chudham, Fontyngdon, Waleton, and Westbroke, and were in the gift of the bishops of Exeter until its dissolution. The registers of the see of Exeter supply abundant materials for a valuable history of this establishment, and we regret that the editors of the Monasticon Anglicanum did not avail themselves of them to improve their article in vol. vi. p. 1469.

‡ This perquisite was increased to four pounds by Robert Chichester, the immediate successor of the founder, and was made payable not only on the death of a canon of Exeter Cathedral, but even in the event of his embracing the religious or monastic state.

§ The right of foundership was formerly disputed by the crown with the bishops of Exeter in a proceeding shortly reported in the Liber Assisarum, 38 Ed. III. fo. 227, 228. The king, in pursuance of the known prerogative of the crown to grant a corody in every religious house of royal foundation, had granted one in the priory of Plympton (erroneously written Plymouth in the Year Book). The prior refused to receive the object of the royal favour, and was thereupon summoned before the council to answer for his contempt. The prior there pleaded that the bishop of Exeter, and not the king, was the founder, and he produced a charter of Henry I. to the bishop, authorizing a transfer of the "church of Plympton" to the prior and convent of Plympton, to hold as freely as King William had given it. The report professes to quote the very words of the charter, "transferre et tenere," etc.; but as those words are not in the charter printed in the Appendix, Num. I., it seems either that there was some other grant not now extant, or that the tenor of it was misrepresented. The prior also produced the charter, Num. III. post. The counsel for the crown replied to this, that there was a chapel and lands appurtenant to it, founded by the king's progenitors, before the priory was erected; that the crown had afterwards, by charter, authorized the translation of canons secular into canons regular, so that the king was still the patron. Eventually issue was joined on the point, whether the king or bishop was patron of the priory; whereupon an inquest or jury was sworn in court, to whom Green, Justice, laid down the law, explaining to the "bons gens" (that is, the good men on the jury) that the charters contained nothing to convey the patronage. The jury gave a special verdict, finding the existence of a chapel before the priory, the possession of it by the now prior, and that the king was patron of the chapel; but they declined to say whether the king or bishop was patron of the priory. Whereupon the court adjudged, upon the facts so found, that the patronage was in the king; and because the canons had, by their own confession, theretofore elected priors without a congé d'elire from the king, the court awarded that the temporalities of the prior should be seised into the king's hands until satisfaction made to the king for the contempt and disherison.

On this case we may observe that the law, as stated by the court, is not only at variance with that which is now held to be law, but also with what had been held to be so in the same reign. The grant of an "ecclesiam" will no doubt convey the patronage. (See Y. B. 7 Ed. III. fo. 4; Coke upon Littleton, fo. 17. b.) The whole record is curious, both in respect of the various points discussed and the mode in which the suit, originating in a proceeding coram concilio, was carried on.—S.

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In the will of Hugh de Courtenay, the second of that name, earl of Devon, dated August 4, 1375, and proved June 16, 1378, he leaves to the parish church of our Lady of Plympton "sixty pence."

In Grandisson's Register (vol. ii. fol. 149) is the bishop's letter, dated April 9, 1332, to the prior and convent of Plympton, authorizing them to exhume the bodies of Sir Ralph and Peter de Chalouns, which had been buried in the parish church of S. Mary de Plympton, and to see them interred "in quadam capella juxta ipsam ecclesiam Deo dicata," which had been recently constructed by their descendant, Sir John de Chalouns, Knt., a parishioner of S. Mary (at Leigh*). The north aisle was formerly called S. Katharine's (now Strode's) aisle. The monument of Richard Strode†, who made his will Oct. 12, 1464, has lately been restored by the good taste and spirit of the Rev. William J. Coppard, who published an engraving of it, and an interesting account of the church itself, in the Gentleman's Magazine for December, 1831. We give his outer dimensions of this spacious and beautiful church, of which he is the exemplary guardian. The whole length of the interior is 147 feet, the width 90 feet.

	Length. Feet.	In.	Width. Feet.	In.
The nave	105	0	19	6
North aisle	105	0	18	6
South aisle	105	0	18	6
Chancel	23	0	18	6
Tower	19	0	16	0
Exterior north aisle	54	9	16	4
Exterior south aisle	60	0	17	4

The height of the tower is 108 feet.

A long controversy having existed between the prior and convent of Plympton and Peter de Ghildisbourgh, archdeacon of Totnes, as to the right of the latter to visit the conventual church, as also this chapel of S. Mary in the conventual cemetery, the chapel of S. Thomas at Plympton, and the chapels of Wembury, Plymstock, Shaugh, and Sandford Spiney, dependent on the said conventual church,—both parties agreed to abide by Bishop Grandisson's arbitration. On Dec. 24, 1352, he accordingly decided that in future the archdeacon of Totnes for the time being might, in the progress of his visitation, visit once in the year S. Mary's chapel in the said churchyard, and in the session holden therein make the usual inquiries concerning all these chapels, but must refer to the bishop of Exeter within one month his report of what he found amiss, in whom alone the power of correction should abide. As no procuration could in this instance be demanded, the prior and convent were enjoined to invite the archdeacon to partake of reasonable hospitality. In the chapel of Brixton‡, however, the archdeacon, by himself or his official, might once every winter hold a session §.

Sutton, or South-town, now part of Plymouth, was part of the possessions of Plympton Priory. We have seen the seal of this commonalty attached to a deed bearing date Thursday before the Feast of S. George the Martyr, 42 Edward III. (1368), by which William Snapedon and Gonilda his wife, daughter and heiress of Henry Bastard, convey all their estate "in Stonhouse juxta villam de Sutton infra Greatdych," with the tolls of grist at Sourepol, Stenmefri, and Tolfri mills, to Stephen Durneford, his heirs and assigns, for ever. On the area of the circular seal a ship is represented upon the waves. The legend is, S · COMMVNITATIS · VILLE · DE · SVTTVN · SVPER · PLYMMVTH. In the prior's court there the portreve of the commonalty was elected and sworn into office by his steward, and the markets, the instruments of punishment, and the assize of provisions, belonged to him. As this naval station grew into more importance, and the inhabitants by their spirit of enterprise acquired influence and property, they naturally felt the desire to obtain independence and the right of self-government with all municipal privileges. The inhabitants accordingly petitioned the king and parliament to be incorporated as early as 1412, 13 Hen. IV. The answer to this petition was, "Let the petitioners compound with the lords having franchises before the next parliament, and report to them of their having made an agreement." (3 Rot. Parl. p. 662, 663.)

For some time the prior and convent appear to have opposed their views; but when the inhabitants succeeded, A. D. 1439, in obtaining the royal licence and (Nov. 12, 1439) an act of parliament ||, which constituted them a corporation by the style of the Mayor and Commonalty of the Borough of Plymouth, the prior and convent, animated with a proper feeling, addressed a petition to Bishop Lacy, representing that it would be advantageous and commodious to convey to this municipal body certain lands, tenements, franchises, fairs, markets, mills, rents, and services, which they had possessed therein from time immemorial, and praying his consent to dispose of the same. On January 3 following, as bishop and patron he directed a commission to the archdeacon of Totnes, or his official, to hold an inquisition, and to report to him the verdict of the jury. In the Appendix will be seen their certificate, stating that the commission had been received on the day after its date; that on January 7 the official, in the absence of the archdeacon, held a public inquisition in the nave of the conventual church, the gates of the priory and the folding-doors of the church being thrown wide open for all comers to enter; that the jury, being sworn, found that the premises of the priory within Sutton-Prior had in part been burnt by a hostile descent from Brittany; that the yearly rental of the lands and tenements there was £8; of the courts, fairs, and markets, 60*s*., and the clear profit from the mills something more than £10 yearly; that the offer by the mayor and corporation of the yearly fixed pension of £41 for the premises aforesaid was deemed by the prior and convent a satisfactory compensation, and that they were willing to accept the same; and the jury concurred in recommending such alienation and sale as being advantageous to the priory.

* Bishop Stafford granted an indulgence for repairing certain roads, on January 26, 1410, from Chalonsleigh, leading from Plympton to Yeobrig (Yealm-bridge ?); and also at Lynchlane, leading from Plymouth to Smapolemille (Sourepoolmille ?). (Reg. vol. i. fol. 112.)

† From p. 17 of the rental of Plympton Priory, Sept. 20, 1481, mentioned post, p. 132, we collect that William Strode held of the convent two tenements, with gardens adjoining, in Boryngdon manor, by the payment of wax to the amount of 4*s*. 6*d*., to be burnt before the statue of our Lady in the conventual church.

‡ To this chapel the right of sepulture was awarded, April 18, 1477. Within the parish we meet with S. Martin's chapel at Harston, June 25, 1399 and Oct. 23, 1408, in Bishop Stafford's Register.

§ In Plympton S. Mary's parish we meet with several chapels. Bishop Grandisson, on August 5, 1338, confirmed the endowment of the "honesta capella beate Virginis Marie" at Hemerdon, made by William de Harewell and Jane his wife. It consisted of a manse and of a third part of an acre with a garden adjoining that manse, with twenty acres of fruitful land, and a yearly salary of sixty shillings. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 14.)

At Donne was the chapel of S. Mary Magdalene belonging to the Brythrythchestons. (Brantyngham's Reg. vol. i. fol. 205.)

On Dec. 8, 1407, Bishop Stafford granted his licence to the Brackley family to have divine service performed "infra mansiones suas de Plympton et Westhoobray."

At Newenham, a chapel was licensed in favour of John Strode, Esq., by Bishop Lacy, May 20, 1432, in his manor of Newenham. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 91.)

There was also a lazar-house of S. Mary Magdalen and chapel in the parish. This "Mawdelyn" occasionally occurs in the rental of the priory, where we also read, fol. 8, "Prior hospitalis leprosorum Plympton tenet ibidem unum clausum continentem 11 acras terre. Reddit ad festum Michaelis XII^{d}." In the will of John Fisher, of Plympton S. Mary, dated March 17, 1600-1 and proved June 15 following, I read, "I give to the poor people of Plympton S. Mary six shillings. Item I give to the lazar people of the Mawdlyn of Plympton S. Mary two shillings." See further Lysons' Devon, 416. 607.

Plympton Earl, or Plympton S. Thomas, (called, since the latter part of King Henry VIII.'s reign, Plympton S. Maurice) had its parish church dedicated to S. Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Lacy, March 10, 1446, granted an indulgence to true penitents, who in their charity should assist "ad erectionem campanilis seu turris capelle parochialis et curate Sancti Thome de Plympton."

We have seen a grant in fee by the bailiff and commonalty of the borough of Plympton to John Tabyn of their tenement "in burgo de Plympton juxta capellam Sancti Stephani cum tota terra eidem tenemento annexa." For this he and his heirs were to pay sixteen pence per annum. Robert Glover, then steward of the borough, was a witness to the grant, which is dated "apud Plympton die lune proxima post festum nativitatis Domini 1462." This chapel is mentioned again page 7 of the Priory Rental of Sept. 20, 1481.

|| See the proceedings in parliament, 18 Hen. VI. and 4 Edw. IV., in 5 Rot. Parl. 18, 555.

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The fee-farm rent of £41 was in 1463 reduced to £29. 6*s.* 8*d.*, in consequence of the poverty of the town, (Corporation records,) and in 25 Hen. VIII., 1534, was wholly discharged by act of parliament, and the parsonages of Ugborough and Blackauton appropriated to the prior and his successors in lieu thereof.

The parish church of S. Andrew, in Plymouth, continued an appendage to the priory nearly until the dissolution of the house. Its perpetual vicar, William de Wolley, became a professed religious at Plympton; and on his resigning this benefice, the prior and convent granted, Nov. 23, 1334, to Bishop Grandisson the nomination of an incumbent, saving, however, their yearly pension of sixty marks. The bishop nominated Nicholas de Weylond, a canon of Plympton, Dec. 23. A south aisle was added, called after the Virgin Mary, in 1385, and was licensed by Bishop Brantyngham Aug. 20, that year. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 143.) "Ala B. Virginis cancello ecclesie de Sutton ex parte australi contigua et annexa, noviter constructa." About a century later Thomas Yogge, a merchant of Plymouth, according to Leland, (Itin. vol. iii. fol. 22.) added a fair chapel on the north side of the church, and paid the expense of labour for the erection of the steeple, the town's-people finding the materials. We find in Lacy's Reg. (vol. iii. fol. 509) that John Jabeyn directed by his will, dated Dec. 1, 1441, that his body be buried "in ecclesia S. Andree apostoli de Plympmouth in ala S. Johannis Baptiste coram altari ibi*."

In Bishop Veysy's Register (vol. ii. fol. 84) is his license, dated March 27, 1540, for service to be performed "in capella hospitalis prope cemeterium ecclesie parochialis de Plymouth" thrice in the week.

The fair chapel of S. Katherine on the How, as Leland styles it, (Itin. vol. iii. p. 32.) is mentioned in the year 1370 by Bishop Brantyngham, Reg. (vol. i. fol. 10): and again eighteen years later, fol. 185. Bishop Stafford describes it, on Nov. 22, 1413, as "vetusta capella Sancte Katarine super le Howe juxta Plymouth." We meet with it again in Bishop Lacy's Register, April 1, 1425. A chapel of the Blessed Mary stood on Plym-bridge.

John Bothe, bishop of Exeter, by letters dated "in domo mansionis nostre apud Cheyham," Winton dioc., June 30, 1472, licensed John Stubbes, perpetual vicar of the parish church of Plymouth, "ut in capella Sancti Laurencii apud Stonehowse, infra dictam parochiam tuam de Plympmouth situata, possis celebrare et per alium quemcumque presbyterum ydoneum abs te nominatum facere celebrari."

A petition of David Waryn, "heremyte of the chapelle of oure Ladye of Grace at Quarywell" within the boundaries of Plymouth, dated April 10, 1518, also occurs in Oldham's Register.

Jan. 20, 1416, Bishop Stafford granted an indulgence towards the erection of two towers and repairs of a causeway at Plymouth, lately destroyed "per inimicos nostros de Britannia, pro defensione non solum ejusdem ville, sed etiam patrie circumjacentis, ac salvâ navium custodiâ ibidem applicantium." We find in Bishop Lacy's Register an indulgence of forty days, granted Nov. 26, 1449, to all true penitents contributing "ad novam fabricacionem fosse vie juxta castrum infra villam de Plymuth;" and again Bishop Veysy, Sept. 22, 1520, granted a similar indulgence to all true penitents assisting in the building of the walls and fortifications of the town.

The priory possessed considerable property in South-street and near the episcopal palace in Exeter. We believe the prior's town residence or inn was what is now called by the name of the Black Lion Inn. From time immemorial the prior also received a pension of ten shillings from the Bear Inn, the abbot of Tavistock's house in South-street.

Priors.

Ralph, appointed the first prior in 1121.

* King Edward III., on July 8, 1371, presented, notwithstanding the reclamation of the prior and convent, one John Hanneye to the vicarage of S. Andrew, and Bishop Brantyngham instituted the nominee accordingly, July 24. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 15.) Hadrian, cardinal of S. Chrysogonus, and Bishop of Bath and Wells, resigned this vicarage in April, 1509.

Geoffry, elected in 1128. In a deed of Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter, we read that his predecessor, William Warelwast, had purchased Stokleigh of Ralph Beiun, and conveyed it to Plympton priory; that Robert, son of the said Ralph, abjured, on the four Gospels, all right and title to the premises, in the presence of Bishop Chichester; and that, as a consideration for such disclaimer, Prior Geoffry had given to Robert three marks, and received him as a spiritual brother. During Geoffry's government the chapel of our Lady in Exeter castle with its four prebends and the churches of Ken and Alphington, previously granted by Ranulphus Avenel, were confirmed to the priory by William his son, who had married Emma, second daughter of Baldwin de Brioniis; but this property reverted to the barony of Okehampton shortly after. The manor of Newton S. Cyres was granted at the same time to the priory. In 1159 a dispute is said to have arisen between the prior and John de Valletort respecting the presentation to Sutton church, in which the prior established his right. (Cole MSS.)

Richard Pilot succeeded in 1160.

John elected as his successor in 1169.

Martin succeeded in 1176. According to Leland, he rebuilt the priory church, which stood until the dissolution of his house, nearly four centuries later.

John, Bishop of Exeter, addressed a letter to Prior Martin and his brethren, taking them under his protection and confirming all the privileges and possessions which his predecessors in the see of Exeter had vouchsafed to grant them. The bishop specifies the possessions, viz.:—the church of Landoho, or St. Kew, with its tithes; the house and gardens in the city of Exeter, which William Warelwast purchased of Ascelinus, and gave to them; the house and land in South-street which had been Clarumbald's; the land called Luscacumb, which Hugh de Saucei gave them, with the consent of the said Bishop William; the land which Ancatillus, the priest, purchased in the fee of the bishops of Exeter, in South-street, Exeter, of the heirs of Algarus Bule†, with the house which the said Algarus had built thereon; some other land in Exeter, purchased by the convent of Wimund, the goldsmith; the land of Stokelei; the churches of S. Mary de Sidaham, Avaton, Ugborough, Dene, Ilsington, S. Antonius the Martyr, S. Just, Lanhern, Tamerton, Boklaad Gwido, Stoke S. Nicholas Pole, Briddestow, and Macre. For the lands that they held in Exeter of the bishop's fee, the prior and canons were to pay the acknowledgement of two shillings and four-pence, and for Stokelei the fourth part of a knight's fee.

Johel, admitted prior 1188. Browne Willis (History of Abbies, vol. ii.) incorrectly calls him John. At the solicitation of prior Johel, archbishop Baldwin confirmed the grants of various bishops of Exeter in favour of the priory. The deed is still in excellent preservation. (Post, Num. XI.)

Robert Ilsington succeeded in 1202. Whilst in office, his right to present the rural dean for the deanery of Plympton was fully admitted by the archdeacon of Totnes. (Num. XV. post.)

Anthony followed in 1214. This prior granted Exminster church, dedicated to S. Martin, to Walter de Bisiman, clerk, "reddendo nobis quinque marcas nomine pensionis." The seal appendant to the deed bears the figures of S. Peter and S. Paul.

Richard de Brugis, substituted in 1252.

Robert de Molton followed in 1236.

Baldwin, elected in 1251. He died, as we learn from Bishop Bronescombe's Register, fo. 26, on the morning of March 26, 1263, "anno Domini MCCLX, tercio, in crastino annunciacionis beate Marie, mane obiit Baldewynus, prior de Plimton." Probably during his last illness some members of the community were guilty of gross mismanagement; for we read (Bronescombe's Register, fol. 26) that on Sept. 2, 1263, John Marker, the sacristan, Robert Splott, the cellarer, and a canon named Brice, were cited to appear "pre foribus majoris ecclesie Sancti

† We apprehend this to be the site of the houses rebuilt of late by Messrs. Chowne and Hodge, and now occupied by Messrs. Hill and Bastow. Was the name of Bolehyll, which we have so often met with in ancient deeds, derived from that of the person here called Bule?

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Petri, Exon." to obtain absolution from the spiritual censure which they had incurred. During Baldwin's superiority, viz. Oct. 15, 1261, Bishop Bronescombe appropriated to the priory the church of Dene, " ad pauperum et peregrinorum ad vos confluentium necessitatem sublevandam." (Reg. fol. 22.)

Robert de Blundon, confirmed prior by Bishop Bronescombe, Nov. 1, 1263. We have seen his acquittance to S. John's Hospital of a relief from a house in North-street, Exeter. The deed is dated Plympton, Dec. 13, 1267. Perhaps he was the author of the treatise " De Pœnitentia," mentioned in Leland's Com. de Script. Brit., p. 298.

Peter de Sancto Antonio succeeded in 1273.

Richard de Tregoney elected in 1280.

John de la Sturt occurs as prior in a deed of 1304.

Matthias de Mimminglond succeeded, and died very early in 1332. During his administration the priory was overcharged with debt. (Grandisson's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 18.) We have seen a deed of this prior Matthias, dated Plympton, Michaelmas, 20 Edward II., by which he grants the perpetuity of Dornatone estate, in the parish of Avaton Gifford, to Henry le Bor and Jane his wife and their heirs, under the yearly rent of twenty-one pence at Michaelmas, and two days' suit at the court held at Plympton Grange upon eight days' summons. The relief is fixed at double the said yearly rent. On the obverse of the appendant seal, the patrons of the priory, S. Peter and S. Paul, are represented as seated; the former holding the keys erect and addorsed in his left hand, the latter supporting the erected sword by the point *. On the reverse, the Blessed Virgin is seated, bearing on her knee the Divine Infant, and holding a hawk in her hand. (" Precipuum erat accipiter prime nobilitatis insigne," p. 491. Cancellieri de Secretariis basilicæ Vaticanæ.) All of the legend that remains is, SIGNVM SANCT(E MARI)E DE PLIMTONA.

John de Englebourne, instituted March 28, 1332, ob. September 14, 1347. A deed of his is extant, dated at Plympton on the Friday next after the Feast of S. Barnaby the apostle, 1337, by which Ralph, the lord of Stonehouse, confirms to this prior and the convent for ever the annual sum of six shillings and eight-pence, payable at Michaelmas and charged on his estate at Schyndelhall, in aid of a lamp to burn in S. Mary's church of Plympton. Bishop Grandisson, March 3, 1334, solemnly confirmed to the priory all its spiritualities and temporalities. (See his Register, vol. ii. fol. 12.)

In Grandisson's Register (vol. i. fol. 207) is a petition of this prior and convent to the bishop for the appropriation of the church of Newton S. Cyrus, and its dependent chapel of Norton; they state " quod ipsi adveniencium et commeancium hospitalitate, precipue propter contiguitatem portus de Plymuwe, cotidie excrescentis adeo graviter et supra vires onerantur, quod, ad ea que pro cotidiano victu canonicorum ibidem Deo serviencium quandoque parata existunt, oportebit hospitibus ibidem subito venientibus ministrari vel indignacionem et aliunde jacturam non modicam sustinere; unde et debitus numerus canonicorum ab olim ibidem constitutus non potest sine penuria sustentari;" and they further mention the destruction by fire of their cell at S. Anthony in Cornwall by the French, and their inability to repair the same. The bishop consented to their petition on May 25, 1338. To this prior John and his canons Bishop Brantyngham licensed the right of celebrating divine service in S. Laurence's chapel, " infra manerium de Westhoo," in Plympstock parish, Aug. 4, 1387. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 175.)

Robert de Forde succeeded Nov. 3, 1347.

Thomas Denlyth.

Radulphus Person occurs prior in 1373. He died late in the year 1379.

John Shaldon succeeded on Feb. 27 following, and died in a good old age in the spring of 1422†.

Nicholas Selman was confirmed his successor May 4, 1422, and died March 1, 1434-5‡.

Richard Bredon succeeded on the 21st of the same month and year; twenty-two brethren assisted at his election. Ob. Oct. 18, 1437.

Robert Boys, instituted thirteen days later, and died April 14, 1440.

William Hylle confirmed Robert's successor on May 3 following. He resigned on account of age and infirmities in July, 1462.

Robert Denbawde succeeded on Aug. 5. For three years before his death he was afflicted with blindness. In his time, viz. April 18, 1477, the right of sepulture was allowed to the parochial chapel of S. Mary at Brixton.

David Bercle succeeded early in 1479, and died March 13, 1507-8. The rental of the priory, made September 20, 1481, with his approval, has recently been discovered in the muniment-room at Mount Edgecumbe. It contains sixty-two pages; but is incomplete. In treating of the manor of Martinstowe (p. 58) it refers to a rental of 1333, and (p. 45) to a rental of Newton S. Cyres' manor, in October 1349§.

In consequence of his hospitality, and the great confluence of the gentry and their retinues to the priory, Bishop Oldham, after his first visitation of the house in 1505, authorized this superior to retire to some cell until a new system of economy could be arranged and the embarrassments be cleared away. It is not stated whether he repaired to S. Anthony's, or S. Mary de Marisco ||.

John Ryse was confirmed Bercle's successor, April 3, 1508. On the Monday next after S. Barnaby (June) 1512, this prior leased to Sir Peter Eggecumbe, Jane his wife, and their eldest son, Richard, the Cremill estate in Maker parish, lately occupied by John Rowe, to hold the same for the several lives of the said Peter, Joan, and Richard, under the yearly rent of £2. 3*s*. 4*d*. with 6*s*. 8*d*. heriot, as also 6*s*. yearly in lieu of suit at the Grange-court, Plympton. This estate was subsequently granted by King Henry VIII. (Feb. 8, 1545) to John Pope of London, gent., who was licensed, on the next day, to sell or convey it to Sir Richard Eggecumbe, of Stonehouse, knt. The conveyance was executed by Pope on the twenty-first of the same month and year.

John David succeeded, but his institution is not recorded. He died early in 1522.

John Howe, the last prior, was confirmed in this conventual church, March 8, 1522. He subscribed, with twenty of his brethren, to the king's supremacy on Aug. 5, 1534; and, after governing the priory nearly eighteen years, surrendered it to the crown on March 1, 30 Henry VIII.

Attached to the surrender of this house is an impression of the common seal in red wax, representing S. Peter with his keys, and S. Paul with his sword, both seated.

* This mode of supporting the sword may also be observed on Bp. Marshall's tomb in the cathedral at Exeter, and in the central nodus of St. Paul's chapel in the north transept.

† This prior John and his convent, on Dec. 1, 1404, enfeoffed to Peter Strutt and John Lake, citizens of Exeter, for the benefit of Grindon's almshouses, now commonly called the Ten Cells, in Exeter, eight shops in Preston-street, with gardens, for ever, reserving but four shillings per annum for the whole.

‡ Pope Martin V.'s bull, confirming Bishop Lacy's appropriation of Cornwood church to the priests vicars and choristers of the cathedral of Exeter, dated from Rome, March 25, 1430, was addressed to prior Nicholas. Its publication was duly made by him July 17 of that year, and he invited the archdeacon of Totnes, the rector of Cornwood, and the precentor of Exeter, to meet him at Plympton early in September to arrange the details.

§ There is a rental, 9 Hen. IV. in Harl. MSS., referred to by Tanner, Notit. Monast.

|| The following letter of this prior is extant:

" Right rev'end broders in Criste, in my most lovynge maner y rē-comaunde me unto yow p'yinge yow right hartely to be goode maisters to a preiste called J. David Neyton, a lovyer of myn', which trustyth by your favors to be on' of your vicaryyes in Synte Peters churche if he be a person' necessary to occupye a suche rome yn your' sayde churche y p'y yow that he may the rader for my desyre be accepte to the same rome, and he and y shall p'y for the longe contynuance of your bothe prosperyteis, which God p'sve to his pleasur' and yowr hartes desyres Amen. Writyn in haste penultimo die Aprilis by your olde lovyer and bedman'

David, Prior of Plympton'

To his rev'ende broders in Criste Maister Dene
and Maister Chaunter of Excester or on'
of theym, this be delyv'd in goodely haste."

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The inscription round the seal is, SIGILLVM . ECCLESIE . AP'LOR . SCO˜R . PETRI . ET . PAVLI . DE . PLIMTONA.

For his subserviency he was gratified with the large annuity of £120, though, in the expectation of a dissolution of the priory, he had been actively engaged in obtaining fines for long leases of its property, and in charging it with pensions. Retiring to Exeter college, Oxford, in January 1545, the ex-prior became a "sojourner" there. (Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. i. p. 568.) He was still living in 1553.

Amongst the leases of church property made by Howe before the surrender, we find the following among the muniments and title-deeds at Powderham Castle. The tithes of Wembury leased for twenty-one years to John Ryder of Wembury for the rent of £40. 13*s*. 4*d*., deducting £6. 13*s*. 4*d*. towards the salary of the incumbent. The tithes of S. Budok to Thomas Whithede and Robert Kemp, for twenty-five years; rent £9. The tithes of S. Julian of Maker to Walter Shere for twenty-five years; rent £11. 6*s*. 8*d*.; of Maristowe and Thrusselton to Edmund Langeford, for twenty-one years, rent £8; of Brixton, for twenty-one years, to Richard Chalons and Walter Shere, rent £30, deducting £6. 13*s*. 4*d*. for the incumbent's salary. The tithes of Plymouth to Richard Hoper, for twenty-one years, for £15; for the like term to the same Hoper, the tithes of Eggbuckland, for £9; of Tamerton Folyett, for £10; and of S. Martin's chapel, in Tamerton Foliot parish, for 13*s*. 4*d*. The tithes of Sandforde to Thomas Whitehede, for twenty-five years, rent £9. 6*s*. 8*d*.; deducting therefrom £6 for the incumbent. Tithes of S. Edward's of Shaugh to Hugh Foster and Baldwin Heyle, for twenty-five years, rent £20, deducting therefrom £6. 13*s*. 4*d*. for the resident curate. The tithes and oblations of S. Thomas's (afterwards called S. Maurice's) of Plympton east, with the exception of the tithe garb and theaf, to Richard Chalons and Walter Shere, for thirty-five years, rent £11; out of which was to be deducted, as a salary for the curate, £6. 13*s*. 4*d*. The tithes and oblations of All Saints at Plymstock to Walter Shere and Christopher Hornebrooke, for twenty-five years; rent £62; £8 of which to be deducted for the curate's stipend. The tithes, great and small, of S. Mary's of Plympton to Richard Chalons and Walter Shere, for twenty-one years; rent £74; of which £16 to be deducted for the maintenance of two priests, viz. the parish priest and the (sacristan) sexton. The tithes of S. Kew in Cornwall to Richard Fortescue, esq. and his son Humphrey, for twenty-five years; rent £20.

Amongst many other leases we may notice that of the farm of Comb Prior, in Plymstock parish, to John Blake and his wife, for their several lives, at the yearly rent of £6; that of the messuages and domain of the priory of North Brixton with the lands of Horfford to Julian Talbot, John Ryder, and his two sons, for a term of eighty years; rent £4. 16*s*. 8*d*.; of "all our barton and farm of Wembury, South Cross park, a cottage at Thorne, and the woods, reserving to the priory four acres of wood lying on the north-east of Wythecombe, and six acres of wood north of Roddewell, to John Ryder for the term of his life, at the yearly rent of £20. 10*s*.; the grange and domain at Martinstowe to Thomas Whitehede, for a term of eighteen years, at the yearly rent of £5. 13*s*. 4*d*.; of the manor of Martinstowe with all the manorial rights, for a term of forty years, to Richard Eggecumbe, esq. and Thomas Whitehede, at the yearly rent of £11, and 20*s*. more at Michaelmas; "of the dominical place and barton lands called West Shereford, in Brixton parish," for a term of eighty-nine years, to the Maynard family, at the yearly rent of £20.

On May 3, 1536, he leased to John and Elizabeth Black, for their lives, in consideration of a fine of £20, and the yearly rent of £6, the farm of Comb Prior, in Plymstock, reserving to the prior and convent and to their successors, the mansion place called Lower Combe, with the "apull gardyn and a lytle arber to the same mansion place adjunct, and a dove-house to the same mansion place belonging; and also all their woods, groves and quarrys there with free libertye for them, their servaunts, workmen, and laborers to goe and come at all tymes with all manner of caryages for all their business necessary and profitable at their will and pleasure."

Amongst the annuitants of prior Howe we may enumerate George Carew, archdeacon of Totnes; Sir Thomas Denys; Richard Yong, gentleman; Sir John Chamond, knight; Richard Fortescue, esq., who, besides a pension of four marks, was allowed meat, drink, and lodging for himself and two servants, whenever he came to Plympton priory, and a livery-gown yearly for himself or 20*s*.; Nicholas Slanning, who, besides his pension, livery-gown, and meat and drink, was allowed 4*s*. for the shoeing of his horse yearly, and grass for his horse by the assignment of the steward of the monastery, or else 5*s*. yearly in lieu of the same grass; John Gylbert, esq. and John Ruggeway (Ridgeway), gentleman; John Southcott, of Bovey Tracy; John Amadis, and Thomas Blake.

The annual revenues of Plympton, in the 26th year of Henry VIII. amounted to £912. 12*s*. 8¾*d*.

The scite and demesnes were granted in the second year of Queen Elizabeth to Sir Arthur Champernoun, knt. and to the heirs male of his body. The estate afterwards came into the family of Fownes, and was disposed of, a few years ago, by John Fownes Luttrell, esq. The immediate scite of the monastery went to a miller of the name of Deal.

On October 7, 1547, King Edward VI. granted to the dean and chapter of Windsor the rectory and church of Plympton, with the chapels of Plymstock, Wembury, Shaugh, Sampford Spiney, S. Maurice and Brixton, late parcel of the possessions of the priory.

Two cells depended on Plympton priory:

I. In Alphington parish was the ancient cell or priory of S. MARY DE MARISCO, commonly called Marsh Barton. It is mentioned in a letter addressed by Ralph de Avenel (an eminent benefactor towards Plympton priory) to Robert Warelwast, bishop of Exeter between the years 1155 and 1160. From the composition between John Major, the rector of Alphington, and the custos of the priory, preserved in Lacy's Reg. (vol. iii. fol. 452,) it is evident that S. Mary's acre here, "acra Sancte Marie," was alone exempt from tithes, and that none but the immediate residents of the inner court of the priory were discharged from attending the parish church. In a rental made Nov. 2, 1421, and given in No. XXIV. of the Appendix, it appears that the yearly receipts from

	£	*s*.	*d*.
Exeter amounted to . .	23	12	7
Alphington	1	6	4
Heavitree	0	9	4
	25	8	3
Deductions	1	6	6
	£24	1	9

The only three superiors or custodes that have been met with are,

Thomas Cryer, in 1409, concerning whom Bp. Stafford relates the following adventure. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 89.) He had under his charge a most violent and passionate man, called John Sutton, who acted in the capacity of cook. After abusing his superior, who happened to enter the hall of the priory, in the most scurrilous manner, the man proceeded to plunge at him with a drawn dagger. Seeing no means of escaping, Cryer was obliged to stand on self-defence, and, seizing a stick, struck the villain, or madman, a severe blow on the head. A doctor was sent for, to examine the wound; but the obstinate patient would suffer no applications or conform to any directions, and at the end of three days died the victim of his own folly, "post triduum culpâ suâ propriâ expiravit." The superior, conceiving himself to have incurred irregularity, abstained from the exercise of his priestly functions; but Bp. Stafford, on mature consideration of the case, pronounced, on Sept. 5, 1409, that he was entirely free from censure, and that he might safely resume the duties of his office.

Thomas Marshall, who drew up the rental above-mentioned of this cell or priory, Nov. 2, 1421.

William Howe, who, in 1494, left a trifling bequest to S. Petrock's church, Exeter.

Bernard Cole: In 1535 he farmed S. John's church, Exeter, at £9. 17*s*. 2½*d*. per annum.

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On Sept. 9, 1546, King Henry VIII. granted the scite, with several messuages in Alphington, S. Thomas's and Newton S. Cyre's parishes, to James Coffyn and Thomas Godwin. From the archives of the city of Exeter we learn that this James Coffyn, on Dec. 10, 1562, sold to John Hoker, the historian of Exeter, for the sum of £27, all the oak, ash, elm, and other trees, standing in the grove on the south part of the mansion of Marsh between the running water on the south, and the open pasture adjoining the said mansion on the north, the great pool on the west and a ditch on the east, together with some oak trees towards the south-east part of the mansion. Hardly a vestige of this cell has been suffered to remain.

II. The other cell was that of S. Anthony, in Roseland, in the deanery of Powder in Cornwall. It was burnt down by the French in 1338, as we learn from Bishop Grandisson's Reg. (vol. i. fol. 206.) "Cella de Sancto Antonio in Cornubia monasterio de Plympton subjecta per hostiles incursus incendio jam supposita." Leland (Itin. vol. iii. p. 19) says, "Here of late dayes lay two chanons of Plymptoun Priory."

Henry VIII., after the dissolution of the mother-house, leased, Jan. 20, 1540, to Henry Thomas, of London, yeoman, "domum et scitum nuper celle sive domus Sancti Anthonii in Cornubia," lately parcel of Plympton Priory; also the lands called "Sande park, Wenyat Downe, Long park lodge and hall, in parochiis Sancti Anthonii et Sancti Gerendi," lately belonging to the said cell and commonly called its "demeane lands," with two gristmills under one roof; also the rectory and churches of S. Anthony and S. Gerend, "una cum omnibus decimis garbe, lane, agnellorum, piscium et aliis proficuis quibuscumque," but with the reservation to the crown of the advowsons of the said vicarages, and of the woods and large timber, "et exceptis hujusmodi edificiis infra scitum et procinctum ejusdem nuper celle, que dictus dominus Rex ibidem imposterum prosterni et auferri mandavit;" to hold the same to the said Henry Thomas, his heirs and assigns, for the term of twenty-one years, under the yearly rent of £27; viz. £6. 13*s.* 4*d.* for the cell and "demeane lands;" £3. 6*s.* 8*d.* for the two mills; £5 for the rectory of S. Anthony, and £12 for the rectory of S. Gerend. The property was granted in fee, in the 38th Henry VIII., as parcel of Plympton, to Thomas Godwin.

This church of S. Anthony had been dedicated by Bishop Bronescombe, Oct. 3, 1259.

Num. I.

De fundatione prioratus de Plimpton.

(Plac. coram rege apud Westm. de term. S. Hill. 2 Ric. II. Rot. 20. Devonia*.)

Thomas episcopus Exon. liberavit domino regi quandam petitionem suam, in hec verba: A trespuissant et tresgraciouse prince seigneur le roy, et son honorable conseil, supplie humblement vostre chappelein Thomas evesque de Excestre; que come Henry Fitz William Conquerour per sa chartre nadgairs rendy et restituta à l'eglise de S. Marie et S. Pier de Excestre susdite la esglise de Seint Petroke el counte de Cornewayle, en la quelle le priorie de Bodemyn est fonduz, et auxi la esglise de Plimpton el counte de Devenshire, et autres esglises en les dues countees, ensemblement ove les terres, dismes, et autres choses a ceo appurtenantes, come appiert per la chartre le dit roy Henry, dount la copie est escript en la does de la dit bille, in ces paroles:

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, ego Henricus, Willielmi Anglorum primi regis filius totiusque Anglie rex ac moderator, notum facio omnibus, clero simul et populo tam presentis seculi quam futuri, quia† Dei misericordia conpunctus, pro absolutione peccatorum meorum et salute anime mee, reddo et restituo S. Marie et S. Petro Exon. ecclesie has subscriptas ecclesias ita omnibus modis liberas et quietas sicut eas donatas esse a preclaris regibus predecessoribus meis ipsorum carte testantur; ecclesiam viz. S. Petroci, Sancti Stephani, S. Perani, Tohon, Probus‡, cum omnibus terris et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus geldis, querelis, et consuetudinibus, sicut fuerunt temporibus antecessorum meorum. Preter hec autem tres ecclesias in Devonia, quas pie memorie Willielmus rex, pater meus, Willielmo episcopo Exoniensi, dum adhuc capellanus suus esset, dedit, ecclesiam scil. de Plintona, de Branctona, et ecclesiam S. Stephani intra ipsam civitatem Exonie ipsis concedo et dono sedi episcopali Exoniensi hereditario jure imperpetuum optinendas pro redemptione anime mee et patris mei cum omnibus terris et decimis et rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ita liberas et quietas ab omnibus consuetudinibus et querelis, sicut pater meus predicto Willielmo eas dederat. Necnon et ecclesiam de Culitona, quam ego prefato Willielmo episcopo dederam, similiter concedo et dono sedi episcopali Exoniensi pro remissione peccatorum meorum cum terris et decimis et omnibus rebus ad eam juste pertinentibus. Et ut hec ita data inviolabiliter et inconcusse sub eterno munimento permaneant, signo s. crucis consignata dimitto. Ego Adeldis regina confirmo. Ego Willielmus Cantuar. episcopus confirmo. Ego Robertus comes de Gloucestria consigno. Ego Turstinus Ebor. episcopus confirmo. Ego Willielmus comes de Sudreia consigno. Ego Rogerus Sarum episcopus confirmo. Ego Rogerus comes de Warwyk consigno. Ego Alexander Linc. episcopus confirmo. Ego Robertus comes de Legrecestre consigno. Ego Ebrardus Norwicensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Hugo Bigotus, dapifer, consigno. Ego Herveus Eliensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Willielmus Pirou, dapifer, consigno. Ego Radulphus Cicestrensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Willielmus de Albineyo consigno. Ego Ranulphus Dunelmensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Nigellus de Albineio consigno. Ego Robertus Coventrensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Ricardus filius Baldewini consigno. Ego Theoldus Wygorniensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Baldwinus de Redveriis consigno. Ego Bernardus de S. David episcopus confirmo. Ego Johellus de Barstapla consigno. Ego Ricardus Herefordensis episcopus confirmo. Ego Guido de Totteneys consigno. Ego Godefridus Bathon. episcopus confirmo. Ego Robertus de Cadentona consigno. Ego Gaufridus cancellarius confirmo. Ego Willielmus filius Odonis confirmo. Ego Gaufridus S. Petri Winton. confirmo. Ego Goselinus de Pomereia consigno. Ego Osbertus de Tavystocha confirmo. Ego Ranaldus de Valletorta consigno. Ego Turstinus abbas de Sireburna confirmo. Ego Willielmus filius Ricardi consigno. Ego Vincentius abbas Abbendonie confirmo. Ego Herbertus de Alneto consigno. Ego Safridus abbas Glastoniensis confirmo. Ego Umfridus de Bohun consigno. Ego Willielmus abbas Cernensis confirmo. Ego Walterus filius Turstini consigno.

Sur qoi William adonque evesque d'Excestre founda et ordyna la priorie de Plimpton en la mansion de la rectorie en dite esglise de Plimpton; et dona la dite esglise de Plimpton a les chanons rewelers§ q'il myst illocques, ove terres, dysmes, et toutes autres choses a la dite esglise appurtenantz; quelle foundacion le dit roy Henry per sa chartre confirma, etc.

Num. II.

Carta regis Henrici primi pro canonicis de Plimton.

(Cart. inspex. 2 Edw. III. m. 13‖.)

Rex archiepiscopis &c. salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes Domini H. quondam regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba. H.¶ rex Angl. Ric. fil. Rald. et G. de Furnell salutem. Precipio vobis, quod permittatis esse in pace terram canonicorum de Plimton de quicquid inde requiritis de geldis et assisis et omnibus aliis rebus, quia episcopus Sarum recognovit per cartam de thesauro meo quod ipsa ex toto ita quieta est, et ita, quod ipsa terra de Weybiria et Colebroc non in numero hidarum mearum est; et hoc idem testatur episcopus per breve suum quod inde habent. T. ipso episcopo Sarum apud Westm.

* This and the next five documents are reprinted from Dugdale's Monasticon.

† This use of *quia* for *quod* is of frequent occurrence in middle-age Latin.

‡ See note, ante, p. 72, note †.

§ I. e. canons regular.

‖ Quære? Rot. Cart. 2 Ed. III. Num. 46.

¶ Henry I.

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Num. III.

Carta regis Henrici secundi, donatorum concessiones recitans et confirmans.

(Eadem carta.)

Inspeximus etiam cartam Domini H. quondam regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba. — H. rex Angl. et dux Norm. et Aquit. et comes Andeg. archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et confirmasse ecclesie et canonicis regularibus de Plimtona duas hidas terre de Colebroc et de Wenbiria liberas et quietas de danegeldis, et geldis, et assisis, et scyris, et hundredis, et omnibus rebus que sunt extra numerum hidarum mearum, sicut carta regis H. avi mei testatur; et omnes illas terras quas comes Baldewinus de Radverijs et Wido de Nunant et Robertus filius Martini, et Matillis Pevrella uxor sua et vavasores eorum eis in elemosinam dederunt, videlicet, in corpore manerii de Plimtona de dominio comitis Baldewini conductum aque per hortos hominum suorum ad officinas eorum, et terram in eadem villa que est inter viam que ducit ad Colbroc et mare et Plinirhigiam, quam pater suus Ricardus eis dedit concessu ipsius Baldewini; et de feodo ipsius in eodem manerio terram de Biri quam Nigellus de Plimtona eis dedit; et de feodo ejusdem in villa Ermintona Swinstanam; et dimidiam virgatam terre in Bureton quam Robertus filius Martini et Matillis Pevrell illis dederunt; et de feodo ejusdem in Sanford dimidiam virgatam terre et dimidium ferlingum, que Ascelinus eis dedit; et de feodo ejusdem in Widhi dimidiam virgatam terre, quam Ric. de Holeweia eis dedit; et de feodo ejusdem in Blakestana quater viginti acras terre inter boscum et planum, quas Paganus filius Serlonis eis dedit; et de feodo ejusdem in Alfemestona dimidium ferlingum terre quam Hugo de Alfemestona eis dedit; et in Ebford unam quarrariam, quam Goislenus bastardus eis dedit; et de feodo Widonis de Nunant dimidiam Waleford, quam Hugo de Waleford eis dedit; et Scyreford, quam Fulco filius Ansgerii, et Adeliz uxor ejus eis dederunt; et Cadewurdam, quam Rogerus de Pola et Pomereius frater ejus eis dederunt, sicut carta regis H. avi mei testatur. Preterea concedo eis et confirmo quicquid eis rationabiliter datum est ex dono comitis Baldewini, Garston, exceptâ terrâ molendinarii, in cujus excambio dedit eis totidem acras juxta Daneresdonam, et decimas molendini quod ibi est, et partes decimarum quas servi habere solebant; et in Ermintona terram Wulwardi Nigri et terram filii sui et terram cujusdam vidue, quas Matillis Pevrell eis dedit in excambio terre de Killebiria; et ex dono comitis Ricardi servicium de Alfemestona concessu Walteri Giffard et Eustachii, salvo servicio ejusdem comitis per denarios; et in Ebford unum ferlingum terre juxta quarreriam; et in Uggaburhga Luetonam et unum ferlingum terre, que Robertus Dimidius miles eis dedit, et Storterigge cum bosco, et capellam S. Martini de Blakestana cum omnibus que Paganus eis dedit; et terram de Tamestona; et totam terram de Bricstanestuna cum bosco pertinente; et terram de Avetona quam Walterus Gifford et mater ejus eis dederunt cum quatuor hominibus; et terram de Henemerdona; et totam terram de Watrifalla; et Langestanam; et Wudemanneswella, cum bosco; et Rughadona, et servicium Roberti Hwite de uno scillingo terre apud Brentam; et medietatem decime piscarie de Bikel, et paunagii et de mortuo bosco quantum eis opus fuerit, et virgas de bosco ad faciendum caulas suas*, et totam terram juxta hortum suum cum mora et prato et aqua et Landford quietam de quarta parte servicii unius militis. Clamo etiam quietam predictam ecclesiam de Plimtona ab omni opere castelli de Plimton et ecclesiam de Avetona, quam Rogerus filius Stephani de Mandevilla eis concessit et confirmavit; de feodo etiam Rogeri de Nunant Westscirefort, quietam et liberam de omnibus rebus, exceptis danegeld et murdro, sicut idem Rogerus eis concessit et per cartam suam confirmavit; et de feodo ejusdem Scaghes cum omnibus appendiciis suis; et exclusagium de aqua de Mewy; et totam Brutereswurdam, ita liberas sicut carta Rogeri eis testatur; et ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Sidenham quam Fulco filius Ansgerii et Adeliz uxor ejus eis dederunt; et Hordrunelandam quam Rob. fil. Fulconis eis donavit; et in Wurdihel ex dono Henrici de Pin unum ferlingum terre; et ex dono Godefridi de Westona terram de Hamma, que est ex occidentali parte vie de molendino usque ad divisam Willielmi de Albamara concessu Roberti Bulzun domini sui; et ex dono Mathillis de Pomereia omnia tenementa sua que habuit in Wudeford; et de feodo Roberti fil. Martini Niderdenam quam Nich. de Buseye Gaufrido priori vendidit; et Wichstaneswurde ex dono ejusdem Nicholai et de feodo Willielmi comitis Gloucestrie; et ex dono Walteri de Clavilla ecclesiam de Buroldescumba et molendinum ejusdem ville et ecclesiam de Morduna et terram de Fareweia et de Benordewuda; et ex dono Ricardi Pincerne et Henrici de Cultura domini sui terram de Langehiwis cum omnibus appendiciis suis pro v. solidis per annum. Preterea concedo eis omnes terras et tenuras rationabiliter eis datas de quibus cartas donatorum habent vel dominorum feodorum. Concedo etiam et confirmo in perpetuam elemosinam de unaquaque prebenda Exoniensis ecclesie, primo anno post mortem et decessum canonici ejusdem ecclesie vel post vite mutationem, iiii. libras, sicut carte venerabilium episcoporum Roberti primi et secundi Exoniensis ecclesie testantur; in Cornubia, ecclesiam de Landloho cum omnibus appendiciis suis, ita ut decedentibus ejusdem ecclesie clericis, prebende eorum in usus canonicorum regularium de Plimtona cedant; et in civitate Exon. domum et hortos Ascelini archidiaconi, que Will. episcopus emit et canonicis in elemosinam dedit; et terram quandam et domum in vico australi supradicte civitatis que fuit Clarembaldi; et terram de Lulcacumba quam Hugo de Salceto eis dedit assensu et confirmatione ejusdem episcopi; et terram de Stokeleia de ecclesia Exon. tenendam ad quartam partem servicii unius militis in denariis; et in Cornubia ecclesiam Sancti Antonini regis et martyris †, et ecclesiam Sancti Justi martyris cum terris, decimis, libertatibus, et omnibus appendiciis suis que Robertus episcopus primus eis dedit; et ex dono Roberti filii Martini in manerio de Dertintona quartam partem terre de Fenna, et Ailricum filium Sameri de Kalestoc. Quare volo, etc. Testibus Roberto de Novo Burgo, et Ric. de Humet constabulario, et Manass. Biset dapifero, et Henr. de Oilli constabulario, et Roberto de Sancte Marie ecclesia, et Hugone de Pirer. Apud Brokeherst, etc.

* Caulæ, hurdles for sheepfolds. (See Ducange, ad voc.)

Num. IV.

Carta regis Henrici Secundi concessionem terræ de Newcton [S. Cyri] per Robertum de Pontearchie factam confirmans.

(Cart. antiq. Z. n. 12.)

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie, etc. Sciatis me, ad petitionem Roberti de Ponte-Arche, concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse ecclesie apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Plimpton et canonicis regularibus ibidem Deo servientibus totam terram de Neweton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, quia predictus Robertus de Ponte-Arche, assensu Matildis uxoris sue et heredum suorum, dedit eis et concessit in perpetuam et liberam elemosinam et carta sua confirmavit; quia Emma, soror ejusdem Roberti, sponsa R. de Riveriis comitis Devonie, eidem ecclesie et canonicis prius in elemosinam dederat, sicut carta ejusdem Roberti testatur. Quare volo, etc. Testibus, R. Wintoniensi, G. Eliensi, et I. Norwicensi episcopis, Richardo thesaurario, et pluribus aliis. Apud Westmonasterium.

Num. V.

Carta Willielmi de Curchi de terra de Posterigg.

(Ex autogr. in bibl. Hattoniana.)

Domino et patri suo charissimo Roberto, Dei gratia Bathoniensi episcopo, Willielmus de Curchi ‡ salutem.

† The rank of this saint is incorrectly described. The name in the records is as often Antoninus as Antonius.

‡ Probably, De Curci. The date seems to be that of Henry II.

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Sciatis quia concessi et per cartam meam confirmavi ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Plimptona et canonicis ibidem Deo famulantibus terram meam de Posterigg, pro anima patris mei, etc. quietam ab omnibus rebus, excepto servicio quod regi pertinet, quam Rogerus de Regni et Mabilla et Willielmus et Baldewinus et Richardus eorum filii eidem ecclesie in elemosinam dederunt. Hii testes interfuerunt, videlicet, Alnodus sacerdos, Willielmus de Baionvilla, et Robertus de Baionvilla, et Philippus de Carevilla, et Jordanus de Curchi frater meus.

Num. VI.

Carta Roberti Exoniensis episcopi donationem ecclesiæ de castello Exoniæ, per Will. Avenel factam, confirmans.

(Ex autogr. in Officio Armorum.)

Roberto Dei gratia venerabili Exoniensi episcopo, archidiacono, canonicis suis, totique conventui Exoniensis ecclesie, Baldwino comiti et Ricardo filio ejus, et omnibus baronibus per Devoniam constitutis, Francis et Anglis, Willielmus Avenel salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et literis sigillo meo sigillatis confirmasse ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Plympton ea que Ranulphus pater meus et Adeliz ejus amita eidem dederunt et cartis eorum confirmaverunt, et, nominatim, ecclesiam de castello Exonie cum quatuor prebendis et terris et decimis et omnibus redditibus, ubicunque sint, eidem ecclesie pertinentibus; necnon ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis de Alfynton; ecclesiam quoque Sancti Andree de Chen. Et, ut dictum est, etiam confirmo quecunque prefate ecclesie sive a patre meo sive ab Adeliz amita sua data sunt et cartis eorum confirmata. Cujus rei testes sunt Robertus episcopus Exonie, Ricardus filius Comitis, Rogerus de Nuvant, etc.

Num. VII.

Carta Willielmi episcopi pro canonicis de Plimpton.

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(Ex archivis civitatis Exoniæ.)

Willielmus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus omnibus sue parochie pertinentibus clericis et laicis tam presentibus quam futuris salutem et Dei benedictionem. Sciatis omnes tam futuri quam presentes quod ego Willielmus pro salute vivorum et requie defunctorum, ecclesie nostre utilitati et honestati consulens, dedi et concessi ecclesie de Plimtona, videlicet, Sancti Petri et fratribus ibidem canonice Deo servientibus lx solidos de prebenda canonici ecclesie Sancti Petri Exoniensis uniuscujusque defuncti primo sui obitus dumtaxat anno, fratribus ante memoratis jure perpetuo in elemosinam et possessionem ab ecclesia nostra et successoribus nostris obtinendos, et hoc quidem assensu et petitione totius nostri capituli tam tali consideracione quod ecclesia Plimtone pro defuncto ecclesie nostre canonico tantum et tale per annum faciet obsequium seu officium, quantum et quale et ipsa facere consuevit et debet pro fratre suo defuncto professo. Dedi preterea ecclesie Plimtone quandam mansuram Exonie de terra ecclesie et capituli nostri, scilicet, mansuram quam habuit et tenuit Ranulfus de Haga et postmodum Clarembaldus usque ad diem sui obitus, cujus mansure donacionem feci quoque nichilominus assensu et petitione capituli nostri, in elemosinam libere et absolute imperpetuum fratribus pretaxatis ab ecclesia nostra optinendam et possidendam quo sicut eorum indigencie nostra suffragari curat abundancia, ita et pro nostris et nostrorum offensis precare Deum non desistat religionis eorum cultus et perseverencia. Verum ut hec rata et inconcussa de cetero permaneant scripto et sigillo meo confirmavi et corroboravi et tam presentium quam futurorum notitie et memorie contradidi. Proinde hujus elemosine donacionis prefate auctoritatem violare seu diminuere quisquis presumpserit, ejus arbitrio qui facit judicium injuriam patientibus examinandum se esse cognoverit. Quicunque autem elemosinam predictam Dei pro amore manutenuerit, retribuat ei Deus qui reddet unicuique juxta opera sua in die districti examinis. Valeat omnium vestrum caritas, nostri memor. Amen. Nolo autem vos latere quia et pro me ipso et pro meis successoribus post mortem ecclesia Plimtone annuatim tale obsequium facere suscepit et concessit, quale et ipsa faciet post obitum sui prelati proprii juxta morem sue institutionis, nisi forte caritas eorum graciam pro gracia quantumlibet adauxerit. Quod et capituli nostri et de Plimtone pari consideracione et assensu non minori sancitum esse in evum noveritis. Datum Exonie vi nonis Julii anno ab incarnacione Domini mcxxxiii. indictione xi. epacta xii. concurrente vi. ciclo lune xiii. termino paschale ix. kalendis Aprilis die pasche vii. kalendis Aprilis; trigesimo tercio anno regni Henrici gloriosi regis Anglorum, Cantuarie presidente archiepiscopo nomine Willielmo. Testibus Ricardo filio Baldwini de Ridvers. Widone de Nunant. Alured de Barnestaple. Gaufrido de Furnell. Roberto Dano. Willielmo filio Johannis. Huberto de Uals, multisque aliis laicis et clericis. Godefrido de Magnevilla. Roberto de Rotomago. Rogero Camerario. Gildeberto de Clistona.

Num. VIII.

Confirmatio per capitulum ecclesiæ Exoniensis.

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Capitulum Sancte Marie et Sancti Petri Exoniensis ecclesie omnibus eidem pertinentibus tam clericis quam laicis presentibus et futuris, sic transire per bona temporalia ut non amittant eterna. Sanctorum patrum vestigiis inherentes dignum duximus ut, quia labilis est memoria, scripto commendaremus quod vobis et posteritati vestre haut inutiliter notum fieri decrevimus. Nam quum sumus invicem ejusdem matris ecclesie pariter fratres et filii, profecto justum est ut de ejusdem beneficiis congratulemur in caritate socii. Verum inter cetera beneficii cujusdam prerogativam contulit et ordinavit ecclesie nostre, matri vestre, Willielmus Dei gratia noster et vester pastor et episcopus temporibus suis divina, opitulante clementia que diligentibus se omnia cooperatur in bonum et ordinat, fuerat quondam mos in ecclesia nostra, sicut et in multis aliis ecclesiis, ut defuncto fratre canonico statim ejus prebenda tota alicui traderetur juxta placitum episcopi et nostrum consilium absque defuncti fratris respectu aliquo. Nunc autem res in melius ad honorem Dei et nostrum commune commodum demutata est per prudentiam et ordinationem episcopi nostri nobis omnibus, videlicet, Sancti Petri Exoniensis fratribus et canonicis magna cum devotione communiter assentientibus et ordinacionis sue dispositioni maxime applaudentibus. Quippe nobis et successoribus nostris instituit et concessit salubre et dignum memoria beneficium, videlicet, ut defuncto nostro canonico prebenda ejus omnino erogetur indigentie pauperum pro ejus anima per unum continuum annum post ejus obitum. Ceterum ne talis institutio casu aliquo deperiret, statuit et confirmavit episcopus noster prefatus, et hoc assensu et petitione nostra, quod ecclesia et fratres Plimtone regulares ibi Deo famulantes, pro salute vivorum et requie defunctorum et nominatim pro nostri canonici defuncti anima, lx solidos habeant et jure perpetuo ab ecclesia nostra optineant de prebenda, scilicet, uniuscujusque canonici defuncti per annum, sicut jam dictum est, tamen consideratione tali quod ecclesia et canonici Plimtone tantum et tale facient obsequium seu officium pro defuncto nostro canonico, quantum et quale facere consuevit et debet suo pro defuncto professo. Dedit preterea per nos et per petitionem nostram episcopus noster idem ecclesie Plimtone quandam mansuram terre de terra nostra Exonie in elemosinam ab ecclesia nostra ad augmentum beneficii libere et absolute quantum ex nobis est optinendam. Est autem mansura illa quam habuit R[anulphus] de Haga et Claribaldus postea. Ecce quantum beneficium quam salubriter dispositum contulit ecclesie nostre pastor noster supra memoratus suis quidem tem-

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poribus per ejus diligentiam et per nostram petitionem ad utilitatem tam presencium quam futurorum prout prelibatum est rationabiliter ordinatum et concessum in perpetuum. Verum ne hujus concessionis et tam honeste institutionis auctoritatem violare seu diminuere aliquis presumat, scripto et sigillo ecclesie nostre confirmavimus et omnium vestrum testimonio et noticie contradimus. Testibus, Rotberto de Warelwas, Willielmo de Auco, Enaldo, Odone, archidiaconis, magistro Lewino, Radulfo filio Goscelini, Willielmo Loth, Hugone, Rotberto Albo, Waltero filio G., Alurico, Bartholomeo, Gaufrido de Sancto Laudo, Willielmo, Osberto, capellanis; Radulfo filio Vitalis, Godefrido, Waltero filio Restoldi, Philippo de Furnell, de baronibus; Ricardo filio Baldwini, Widone de Nunant, Baldwino de Rivers, Aluredo de Barnastapula, Gaufrido Furnell, Rotberto Daco, Radulfo filio Theobaldi, Theobaldo filio Reingeri, Algaro filio Leofled, Waltero filio Danielis, Ranulfo Corduuanerio, Nicholao filio Ricardi, Rotberto de Rotomago, et multis aliis de civitate et extra civitatem, clericis et laicis, Francis et Anglis. De civitate presbiteris, Godefrido de Magnavill, Godrico presbitero, Aszone, Willielmo, Edmaro, Hemerico, Ailwardo. Porro preterea nos inter et ecclesiam Plimtone pari assensu pari voto statutum et perpetuo sancitum est, ut quale obsequium facere debet pro suo proprio prelato per annum sue depositionis, tale et faciet annuatim pro antistite nostro et successoribus suis cum obierint, nisi forte caritas superaddiderit. Quod nichilominus factum est et concessum hinc et inde sub testimonio nostro et omnium prenominatorum. Datum Exonie VI. nonis Julii, anno ab incarnatione Domini MC.XXXIII. indictione XI. epacta XII. concurrente VI. ciclo lune XIII. termino paschali IX. calendis Aprilis. Trigesimo tercio anno regni Henrici gloriosi regis Anglorum. Cantuarie presidente Willielmo archiepiscopo, et sedis apostolice legato. Eboraci, Turstino archiepiscopo; Rome autem papante Innocentio. Amen.

[The seal to this original deed is in perfect preservation. It represents the west front, in the centre of which, over the entrance, rises a turret, surmounted with a weathercock, and flanked by two turrets; the north turret has an entrance-door similar to the central one, but there is none to the south tower, which also is distinguished by a vane. The inscription is

✠ SIGILLV SCI PETRI APLI EXONIENSIS ECCLE.]

Num. IX.

Compositio inter monasterium de Ford et ecclesiam de Plimton de terrâ per Willielmum filium Stephani donatâ.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

Bartholomeus Dei gracia episcopus Exoniensis omnibus fidelibus ad quos presens scriptura pervenerit salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum verteretur controversia inter monasterium de Forda et ecclesiam de Plimtona super virgata terre de Medenacumba*, canonicis de Plimtona eam possidentibus, monachis de Forda eam petentibus, presente Willielmo filio Stephani donatore ejusdem terre in presencia nostra et auctoritate nostra inter predictum monasterium et memoratam ecclesiam hujusmodi facta est compositio. Ecclesia de Plimtona predictam virgatam terre perpetuo jure tenebit solvendo inde annuatim monasterio de Forda quinque solidos ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Hec composicio facta est anno incarnacionis Domini M°.C°.LX°.VIII°. apud Exoniam. His testibus; Baldwino archidiacono, Willielmo de Saltem, Roberto filio Gille, Baldewino filio Albredi, Rogero de Bagge, Roberto de Auc. Geru, Ricardo Peccore, Thoma filio Ricardi, Baldwino Labrinet, Willielmo Malet, Teobaldo filio Rogeri, canonicis Exonie; Rogero elemosinario, Jordano capellano Plimton, et multis aliis.

* Maidencombe, in Stoke-in-Teignhead.

Num. X.

Bartholomeus episcopus de terris per predecessores suos ecclesiæ Plimtonensi datis†.

(Ex iisdem.)

Bartholomeus Dei gracia episcopus Exonie dilectis in Christo fratribus Martino priori Plimton ecclesie et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus salutem in Domino. Justa desideria vestra prompto debemus favore prosequi, et ne super possessionibus vestris in posterum aliquo modo possitis perturbari, vestre quieti et indemnitati sollicite providere. Inde est quod ecclesiam beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in qua divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub Exon. ecclesie et nostra protectione suscepimus et possessiones omnes in ecclesiis, terris, et decimis, quas pie memorie Willielmus et Robertus primus et Robertus secundus episcopi predecessores nostri dederunt vel confirmaverunt, concedimus et confirmamus; in quibus terras has propriis nominibus duximus exprimendas, scilicet, domum et ortos Ascelini archidiaconi in civitate Exon, que Willielmus episcopus emit et nobis in elemosinam dedit, et domum quandam et terram que fuit Clarembaldi in vico australi, et terram de Luscacumba quam Hugo de Saucii assensu Willielmi episcopi nobis dedit, terram quoque de Stokalega de Exon episcopo tenendam ad quartam partem servicii unius militis. Et hec ut rata et inconcussa permaneant presenti scripto et sigillo nostro confirmamus. Hiis testibus; Roberto Totton, Rogero Barnestap', archidiaconis; Roberto de Auc, Petro de Mandavilla, Petro et Philippo filiis Ricardi, Petro Picot, Galfrido filio Terrici, Helia, Martino, Willielmo, Lumbardo, clericis nostris.

Num. XI.

Carta Baldwini archiepiscopi donationes episcoporum Exoniæ canonicis de Plimton confirmans.

(Ex iisdem.)

Baldwinus Dei gracia Cantuarie archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit eternam in Domino salutem. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam volumus pervenire dilectos filios nostros Johelem priorem et canonicos Plimtone cartam bone memorie Bartholomei quondam Exoniensis episcopi nobis exhibuisse in hec verba.—Bartholomeus Dei gracia episcopus Exonie omnibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit in Christo salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod Willielmus episcopus tercius predecessor noster, sicut ex carta ipsius et ex testimonio multorum cognovimus, dedit et concessit ecclesie beati Petri Plinton sexaginta solidos de prebenda cujuscumque canonici Exoniensis ecclesie sive defuncti sive ad ordinem religionis conversi. Hanc vero donacionem successor ipsius bone memorie Robertus episcopus ratam habuit et carta sua confirmavit. Insuper de dono liberalitatis sue intuitu pietatis viginti solidos superaddidit, ut deinceps Plimton ecclesia in obitu cujuscumque canonici Exoniensis ecclesie, sive in conversione ejus ad religionem, quatuor libras de prebenda ipsius canonici quatuor terminis quibus prebende reddi solent percipere debeat. Robertus vero secundus pie recordacionis episcopus predictam donacionem quatuor librarum ratam habuit et carta sua confirmavit. Nos vero, que a predecessoribus nostris venerabilibus episcopis rite facta sunt perpetua stabilitate permanere volentes, memoratam donacionem quatuor librarum Plimton ecclesie assensu capituli nostri presenti carta et impressione sigilli nostri ut inconcussa permaneat confirmamus. Teste capitulo.—Nos igitur quod a prenominatis episcopis pia et racionabili consideracione factum est in hac parte dinoscitur gratum habentes et ratum, illud sicut racionabiliter factum est confirmamus et sigilli nostri appositione communimus. Hiis testibus, Willielmo abbate Sireburn, Rogero priore Cantuarie, Petro archidiacono Bathon, Willielmo precentore Wellensi, magistro Siluro, magistro Radulpho de

† Date between 1176 and 1184.

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Sancto Martino, Johanne de Exon, Galfrido filio Terr., Willielmo Prudum, Galfrido Torti, Henrico de Cruce, Eustachio de Wilton, et multis aliis.

Num. XII.

Carta Johannis episcopi Exoniensis pro canonicis de Plimton*. Ex. Cap. Deed. No. 226

(Ex iisdem.)

Johannes Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra auctenticum scriptum pie memorie primi Roberti Exoniensis episcopi nobis in hec verba fuisse exhibitum.—Robertus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus omnibus hominibus et parochianis suis clericis et laicis tam futuris quam presentibus salutem in Christo. Notum sit vobis quod Robertus Beium concessit et quietam clamavit ecclesie Sancti Petri de Plimtona terram Stokeleye quam Willielmus de Warelwast, qui eam a patre suo Radulpho emerat, concessu episcopi Willielmi predicte ecclesie donavit, et quod eam abjuravit super quatuor evangelia, Gaufrido priore Plimton tres marcas ei donante, et eum in fratrem recipiente. Ita ut si quis terram illam aliquo modo ab ecclesia illa alienare conatus fuerit, ipse Robertus tanquam justus heres eam ad opus ecclesie defendet. Hoc autem totum factum est coram me hoc concedente et scripto et sigillo meo confirmante. His testibus; Willielmo de Auco archidiacono, Waltero archidiacono, Hugone archidiacono, Radulpho archidiacono, Baldewino capellano, Gaufrido Briccio Nigello, Alicia vicecomitissa, Ricardo de Pasforere, Willielmo filio Ausfr', Roberto Daco, Rogero de Punchardun, Osberto de Hilion.—Quod igitur a prefato Roberto episcopo pie concessum et confirmatum est, nos eodem caritatis intuitu predicte ecclesie nostri scripti et sigilli auctoritate muniendo confirmavimus. Concessimus eciam concordiam inter canonicos Plimton ecclesie et Robertum de Lanceles factam coram justiciariis domini regis, scilicet, Hugone Bardulf et sociis suis, et cartam et cyrographum coram eisdem justiciariis composita presenti scripto et sigillo confirmando munivimus. His testibus; Rogero archidiacono Bardestapole, et Johanne archidiacono Exon, magistro Reginaldo Gupil, magistro Milone, magistro Petro.

Num. XIII.

Alia carta Johannis episcopi pro iisdem canonicis.

(Ex iisdem.)

Johannes Dei gracia episcopus Exonie omnibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit in Christo salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod Willielmus episcopus quartus predecessor noster, sicut ex carta ipsius et ex testimonio multorum cognovimus, dedit et concessit ecclesie beati Petri Plimton sexaginta solidos de prebenda cujuscumque canonici Exon ecclesie sive defuncti sive ad ordinem religionis conversi; hanc vero donacionem successor ipsius bone memorie Robertus episcopus ratam habuit et carta sua confirmavit. Insuper de dono liberalitatis sive intuitu pietatis viginti solidos superaddidit, ut deinceps Plimton ecclesia in obitu cujuscumque canonici Exon ecclesie, sive conversione ejus ad religionem, quatuor libras de prebenda ipsius canonici quatuor terminis quibus prebende reddi solent percipere debeat. Robertus vero secundus pie recordacionis episcopus predictam donacionem quatuor librarum ratam habuit et carta sua confirmavit. Bartholomeus quoque bone memorie episcopus sucoessor ejus prefatam donacionem quatuor librarum ratam habuit et carta sua confirmavit. Nos vero, que a predecessoribus nostris venerabilibus episcopis rite facta sunt, perpetua stabilitate permanere volentes, memoratam donacionem quatuor librarum Plimton ecclesie presenti carta et impressione sigilli nostri ut inconcussa permaneat confirmamus. His testibus; Johanne archidiacono Exon, magistro Rogero archidiacono Bardestap', magistro Ivone, magistro Bernardo, Gilleberto Basset, magistro Reginaldo, magistro Milone, Martino priore Plimton, et Hugone, et Roberto, et Savarico, canonicis, et multis aliis.

* This and the two next deeds must be dated between 1186 and 1191.

Num. XIV.

Alia carta Johannis episcopi pro iisdem.

(Ex iisdem.)

Johannes Dei gracia episcopus Exonie dilectis in Christo fratribus Martino priori Plimton ecclesie et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus salutem in Domino. Justa desideria vestra prompto debemus favore prosequi et, ne super possessionibus vestris imposterum aliquo modo possitis perturbari, vestre quieti et indempnitati sollicite providere. Inde est quod ecclesiam beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli, in qua divino mancipati estis obsequio, sub Exoniensis ecclesie et nostra protectione suscepimus et possessiones omnes in ecclesiis, terris, et decimis, quas pie memorie Willielmus et Robertus primus et Robertus secundus et Bartholomeus episcopi predecessores nostri dederunt vel confirmaverunt, concedimus et confirmamus, in quibus has propriis nominibus duximus exprimendas, ecclesiam de Landeho cum terris, decimis, libertatibus et omnibus pertinenciis suis, ita ut decedentibus ejusdem ecclesie clericis prebende eorum in ecclesie vestre usus et vestros cedant; et in civitate Exon domum et ortos Ascellini archidiaconi, quos Willielmus episcopus emit et vobis in elemosinam dedit; et domum quandam et terram que fuit Clarumball in vico australi; et terram Luscacumber, quam Hugo de Saucei assensu Willielmi episcopi vobis dedit; terram quoque de Stokeleia de Exon episcopo tenendam ad quartam partem servicii unius militis. Et terram quam Ancatillus presbiter de Sancto Petro assensu Bartholomei episcopi, de feodo Exon episcopi emit in australi platea Exon de heredibus Algari Bule et nobis dedit, cum domo quadam quam idem Algarus super eandem terram construxit, ita quod pro memorata terra annuatim episcopo Exon duos solidos per quatuor anni terminos persolvetis; terram quoque quam emistis assensu Bartholomei episcopi de Wimundo aurifabro et suis heredibus, de qua eciam per annum quatuor denarios episcopo Exon reddetis; et ecclesiam Sancti Marie de Sidaham, et ecclesiam de Avatona, et ecclesiam de Uggaburgh, et ecclesiam de Dena, et ecclesiam de Elstington. In Cornubia vero ecclesiam Sancti Antonini martyris cum decimis terris libertatibus suis et omnibus pertinenciis suis; ecclesiam quoque Sancti Justi martyris cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam de Lanhern; et ecclesiam de Tamerton; et ecclesiam de Boklanda Guidonis; ecclesiam de Stokes Nicholai de Pola, et ecclesiam de Biritestowa, et in Cornubia ecclesiam de Macra cum earundem omnibus pertinenciis, salvo per omnia debito servicio predictarum ecclesiarum et jure diocesani episcopi. Et ut hec rata et inconcussa permaneant, ne de cetero presumptione aliqua revocari possint in irritum, scripti nostri auctoritate et sigilli nostri impressione confirmamus. His testibus; Gualtero archidiacono Cornubie, Henrico Land, Gualtero et Ricardo et Bernardo, capellanis nostris, magistro Reginaldo, magistro Johanne et Gilleberto Basset, nepotibus nostris, magistro Milone, Roberto de Landon, Hugone de Hillabona, et plerisque aliis.

Num. XV.

Jus prioratus de Plimton circa decanatum Plimtoniæ recognitum.

(Ex iisdem.)

Gillebertus Basset archidiaconus Tottonie omnibus ecclesiarum personis et vicariis per archidiaconatum Tottonie manentibus salutem in auctore salutis. Provide posteris providit antiquitas, ut quod in jugi et recenti

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voluit permanere memoria, scripture beneficium consignaret. Quamobrem ad omnium tam presentium quam futurorum volumus pervenire noticiam et fieri manifestum, quod decanatus Plimtonie a multis retro temporibus fuit in jurisdictione Plimtonie ecclesie et prioris qui ejusdem regimini preerat. Hoc idem eis testimonio et auctoritate episcopali et archidiaconi Tottonie testificatum et confirmatum est. Nos vero, libertatem et dignitatem predicte Plimtonie ecclesie per omnia conservare et augere volentes, decanatum de Plimtonia ecclesie sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et canonicis ibidem commorantibus concedimus, volentes ut ecclesie Plimtonie imperpetuum libere et sine contradictione remaneat, ita, scilicet, ut clericus per priorem et canonicos Plimtonie archidiacono Tottonie qui pro tempore fuerit, vel ejus officiali, presentetur, et curam decanatus per eum suscipiat. Et ne temporis processu vel malignitate alicujus decessorum nostrorum et nostra super predicto decanatu eis facta concessio valeat mutari vel infirmari, eam caritatis intuitu presenti scripto cum apposicione sigilli nostri concedimus et confirmamus. His testibus; magistro Ivone, magistro Milone, magistro Ricardo de Plimtonia, Radulfo de Plimtonia, Radulfo de Cornewda, Randulfo de Alemton, Ansgero de Nervatone, Simone de Plimstock, Adam de Motberi, Godefrido de Holbohaton, capellanis; Marco de Devenaberi, Roberto de Hirvis, Reginaldo de Uggaburgh, clericis.

[The seal is oval, representing the archdeacon robed, sitting at a desk and reading.

"SIGILLVM GILLEBERTI ARCH. TOTTON."]

Num. XVI.

Placitum coram justiciariis itinerantibus, anno 3° Joh., de advocatione ecclesiæ Sancti Justi.

(Abbreviatio Placitorum, page 34.)

Assisa venit recognoscere quod advocatus tempore pacis presentavit ultimam personam que mortua est ad ecclesiam de Sancto Justo, etc. cujus advocacionem Johannes le Sor clamat versus Henricum episcopum Exonie, etc. Episcopus dicit quod ecclesia illa non vacat, quia prior de Plimton est persona illius ecclesie. Johannes dicit quod die qua ipse impetravit breve predictum fuit ecclesia vacans, et nil habuit in ea, ut persona, predictus prior nec alio modo nisi unam marcam per quandam convencionem inter eos factam, unde ipse habet cartam ipsius prioris et confirmacionem episcopi Johannis quam profert et que hoc testatur, scilicet, quod predictus prior simul cum ipso Johanne vel heredibus suis et successores ipsius prioris presentabunt clericum idoneum, quemcunque voluerint idem Johannes vel heredes sui, ad ecclesiam Sancti Justi; salva ecclesie de Plinton una marca argenti quam clericus presentatus ei annuatim reddit. Et prior dicit quod ipse credit bene convencionem de predicta ecclesia inter eos factam, sed nescit qualem, et ideo petit ut munimenta sua possit producere; et nulla produxit, nec post comparuit, nec predictus episcopus aliquid postea dixit contra assisam, nec quod amoverunt recognitores: dies datus, etc.

Num. XVII.

Terra de Postrigge per canonicos de Plimton Waltero de Kentelesberi concessa.

(Ex ipso autographo in bibl. Hattoniana. Dugd. Monast. N. E. vol. vi. p. 55.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Juliana quondam uxor Willielmi le Bret assignata virorum religiosorum prioris et conventus de Plymton in ligia potestate et viduitate mea, tetigi et inspexi, et ad instantiam Johanne, que fuit uxor Johannis Trevit, et Hugonis de Popham tunc viri sui, cartam, quam frater Robertus prior de Plymton et conventus ejusdem loci fecerunt Waltero de Kentlesberi et heredibus suis de dono et concessione terre de Postrigge in hiis verbis.—Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris, frater Robertus de Plimton et ejusdem loci conventus salutem eternam in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, nos communi assensu nostro dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Waltero de Kentelesberi et heredibus suis vel assignatis, pro homagio et servicio suo, totam terram nostram de Postrigge cum hominibus nostris et sequelis eorum et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis ad dictam terram pertinentibus, tenendam et habendam sibi et heredibus suis vel assignatis de nobis et successoribus nostris jure hereditario in perpetuum libere, quiete, pacifice, et integre, reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris quadraginta tres solidos et sex denarios legalis monete in cella nostra de Marisco, que est sita extra civitatem Exonie in parte occidentali, in pascha, pro omni servitio, querela, vel demanda ad nos pertinente; salvis tamen nobis releviis et homagiis quandocunque secundum legem terre acciderint. Idem vero Walterus et heredes sui vel assignati persolvent servitium regale quantum pertinet ad dictam terram, et facient sequelas omnimodas que debentur de jure de dicta terra aliquibus. Dictus vero Walterus et heredes sui vel assignati predictam terram poterint assignare, vendere, vel dare cuicunque voluerint, dummodo hoc nullo modo alicui domui religionis nec in Judaismo pignori obligare presumant*. Nos vero et successores nostri dictam terram cum pertinentiis dicto Waltero et heredibus suis vel assignatis tenemur warantizare contra omnes gentes in perpetuum. Et ut nostra donatio rata et inconcussa in posterum permaneat, presens scriptum sigilli monasterii nostri impressione roboravimus. Hiis testibus, dominis Willielmo Malet, Hugone Fichet, Roberto de Chilton, Willielmo Fichet, Thoma Trevet, Roberto de Eston, Roberto de Coker, et aliis. — Hanc vero donationem, concessionem, et presentis carte confirmationem in omnibus suis articulis ego dicta Juliana pro me et heredibus meis ratam habens, eidem Johanne et heredibus suis vel assignatis, et in omnibus articulis suis confirmo et concedo in perpetuum, habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum forma predicta, et reddendo mihi et heredibus meis dicta Johanna et heredes sui vel assignati redditum predictum in termino predicto, apud Maydenebroke, juxta Cedene, et omnia alia servitia inde debita et consueta faciendo. Ego vero Juliana et heredes mei dictam terram de Postrigge cum omnibus predictis et suis pertinentiis dicte Johanne et heredibus suis vel assignatis contra omnes mortales warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus in perpetuum pro servitio predicto, ut predictum est. Et si aliquo casu contingente contingat dictam Johannam vel ejus heredes seu assignatos suos in solutione dicti redditus dictis termino et loco deficere, tunc licitum sit dicte Juliane et ejus heredibus dictam Johannam et ejus heredes vel assignatos per catalla sua distringere, et averia sua fugare et detinere ubicunque voluerit in comitatu Somerset, quousque de dicto redditu ad plenum fuerit satisfactum. In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam ad modum cyrographi confectam sigillo meo roboravi, et etiam dictus Hugo, vir dicte Johanne, sigillum suum apposuit. Hiis testibus, dominis Johanne de Acton, Roberto de Wodeton, Johanne filio Galfridi, militibus; Hugone le Liff, Hugone de Maundeville, Willielmo Fichet, Waltero de Cantok, et aliis. Datum apud Somerton, justiciariis domini regis tunc itinerantibus ibidem, tertio die post nativitatem beati Johannis Baptiste, anno regni regis Edwardi octavo †.

Num. XVIII.

Libertates prioris de Plimpton infra villas de Dene et Mucton.

(Placita de Quo waranto, 9 & 10 Ed. I.; f. 168.)

Abbas [prior] de Plimpton summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, furcas, emendas assise panis et

* As to this restraint on alienation, see Bracton, fol. 13.

† The *tenendum* being of the donor, and not de capitalibus dominis feodi, these charters were probably before the statute of Quia Emptores, Edw. I. The sovereign named here was therefore Edward the First.

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cervisie fracte in Dene et Mucton, et liberam warennam in dominicis terris suis ibidem; et quo warranto capit theolonium de hominibus domini Regis de Mucton sine licencia etc.

Et prior venit et quoad visum franci plegii, furcas, et emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in Dene et Mucton, dicit quod Mucton est infra procinctum hundredi abbatis de Bocland de Roubergg', et villa de Dene est infra hundredum Rogeri de Moles de Stanbergh, ubi nichil accrescere potest domino regi. Et petit judicium si dominus rex accomptum habeat ad predictas libertates petendas que sunt in alieno hundredo. Et preterea dicit quod ipse et omnes antecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt predictas libertates.

Et Willielmus de Giselham qui sequitur etc. dicit quod hujusmodi libertates specialiter pertinent ad coronam domini regis. Et, desicut nullum inde ostendit warantum de domino rege, petit judicium. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem ubicumque etc. de audiendo judicio suo etc.

Et quoad liberam warennam dicit quod ipse nullam warennam clamat habere in predictis villis de Dene et Mucton nec unquam habuit. Et quoad theolonium dicit quod ipse nullum theolonium capit de hominibus domini regis apud Mucton, nec aliquod habere clamat. Ideo quoad hoc [eat] inde sine die.

Num. XIX.

Petitio prioris de Plympton in parliamento de terris et ecclesiâ de Landoho, anno regis Edwardi primi 30mo.

(1 Rot. Parl. fo. 461.)

A nostre seignur le roi et a sun consail mustre le priour de Plympton, que come luy et ses predecessours eyent en deus carrucyes de terre, cent soudeyes de rente, en Laneuhouseynt*, que par autre noun est apele Landoho, en Cornwaille, et le eglise de meisme le lyeu en pure et perpetuele amoune du doun William Warwast, jadis evesque de Excestre, et par confermement le roi Henri, besael notre seignur le roi que hore est, saunz nule maniere de servise fesaunt; des ques a l'heyre sire John de Berewyk, et ses compaignouns en Cornewaille, a la feste Seint Michel, l'an du regne nostre seigneur le roi que hore est trentisme, devant lesqueux presente fuist, per gentz meins conyssauntz, qe les ditz terres, rente, et eglise, esteyent donetz al dit priour et as chanoignes en meisme le lyeu Dieu servauntz, pur la sustenaunce de deus chanoignes, a devyn servyse ylesques celebrer, et a almongne et povres doner, et pur pelryns et autres ylesques herberger, par un roi Edgar, et per meismes ceux de meisme le servise cōnyet, qe ne semble mie acordant a verite par la resoun que quaraunte aunz apres la mort le dit Edgar roi, n'y avoit il priour, ne chanoyngne, ne covent a Plympton par quei la chose poet estre a eux par le dit roi Edgar done; kar le dit evesque Williame, a qui le roi Henri, fuiz William le Conquerour, rendi et retourna a nostre Dame et a seint Piere de l'eglise de Excestre les ditz terre, rente et eglise, founda la dite priorie de Plympton, et les ditz terre, rente, et eglise de Landoho lur dona par confermement le roi Henri, besael nostre seignur le roi que hore est, sicum est avaundit: prie le dit priour a l'avaundit nostre seignur le roi, pur s'alme et les almes ses auncestres, qu'il e sun covent puissent les ditz terre, rente et eglise tenir a la sustenance de eux et a meyntenir lur hospitalite a Plympton, solonc la forme des chartres avaunditz, et solonc ceo que eux les unt tenuz de la fundacion de lur eglise des ques a l'heyre avaundit; kar puis cele heyre rien ne unt resceu pur lur sustenaunce, ne pur la hospitalite ylesques meintenir.

Responsio. Habeant breve in cancellario domino Johanni de Berewik ad faciendum venire recordum et processum ultimi itineris Cornubie coram thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario, et examinatis processu et cartis, fiat eis secundum quod fuerit faciendum.

* Lanow-saint, now S. Kew. Lysons, Cornwall, 161.

Num. XX.

Carta regis Edwardi Primi, per quam concessit canonicis de Plimpton, quod de cætero divina celebrent in ecclesiâ de Landoho per presbyteros seculares†.

(Pat. 35 Edw. I. m. 20. Vide etiam brevia regis 2 Ric. II. n. 43. Et Rot. Pat. 40 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 44.]

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem. Sciatis quod cum nuper in curia nostra coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris, Johanne de Berewyk et sociis suis justiciariis nostris ultimo itinerantibus in com. Cornubie presentatum fuisset, quod quidam bone memorie Edgarus quondam rex Anglie, predecessor noster, dedit canonicis de Plympton duas carucatas terre, centum solidatas redditus cum pertinentiis in Landoho, et ecclesiam ejusdem ville, pro sustentatione duorum canonicorum ad divina ibidem celebranda, et elemosinam pauperibus erogandam, et pro peregrinis et aliis hospitandis pro anima dicti regis et successorum suorum; et quod hujusmodi celebratio et elemosinarum erogatio a tempore donationis predicte ibidem facte fuerunt usque ad principium quindecim annorum dictum iter justiciariorum nostrorum predictorum precedentium, quo celebratio et elemosinarum erogatio predicte substracte fuerunt; ac prior dicti prioratus de Plympton in dicta curia nostra coram prefatis justiciariis nostris super substractione hujusmodi allocutus asseruerit, quod quidam Willielmus quondam Exon. episcopus de assensu capituli sui Exon. dedit ecclesiam predictam cuidam G. tunc priori de Plympton et canonicis ejusdem loci; et quod dictus prior et predecessores sui per donum dicti episcopi et confirmationem celebris memorie domini H. quondam regis Anglie proavi nostri predictam terram, redditum et ecclesiam tenuerunt absque celebratione, divinorum elemosinarum erogatione, seu peregrinorum hospitatione inde faciendis; cumque per inquisitionem in dicta curia nostra coram prefatis justiciariis nostris de premissis captam, in quam dictus prior se posuit, compertum fuisset, quod quidam predecessor predicti prioris habuit predictam terram, redditum, et ecclesiam de dono predicti regis Edgari pro cantaria, elemosinis, et hospitalitate sustentandis in forma supradicta; et quod eadem cantaria, elemosine, et hospitalitas a tempore donationis predicte per predecessores predicti prioris sustentate fuerunt, quousque substracte extiterant, ut est dictum, per quod dicta curia nostra consideravit quod predicte cantaria, elemosine, et hospitalitas sustentarentur, et quod prior predictus ad hec distringeretur, sicut per recordum et processum coram prefatis justiciariis nostris inde habita, que coram nobis venire fecimus, est compertum; Nos, licet prior et canonici predicti ad sustentationem dictorum duorum canonicorum, elemosinarum erogationem, et hospitalitatem juxta considerationem curie nostre predicte teneantur, attendentes nichilominus cultum divinum adeo honeste et congrue per presbiteros seculares, quam per religiosos extra conventum in loco privato commorantes, posse exerceri et sustentari, ad requisitionem dictorum prioris et canonicorum volumus et concedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, quod predicti prior et canonici et eorum successores decetero habeant ad dictam ecclesiam de Landoho unum vicarium et unum capellanum seculares divina ibidem celebraturos, et elemosinarum erogationem et hospitalitatem nomine dictorum prioris et canonicorum pro terra, redditu, et ecclesia predictis fac-

† This grant or charter was probably the result of the preceding petition. Prynne (Exact History, &c. p. 1191.) adduces it as a proof of the king's spiritual supremacy by the common law. It seems, however, to be inconclusive for that purpose. The substance of the document is, that the justices in eyre had awarded compulsory process against the canons for neglecting to perform the conditions under which they held certain property by the grant of the king's predecessor, and from which they failed to show any legal discharge. The king, by this charter, releases them from the conditions of their tenure to the extent of authorizing them, so far as in him lay ("quantum in nobis est"), to perform them by secular instead of regular clergy. There is in this no remarkable or unusual exercise of authority. Upon a failure in performing the services reserved in such a grant, the donor or his heir, whether king or subject, might distrain at common law, or recover back the land by a writ of *cessavit* under stat. 13 Ed. I. (See Littleton, § 137; Fitz. Natura Brevium, 481; Regist. Brevium, 237-8.)—S.

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turos imperpetuum; nolentes quod iidem prior et canonici vel successores sui ad aliquos canonicos seu alios, ultra dictos vicarium et capellanum, in dicta ecclesia de Landoho ad predicta pietatis opera excercenda, sicut predictum est, inveniendos decetero teneantur, aut per nos vel heredes nostros, justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros quoscumque ad hoc aliqualiter compellantur. In cujus, etc. Teste rege apud Karleolum xxvi. die Martii.

Num. XXI.

Confirmatio episcopalis ecclesiarum et capellarum monasterio Plymptonensi.

(Grandisson's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 12.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes, etc. salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. Inter cetera que nostrum animum insultibus impetunt successivis, illud nos frequenti meditatione perurget, ut viri religiosi nobis diocesano jure subjecti, ob illius, cui suam integritatem spontanea voluntate devoverunt, reverenciam, vitatis noxiis causarum strepitibus, quibus plerumque plus debito se involvunt, liberius et quietius suo inserviant Creatori. Sane cum olim per ecclesiam, civitatem, et totam diocesim nostram Exon diocesana auctoritate visitationis officio fungeremur, comperimus dilectos filios priorem et conventum monasterii Plympton, ordinis Sancti Augustini, nostri patronatus et diocesis, per varia loca nobis diocesano jure subjecta, ecclesias et capellas distinctas parochias et parochianos, curamque animarum, habentes, porciones quoque decimarum et pensiones inferius designatas, tenere et percipere velut in usus proprios perpetuo possidendas, viz. beatorum Petri et [Pauli] Plympton ubi degunt, cum capella Sancte Marie et Sancti Thome de Plympton, de Brixton, et de Wemb'ry, de Plympstock, et Sheagh, ac Saundford ab eadem dependentibus; ecclesiam Sancti Antonini cum capella Sancte Gerende ab eadem dependente; ecclesias de Lanhorn, de Macre, et de Sutone cum capella de Bottockishide ab eadem dependente; de Eckebokelond, Dene, et Tamarton cum capella Sancti Martini de Martynstowe ab eadem dependente; ecclesiam Sancte Mariestowe cum capella de Thrishelstone et Sancti Jacobi Inchewode ab eadem dependentibus; necnon capellam Sancte Marie de Maresco prope Exoniam, una cum decimis, juribus et pertinenciis ecclesiarum predictarum, porciones quoque decimarum et oblationum, viz., medietatem ipsarum provenientum ad ecclesiam Sancte Gerende (exceptis terris nostris dominicis ibidem), penciones insuper annuas xii marcarum sterlingorum in ecclesia de Uggeburgh; v marcarum de Exemynster; xl solidorum de Nyweton; c^{s} de Islyngton; xl^{s} de Stockintynhide; x marcarum de Blackaueton; x marcarum de Britestowe; i marce de Bratton; i marce de Mewy; i marce Sancti Justi; ii marcarum de Lanhern, et v librarum cere de Petrestavy, ecclesiis nostre diocesis: necnon vi marcarum sterlingorum in nostra Exon ecclesia de singulis prebendis singulorum canonicorum prebendariorum dicte ecclesie, cum ab hac luce migraverint; vel per ingressum religionis absolute vacaverint vicaria sua. Cum itaque super premissis omnibus et singulis fecissemus dictos priorem et conventum coram nobis ad dictos dies et ad dictum locum ad judicium legitimum evocari, propositurosque rationes, munimenta, titulos et jura, quorum pretextu, ecclesias, capellas, decimarum porciones et pensiones predictas se legitime adeptos dicant et licite posse tenere, percipere, et habere, frater Robertus de Fforde sub-prior dicti monasterii, dictorum prioris et conventus procurator ad hoc sufficienter constitutus coram nobis comparens, pro eis proposuit in forma juris dictos priorem et conventum dominos suos fuisse et esse jure et titulis sufficientibus super assecutione, libera retentione, et perceptione licita ecclesiarum, capellarum, et decimarum, porcionum, et pensionum predictarum communitos. Idemque procurator, premissa hac adjectione, jurando proposuit, quod dicti prior et conventus Plympton et eorum predecessores dictas ecclesias et capellas cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis tanquam sibi et monasterio suo Plympton canonice appropriatas et unitas pacifice tenuerunt et possiderunt, scientibus, patientibus, immo verius approbantibus venerabilibus patribus episcopis Exon a tempore quod excedit memoriam hominum et majorum; quodque decimarum porciones et pensiones predictas pacifice et quiete perceperunt tanto tempore quod diu ante septam visitationem nostram, hujusmodi dicti prior et conventus jus percipiendi eas legitime prescripserunt. Exhibitis igitur per procuratorem predictum procurationis nomine dictorum dominorum suorum, ad probationem premissorum, nonnullis apostolicis et pluribus aliis predecessorum nostrorum Exon episcoporum ac ecclesie nostre Exon capituli, aliorumque quorum interat, literis, et instrumentis productis, et quibusdam testibus juratis et examinatis, et eorum attestationibus publicatis et discussis, habita nobiscum et cum petitoribus super premissis visis et diligenter recensitis, deliberatione plenaria et frequenti, quia manifeste invenimus proposita hujusmodi per dictum procuratorem sufficienter et legitime probata esse, nos Johannes, etc. episcopus predictus, Christi nomine invocato, de juribus petitorum, nobis assidencium consilio, dictas ecclesias et capellas dictis priori et conventui ac eorum monasterio predicto legitime concessas, appropriatas, et unitas, ac concessiones et appropriationes hujusmodi validas, necnon porcionum et pensionum predictarum perceptiones justas, fuisse et esse, eosque exhabundanti premissa omnia et singula legitime prescripsisse, prout hec omnia in petitione summaria per dictum procuratorem, nomine quo supra, coram nobis judicialiter oblata, petita erant, premissa vocatione debita omnium quorum interest in hiis scriptis, per nostram diffinitivam sententiam pronunciamus, decernimus et declaramus et nominamus et adjudicamus eisdem. In quorum omnium testimonium presentes literas seu presens publicum instrumentum per Robertum Piek, clericum, auctoritate apostolica notarium publicum infrascriptum, scribi, et publicari mandamus et nostri sigilli appensione muniri. Datum et actum in manerio nostro de Clyst iii° die Marcii anno Domini mcccxxxiv.

Num. XXII.

Regia licentia pro ecclesia de Bridestowe conventui Plimptonensi approprianda; 12 Ed. III.

(Ex archivis Civitatis Exoniæ.)

Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie, omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est venerabili patri Johanni de Grandissono episcopo Exoniensi, quod ipse advocacionem ecclesie de Bridestowe in comitatu Devonie dare possit et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo priori et conventui ecclesie beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Plintone Exoniensis diocesis, habendam et tenendam sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum ad quedam divina officia et alia pietatis opera amplianda exercenda et sustentanda juxta ordinacionem prefati episcopi inde factam vel faciendam; et eisdem priori et conventui quod ipsi advocacionem predictam a prefato episcopo recipere et ecclesiam illam appropriare et eam sic appropriatam in proprios usus tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis predictis ad divina officia et alia pietatis opera predicta amplianda exercenda et sustentanda juxta ordinacionem predictam imperpetuum, sicut predictum est tenore presencium. Similiter licenciam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, nolentes quod prefatus episcopus aut successores sui seu prefati prior et conventus vel successores sui racione premissorum aut statuti predicti per nos vel heredes nostros justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros quocunque inde occasionentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur, salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius serviciis de advocacione predicta debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Edwardo duce Cornubie et comite Cestrie, filio nostro carissimo, custode Anglie. Apud Wyndesore octavo die Octobris anno regni nostri duodecimo. [The great seal is attached.]

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Num. XXIII.

Compromissio facta inter archidiaconum Tottoniæ et priorem et conventum Plymptoniæ.

(Ex iisdem archivis.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem cum benediccione et gracia Salvatoris. Cum inter dilectos in Christo filios, religiosos viros priorem et conventum prioratus de Plympton ordinis Sancti Augustini nostrorum patronatus et diocesis, ipsorum ecclesiam conventualem et capellas Sancte Marie in cemiterio dicte ecclesie conventualis Plympton situatas, ac Sancti Thome de Plympton, necnon de Brixton, Wembery, Plymstoke, Schaghe, et Sandford, a prefata conventuali ecclesia dependentes, a qualibet visitacione archidiaconali immunes asserentes, ex parte una, et dilectum in Christo filium dominum Petrum de Ghildisbourgh archidiaconum Tottonie ex parte alia, super jure visitandi capellas predictas infra fines et limites archidiaconatus sui notorie situatas, necnon capitulorum seu sessionum per eundem archidiaconum ejusve officialem, aut eorum vel alterius eorundem commissarium vel commissarios, in prenominatis capellis seu in earum aliqua quomodolibet celebrandorum seu tenendorum nomine archidiaconatus sui predicti sibi, ut asserit, competenti, gravis litis et dissencionis materia suborta fuisset; partes predicte, litium voragines execrantes, pro bono concordie inter easdem super litibus et controversiis hujus in nos, tanquam in arbitrum arbitratorem et compositorem amicabilem compromittentes, nostris ordinacioni, laudo, et arbitrio in hac parte se per omnia submiserunt, a quibus non recedendis se ex habundanti juramenti vinculo astrinxerunt: volentes igitur, ut tenemur, labores subire, quibus mediantibus, subjectis nostris presertim equa caritate nobis conjunctis, pacis et quietis comoda preparemus, dictorumque religiosorum antiquis libertatibus ac dictarum ecclesie conventualis et capellarum concessionibus liberalibus, in ipsorum fundacione eis factis diligenter pensatis, dissenciones lites et controversias hujus auctoritate submissionis et compromissionis factarum nobis in hac parte, in modum qui sequitur ordinamus et decernimus fore terminatas imperpetuum et sopitas . . . arbitrantes, videlicet, et tenore presencium ordinantes, quod dictus archidiaconus et ceteri successores sui qui pro tempore erunt, archidiaconi Tottonie, in progressu visitacionis sue ad capellam beate Marie in cemiterio de Plymton, semel dumtaxat annis singulis declinare valeat et valeant, et sedere pacifice in eadem, presbyterosque seculares in capellis hujusmodi cure exercicium obtinentes, seu in eventum quo priorem et conventum Plympton, qui pro tempore fuerint, auctoritate nostra seu successorum nostrorum Exoniensium episcoporum ex speciali licentia per canonicos regulares capellarum hujusmodi curis ex causis legitimis et necessariis contigerit deservire, tunc eorundem religiosorum procuratorem sufficientem et ydoneum ad respondendum de curis hujusmodi sufficienter instructum ac de parochia capellarum illarum quarumlibet tres vel quatuor parochianos ad comparendum in dicta capella Sancte Marie de et super inquirendis et requirendis ab eis tam defectibus ornamentorum capellarum hujusmodi, quam de aliis articulis in visitacionibus archidiaconalibus fieri consuetis, deposituros quod noverint auctoritate presentis ordinacionis nostre seu arbitrii, et non alio modo faciat et faciant evocare; ac omnia et singula que ibidem invenerit et invenerint corrigenda, modo debito et canonico puniant et emendent, canonicorum dicti prioratus excessibus extra ipsorum prioratum perpetratis, necnon capellarum hujusmodi librorum, clausurarum, cemiteriorum, et reddicionis calculi instauri earundem capellarum et earum cujuslibet defectibus, construccionibus, reparacionibus, et invencionibus in hujusmodi sessione compertis a cohercione seu punicione archidiaconi ibidem qui pro tempore fuerit dumtaxat exceptis. Que universa, sicut premittitur, excepta, per ipsum archidiaconum et successores suos supradictos nobis et successoribus nostris Exoniensibus episcopis infra mensem fideliter referri volumus, per nos et successores nostros canonice corrigenda. Propter quas quidem, ut premittitur, causas, ordinamus quod prefatus dominus Petrus ejusve successores, archidiaconi Tottonie qui pro tempore erunt, a priore et conventu supradictis procuracionem aliquam exigere non poterunt quomodolibet vel habere, sicut nec ipse nec aliquis predecessorum suorum hujusmodi unquam habuit vel exegit. Volumus tamen prout decet quod religiosi supradicti archidiaconum Tottonie die sessionis sue predicte ad hospicium invitent, ita videlicet quod ipse non sit eis oneri, sed honori. Item arbitramur et ordinamus quod dictus archidiaconus et successores sui sessiones aliquas in aliqua capellarum predictarum aliter vel alio modo quam supradictum est exercere non possit vel possint aut tenere, ipsive aut ipsorum officiales seu commissarii capitula aliqua non celebrent imposterum in eisdem vel aliqua earundem, nec teneant quovismodo, preter quam in capella de Brixton supradicta, in qua archidiacono Tottonie qui pro tempore fuerit ejusve officiali seu commissario liceat unum capitulum qualibet yeme semel celebrare tantummodo seu tenere, si hoc decreverit faciendum. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium hanc ordinacionem nostram sigilli nostri appensione fecimus communiri. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh, vicesimo quarto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quinquagesimo secundo, et consecracionis nostre vicesimo sexto.

Num. XXIV.

Rentale terrarum S. Mariæ de Marisco, cellæ prioratus de Plympton.

(Ex cartulario S. Johannis Baptistæ, penes Maj. et Com. Exon.)

Rentale beate Marie de Marisco de terris et tenementis tam in civitate Exon, quam in suburbio ejusdem civitatis ac in aliis locis terre domini Thome Marshall custodis ibidem liberatum Ambrosio Smyth secundo die mensis Novembris sub anno Domini MCCCCXXI et anno regis Henrici Quinti octavo.

S. Sativole.

De Roberto Hulle de Spacston de terra quondam Ricardi Dygon per annum xvj^{d}.

De Isabella Fychet pro tenementis att Lane quondam Willielmi Row in Schytebrokestret per annum iiij^{s}.

De Wilmota Halewyll pro sulone terre quem quondam Willielmus Row tenuit de nobis in campo vocato *Byngthehay* per annum x^{d}.

S. Stephani.

De relicta Johannis Stapylhull pro vacua placea inter ecclesiam Sancti Stephani et tenementum prioris Sancti Johannis per annum xij^{d}.

Omnium Sanctorum.

De relicta Johannis Lake pro duabus schopis inter ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in aurifabria et tenementum ejusdem Johannis per annum ij^{s}.

Sancti Pauli.

De Johanne Bysshop pro tenemento Johannis Hurflict in occidentali parte ecclesie Sancti Pauli per annum ij^{s}.

De Willielmo Mey pro tenemento nostro in boreali parte ecclesie Sancti Pauli per annum xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Sancti Pancracii.

De Willielmo Mey Wener [weaver?] pro duabus schopis in orientali parte Gylhalde in magno vico per annum vij^{s}.

Sancti Martini.

De Petro Sterte pro tenemento suo quod tenet de nobis in magno vico in boreali parte cemeterii Petri per annum xxvj^{s}.

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De Isabella Brewer ex eadem parte magni vici per annum ii$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$
De Johanne Lydeforde de tenemento in eadem parte cemeterii per annum ij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

Sancti Petroci.

De Roberto Wylforde pro tenemento in quo Johannes Shylingford inhabitat in magno vico per annum xv^{s} (in a more modern hand—et modo Johannes Buller, aldermanni).
De Willielmo Houlle pro duabus schopis in magno vico juxta tenementum predictum vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$
De Johanne Talbot pro duabus schopis in Cocrewe per annum xij^{d}.
De tenemento Willielmi Wenard in occidente Margerie Barbour in magno vico per annum iiij$^{s.}$

Sancti Kerani.

De tenemento Johannis Colyn in boreali vico quod Thomas Groppe modo tenet per annum vj$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$
De tenemento prioris Sancti Johannis in eodem vico in occidentali parte vici per annum iij$^{s.}$
De uno stabulo et gardino que R. Wilford tenet in eodem vico ex parte orientali xij$^{d.}$

Sancte Marie de Arcubus.

De vacua placea quondam Simonis Att Pytte nunc tenet Johannes Stanbiry vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

Sancti Olavi.

De tenemento Johannis Batyn in australi parte magni vici in quo inhabitat idem Johannes iij$^{s.}$
De tenemento ejusdem Johannis Batyn juxta dictum tenementum per annum iij$^{s.}$
De duabus schopis quondam Johannis Bagge in australi parte predicti magni vici per annum ij$^{s.}$
De duabus schopis Johannis Shaplegh juxta ecclesiam Sancti Olavi ix$^{s.}$

Sancte Marie de Arcubus.

De tenemento Johannis Shaplegh juxta cemeterium Sancti Nicholai in magno vico per annum vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

Coke Rewe.

De Margeria Barbour de tenemento juxta quadrivium per annum xviij$^{s.}$
De Johanne Plenty ibidem juxta dictam Margeriam per annum xxiiij$^{s.}$
De Willielmo Jones ibidem per annum xxv$^{s.}$
De Waltero Coke ibidem per annum xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$
De Harrys Coke ibidem per annum xiij$^{s.}$
De tenemento nostro ibidem inter Harrys Coke et Christinam Hattere.
De Christina Hattere ibidem juxta vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$
De Johanne Phelyp ibidem per annum xviij$^{s.}$
De decano et capitulo Exon pro tenemento Cornewall in Coke Rewe xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

Sancte Marie majoris.

De tenemento abbatis de Tavistock in vico australi ad festum natalis Domini v$^{s.}$, et ad festum pasche v$^{s.}$
De tenemento Johannis Polsow in vico australi in occidentali parte per annum x$^{s.}$
De tenemento Thome Placey juxta portam episcopi per annum viij$^{s.}$
De vacua placea in boreali parte curie archidiaconi Exonie.
De tenemento quod Walterus Mydelwynter tenet de nobis xiiij$^{s.}$
De archidiacono Exon pro nova domo in festo Michaelis vj$^{d.}$
De Ricardo Deie, Toker [tucker?], de j. schopa juxta W. Mydelwynter per annum viij$^{s.}$

Sancte Trinitatis.

De Johanne Marshal pro ij. schopis quas tenet de nobis juxta curiam W. Bonevyle in vico australi per annum xij$^{s.}$

Sancte Marie majoris.

De Willielmo Bonevyle pro ij. tenementis cum gardinis in australi parte vie in Combestrete iij$^{s.}$
De eodem Willielmo pro tenemento in eodem vico juxta Crykenepyt per annum v$^{s.}$ et una libra de comyng [cummin].
De Willielmo Ferys pro ij. schopis cum gardino in Gyne strete in occidentali parte per annum vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$
De Waltero Pollard pro tenemento Simonis Grendon in Prustestrete iii$^{s.}$ iiii$^{d.}$
De Petro Sterte pro vij. seldis in australi parte dicti vici iiij$^{s.}$
De Thoma Peny pro gardino ibidem in Prustestrete in boreali parte vice ij$^{s.}$
De Henrico Boteler pro j. gardino juxta gardinum dicti T. Peny ibidem vj$^{d.}$

Sancti Georgii.

De Nicholao Stoddon pro j. tenemento cum gardino in Smythenestrete in australi parte xij^{d}.

Sancte Marie de Gradibus.

De Rogero Hakeworthy pro tenemento extra partem occidentalem in australi parte vie usque Exe xxiiij$^{s.}$
De Johanne Carpenter pro tenemento ex parte occidentali dicti Rogeri viij^{s}.
De tenemento majoris et communitatis Exon juxta Exe per annum iij^{d}.

De ecclesia Sancti Johannis de Arcubus per annum viij marce.
Summa xxiij^{li}. xij^{s}. vij^{d}.

Alphyngton.

De Johanne Mond de j. acra terre juxta Horspole per annum ij$^{s.}$
De Waltero Byrch pro ij. acris terre per annum v^{s}.
De Thoma Kyngston pro dimidio acre terre juxta Nywemede et alia dimidia acra terre juxta Wythybroke ij^{s}.
De Johanne Martyn pro xiiij. acris terre in Bryddescastel, Cleylond, Watercrofthulle, ix$^{s.}$
De Ricardo Baron pro terra ultra Exam v$^{s.}$
De Johanne Botour pro tenemento cum gardino vocato *Pyrelyshey* iiij$^{d.}$
De Johanne Splot pro tenemento cum gardino vocato *Pyrelyshey* viij^{d}.
De terra et bosco quem Johannes Jolyff tenet vocato *Canonwode* et *Tynglrygmore* iiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

Summa xxviij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

Hevetre.

De Henrico Hule pro iiij. acris terre juxta viam versus Hevetre inter horreum predicti Henrici et prioris Sancti Jacobi juxta mariscum iiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$
De Petro Stert pro iij. acris terre jacentibus ex parte orientali predicti Henrici iij$^{s.}$ vi$^{d.}$
De Willielmo Frye pro j. acra terre juxta eandem viam in orientali parte terre predicti Willielmi xiiij$^{d.}$
Summa ix$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

Summa totalis xxv$^{li.}$ viij^{s}. iij$^{d.}$

Debita solvenda per custodem de marisco diversis personis:
Imprimis decano et capitulo Exon de quolibet anno pro tenementis de Cokerewe xxiv$^{s.}$
Item pro ecclesia Sancti Johannis de Arcubus ij$^{s.}$
Item Willielmo Monk de Alphyngton in septimana natalis Domini vj$^{d.}$

Summa xxvi^{s}. vi^{d}.

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Num. XXV.

Commissio ad inquirendum de et super arendacione firmæ, dacione, seu alienacione etc. terrarum in Sutton Prior*.

(Lacy's Register, vol. iii. folio 201, b.)

Tercio die mensis Januarii anno Domini (1439) apud Chuddelegh emanavit commissio archidiacono Tottonie seu officiali ad inquirendum de et super arendacione firme, dacione, seu alienacione quorundam terrarum tenementorum molendinorum feriarum mercatorum et franchesiarum prioris et conventus de Plympton infra Sutton Prioris existencium sub hac forma ;—Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilecto in Christo filio archidiacono nostro Tottonie seu ejus officiali salutem, graciam, et benediccionem. Supplicacio dilectorum in Christo filiorum religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus prioratus Plympton ordinis Sancti Augustini nostrorum fundacionis, patronatus, et diocesis, nobis nuper exhibita continebat, quod cum ipsi prior et conventus nonnulla terras tenementa curias franchesias ferias mercata molendina redditus servicia et diversa jura et emolumenta ad eos et eorum prioratum a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit de jure infra Sutton Prior, vulgariter Plymmouth nuncupatum, pertinencia habuerint, et habeant in presenti, eaque omnia possederunt pacifice quiete et inconcusse per tempus supradictum prout sic possident in presenti, quodque ut ex parte eorundem religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus antedicti nobis extitit expositum multum utilius et longe commodius foret ipsis et eorum prioratui hujusmodi terras tenementa curias franchesias ferias mercata et molendina cum omnibus et singulis supradictis infra Sutton predictum, ut prefertur, existencia, ad certum tempus vel imperpetuum personis aliis ad hoc capacibus locare, eorum fructus vendere, et ad firmam tradere, quam in manibus suis propriis retinere, dumtamen noster consensus una cum eorum votis in hac parte interveniat, de et pro quo nobis ex parte eorundem religiosorum exstitit humiliter supplicatum: unde nos, attendentes quod premissa nobis suggesta in parte sapiant naturam alienacionis rerum ecclesiasticarum, que est edicti permissorii et sic a jure prohibita, casubus a jure dumtaxat exceptis, affectantes, quatenus ad nos attinet, possessiones redditus et cetera jura ecclesie conventualis antedicte illesa conservare, et indempnitati sue providere cupientes, prout tenemur; ne igitur res, que Deo contribute sunt, contra jura et sanctorum patrum canones, cum nostra conveniencia et indeliberato consensu, quod absit, illicite alienentur, volentes super premissis singulis nobis ut prefertur expositis et eorum incidentibus emergentibus et connexis plenius informari, vobis committimus et mandamus, quatenus ad dictum prioratum accedentes, vocatis in hac parte de jure vocandis, et presertim et in sepedictis priore et conventu, ac aliis omnibus et singulis quorum interest in hac parte, de et super omnibus et singulis premissis nobis ex parte eorundem religiosorum virorum superius expositis, videlicet, an hujusmodi terre et tenementa sint terre vel tenementa magni precii, seu terrule modici valoris, et tenementa diruta et ruinosa, seu sufficienter edificata, et in quibus locis sint sita, an in villa, seu urbe, que non modica impensa sustentantur, et ad quas summas singula premissa se extendere annuatim, deductis oneribus, solebant, et an ad tempus arendare vel locare ad tempus modicum vel magnum, seu commutaciones facere, vel vendere, seu alienare, et dominium recepta prius a se transferre pecunia, seu ad firmam perpetuam sub annuo censu tradere intendant prior et conventus antedicti. Et si sit, cui, vel quibus, et sub qua forma. Et an hujusmodi annuus census annuum redditum, quem inde percipere solebant prior et conventus predicti annuatim, excedit. Et si sic, in quo et in quanto redditum hujusmodi excedat. Et quomodo, et qualiter, dictus prior et conventus fient securi de eorum annua solucione hujusmodi annui census in omni eventu. Et, an hujusmodi terre et tenementa et cetera supradicta sint de dicti prioratus primaria dote, seu de aliorum dicti prioratus posteriorum benefactorum donacione. Et an sit expediens, utile, et profuturum ecclesie prioratus predicti, predicta sic locare, arendare, commutare, vendere, et alienare. Et si sic, qualiter, et in quibus. Et an aliqua jura mere spiritualia seu spiritualibus annexa, sic arendare, locare, vel alienare, dictus prior et conventus proponant. Et si sic, que et qualia. Necnon de omnibus et singulis circumstanciis aliis que possint aut debent nos ad consenciendum vel dissenciendum premissis racionabiliter movere per viros prudentes, fidedignos ecclesiasticos et seculares, pleniorem noticiam in hac parte obtinentes, in forma juris juratos, diligenter et fideliter inquiratis veritatem. Et quid feceritis et repereritis in premissis, nos, hujusmodi inquisicionis negocio expedito, certificetis per litteras vestras clausas, sigillo vestri officii impresso et pendente, ipsorum nomina et cognomina per quos hujusmodi inquisicio capta fuerit et harum seriem continentes. Datum die loco mense et anno Domini supradictis.

* In Bishop Lacy's Register (vol. iii. folio 201) is a petition of the prior and convent of Plympton to Bishop Lacy, stating that it would be useful and commodious to convey certain lands, tenements, franchises, fairs, markets, mills, rents, and services, which they possessed within Sutton Prior, commonly called Plymouth, from time immemorial, and praying his consent to their disposal of the same. The bishop thereupon issued the above commission to the archdeacon of Totnes and his official. The certificate, received by the bishop on the eleventh of the same month and year, is in the next Num.

Num. XXVI.

Certificacio quorundam terrarum et tenementorum religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus prioratus de Plympton.

(Ibid. fol. 202.)

Reverendo in Christo et Domino, domino Edmundo Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo vester humilis et devotus in Christo filius officialis archidiaconi Totton obedienciam et reverenciam tanto patri debitas cum omni humilitatis honore. Scire dignetur vestra paternitas prelibata me vestre commissionis literas quarto die mensis Januarii cum ea qua decuit reverencia humiliter recepisse sub eo qui sequitur tenore verborum; Edmundus etc. (prout patet supra in folio precedenti etc.) Post quarum quidem literarum vestrarum reverendarum recepcionem et earum auctoritate ad prioratum antedictum septimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini supradicto personaliter accessi, ac in navi ecclesie conventualis ejusdem, portis ipsius prioratus ac valvis dicte ecclesie apertis, et omnibus introire volentibus patentibus, per providos et discretos viros, fratrem Willielmum Hylle seneschallum, Stephanum Coleford, celerarium domus prioratus antedicte, et canonicos ejusdem, dominos Johannem Cole de Mewy, Johannem Ford de Herpford, ecclesiarum parochialium rectores, Thomam Baker de Modbury, Robertum Smerte de Ermyngton, Johannem Ryppelegh de Cornewode, ecclesiarum parochialium perpetuos vicarios, Johannem Hylle, Ricardum Fortescu, Johannem Brythnyxton, Walterum Burell armigeros; Nicholaum Coterelle, Ricardum Reke, Johannem Bellworthy, et Johannem Attewode generosos, pleniorem noticiam in premissis obtinentes in forma jurandorum testium juratos, vocatis prius in genere per decanum de Plympton ex decreto meo in hac parte omnibus et singulis de jure vocandis et preconizatis, ac nullo modo comparentibus, in presencia Johannis Mape superioris claustralis prioratus antedicti, et procuratoris litteratorie constituti prioris prioratus prenotati, ac in conspectu et presencia conventus ejusdem prioratus, super premissis omnibus et singulis inquisicionem feci diligentem et fidelem.

Qui jurati in universorum juramentum dicunt, quod terre et tenementa infra predictum Sutton Prior, in villa de Plynmouth situata, partim sunt edificata, partim incursu Britonum hostiliter cremantur, et sic in parte sunt ruinosa, diruta et ad aream devenerunt, redditus vero earundem terrarum et tenementorum unacum ceteris redditibus assisis infra villam antedictam annuatim se extendit ad

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octo libras; exitus vero curiarum, franchesiarum, feriarum, mercatorum infra villam antedictam ad dictos priorem et conventum pertinens, valet annuatim sexaginta solidos; proventus vero molendinorum antedictorum, deductis reparacione et expensis, parum ultra decem libras annuatim extendit; et antedicte terre, tenementa, curie, franchesie, ferie, mercata, et molendina sint de primaria dote prioratus antedicti, vel non, predicti jurati dicunt se ignorare. Et quia in presenti parliamento in crastino Sancti Martini, anno regni Henrici Sexti decimo octavo incepto adhuc et continuato, ad supplicacionem communitatis regni Anglie villani et inhabitantes dictam villam de Plymmouth a regia majestate impetrarunt quod dicta villa sit liberum burgum et unum corpus, et quod habeat majorem, communitatem, et burgenses, ac burgi privilegia muris circumdata, quibus majori et communitati supradictis prior et conventus omnia premissa terras, et tenementa, tribus messuagiis solummodo exceptis, curias, franchesias, ferias, mercata, et alia jura sua temporalia infra villam antedictam et predicta molendina ad ipsos pertinencia pro annua pensione quadraginta unius librarum, dictis priori et conventui ac eorum prioratui annuatim persolvenda, vendere imperpetuum alienare seu commutare volunt et intendunt, dicunt insuper supradicti jurati quod in parliamento antedicto, ipsis priori et conventui pro pensione antedicta, a premissis majore et communitate singulis annis ut premittitur solvenda, sufficienter est provisum et cautum per pecuniarum penalium districtiones legales in bonis et catallis ipsorum majoris et communitatis, ac in ultimum refugium per breve regium *fieri facias* nuncupatum. Dicunt eciam ipsi jurati quod hujusmodi alienacio, vendicio, seu commutacio cedet ad commodum, utilitatem et incrementum dictis priori et conventui ac eorum prioratui singulis annis imperpetuum ad summam decem librarum et ultra, et sic expediens est, utile, et profuturum ecclesie prioratus antedicti, quod hujusmodi alienacio, vendicio, et commutacio suum debite sortiatur effectum. Quam quidem inquisitionem, per me ut prefertur captam, vestre paternitati transmitto clausam, sigillo officii mei impresso et pendente consignatam. Datum in ecclesia conventuali antedicta, supradicto septimo die mensis Januarii. [1439-40.]

Num. XXVII.

Taxatio bonorum spiritualium prioratus Plimtoniæ exemplificata anno decimo Henrici Septimi.

(Penes decanum et capitulum, Exon.)

Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod inspeximus librum de particulis taxacionis bonorum spiritualium cleri Exoniensis diocesis penes scaccarium nostrum remanentem et in custodia rememoratoris nostri existentem in quo quidem libro inter alia continetur sic: scilicet.—Archidiaconatus Exonie.—Decima civitatis Exonie:—Prior Plimtone percipit de capella Sancti Johannis de arcubus 1£. per annum. Decima 2*s*.—Decanatus de Ken. Prior Plimtone percipit de ecclesia de Exministre [juxta] Exon £3. 6. 8. per annum. Decima 6*s*. 8*d*. Idem prior percipit de ecclesia de Stok 2£. per annum. Decima 4*s*.—Decanatus de Cadebury. Prior de Plimtona percipit de ecclesia de Doune 2£. Decima 4*s*. —Archidiaconatus Cornubie. Decanatus de Pidre. Prior de Plimtonia percipit de ecclesia Sancti Maugani £2. 6. 8. Decima 2*s*. 8*d*.—Decanatus de Poudre. Prior et conventus Plimtona percipit de ecclesia Sancti Justi 13*s*. 4*d*. Decima 1*s*. 4*d*.—Archidiaconatus Tottonie. Decanatus Tottonie. Prior Plimtonie percipit de ecclesia de Aveton £6. 13. 4. Decima 13*s*. 4*d*.—Decanatus de Plimtona. Prior de Plimtona percipit de ecclesia de Hugeburgh 8£. per annum. Decima 16*s*.—Decanatus de Tamerton. Ecclesia de Tamerton, appropriata domui de Plimtonia, 4£. Decima 8*s*. Ecclesia de Hekbocland appropriata domui de Plimtona £2. 6. 8. Decima 6*s*. 8*d*. Capella de Saunford appropriata domui de Plimtona 2£. Decima 4*s*. Prior Plimtone percipit de ecclesia de Mewey 13*s*. 4*d*. per annum. Decima 1*s*. 4*d*.—Decanatus de Tavistok. Prior Plimtone percipit de ecclesia de Bristowe £6. 13. 4. Decima 13*s*. 4*d*. —Decanatus de Moreton. Prior Plimtone percipit de ecclesia de Histelington 5£. Decima 10*s*.—Decanatus de Hokamton. Prior Plimtone percipit de ecclesia de Bratton £5. 6. 8. Decima 10*s*. 8*d*. Que omnia et singula ad prosecucionem Johannis Kyrtonie, gentilman, sub sigillo scaccarii nostri duximus exemplificanda per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Willielmo Hody milite apnd Westmonasterium, quinto die Februarii anno regni nostri decimo. Per librum predictum, et per barones.

[The seal of the Court of Exchequer is attached.]

Num. XXVIII.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII.

(Vol. ii. p. 375, printed ed.)

Domus sive prioratus apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Plympton in decanatu de Plympton et in diocesi Exoniensi in comitatu Devonie. Certificatio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum pencionum decimarum oblacionum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes, prior domus sive prioratus predicti, infra aliquem archidiaconatum aliqualiter in jure monasterii predicti seisitus existit, prout postea patebit; ex fundacione Willielmi Werwest quondam episcopi Exoniensis.

Manerium de Boryngdon.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum diversis incrementis reddituum terrarum dominicalium de Northbrixton, terrarum dominicalium de Boryngdon, et firme molendini, per annum	xlvij	iij	vj	q'	xlix	viij	–	q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum, communibus annis	–	xliiij	vj					

Manerium de Wymbury.

Redditus assisi ibidem liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus firme terrarum dominicalium, et firme molendini, per annum	lii	viij	viij		lvj	xviij	iiij	q'
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	iiij	ix	viij	q'				

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Manerium de Canbarn in Thrusselton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium, terrarum dominicalium, et firme molendini per annum	vj	xj	v	viij	vj	j ob' di q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	xxxviij		ob' di q'			
Inde solutum priori de Launceston et successoribus suis annuatim pro certo redditu pro terra in Rysdon	–	iij	iiij			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Nuton Sancti Cirici.

Redditus assisi liberorum tenencium, convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus terrarum dominicalium et firma molendini, auxilium et vendicio operum	xxxix	vij	vij	xlviij	xvj	x ob'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	ix	ix	iij ob'			

Manerium de Pryorton.

Redditus assisi convencionariorum tenencium cum terris dominicalibus per annum	viij	iiij	j ob'	viij	xiij	v
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	ix	iij ob'			

Manerium de Dene Prior.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus firma molendini et vendicio operum per annum	xxxvj	vj	vj ob'	xl	xiij	iij	ob' q'
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum, communibus annis	iiij	vj	ix q'				

Manerium de Sheagh.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium firma molendini et vendicio operum per annum	vij	ix	viij ob'q'	ix	–	xiiij ob'	
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	xxxij	v ob' q'				
Inde solutum annuatim xij^{d}, Humfrido Bonvile, domino de Godemewy, et heredibus suis pro j qŭrt' ad terram suam fixatam pertinent, molendino domini							
Et remanet clare							

Firma de Comb prior.

Redditus assis' firme ibidem per annum dimisse Johanni Blake per indenturam pro termino annorum	vj	–	–

Manerium de Waterfall.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium et vendicio operum per annum	vij	ix	–	ix	xj	ij
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	xlij	ij			

Manerium de Wrangton.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium et vendicio operum per annum	vj	viij	viij	vj	xv	vj ob'
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	vi	x ob'			

Feodi firma de Sutton Prior alias Plymouth.

De majore et ballivis ibidem pro feodi firma burgi predicti per annum	xx	–	–

Marescombe juxta civitatem Exonie.

Redditus omnium terrarum et tenementorum ibidem cum Exon. per annum	xxix	ij	v	xxviij	viij	xj
Inde solutum decano et capitulo Exon. et successoribus suis per annum pro capitali redditu	–	xij	viij			
Et Humfrido Collys et heredibus suis annuatim pro capitali redditu	–	–	vj			
Et . . . . . pro capitali redditu unius tenementi quod nuper fuit Johannis Davy	–	–	iiij			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Shyrford*.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus firme terrarum dominicalium firma molendini per annum	xxviij	–	–	xxviij	iiij	j ob' q'	
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	iiij	j ob' q'				

* This manor in Brixton parish was not the ancient inheritance of the Maynards, as Lysons asserts (Devonshire, vol. ii. p. 74). They held it under the prior and convent of Plympton, as lessees, for years. Queen Elizabeth granted the fee, Jan. 12, 1582, to Sir Francis Drake, Knt., the great circumnavigator, and it continues in the possession of his descendant, Sir Thomas Trayton Fuller Elliott Drake, Bart.

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Manerium de Tamerton.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assisi convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus et vendicio operum per annum	xv	xiiij	–			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	xj	xj ob'q'	xv	xiij	xj ob'q'
Inde solutum Johanni Copleston de Warlegh et heredibus suis annuatim pro capitali redditu	–	vj	–			
Et heredibus Ricardi Whytley annuatim pro capitali redditu	–	vj	–			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Martynstowe.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum incrementis redditus, firme terrarum dominicalium et vendicio operum per annum	xviij	xv	x	xix	xj	vij ob'q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	xv	ix ob'q'			

Plympton prioratus cum grangia ibidem.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium cum terris dominicalibus ac diversis gardinis et clausis terre remanentibus in manibus dicti prioris, per annum	lxxiij	xj	–	lxxvj	xiij	ij ob'q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	lxij	ij ob'q'			

Cornubia.

Manerium de Tregendale in comitatu Cornubie.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum ibidem tenencium per annum	iiij	xix	iiij				
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	iij	v	q'	–	c	iij q'
Inde solutum ..... domino de Bonlegh et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu pro terris domini vocatis Colwode	–	ij	vj				
Et remanet clare							

Manerium de Lanowe Seynt.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	xj	–	xv ob' q'	xj	ix	iij
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	vij	xj q'			

Seynt Anthon alias Burdohowe.

Redditus assisi tam de terris bartone in manibus dicti prioris quam de aliis terris et tenementis assignatis custodi celle sive mansionis dicti prioris ibidem per annum	ix	–	–
Summa totalis omnium possessionum temporalium dicti prioris	cccclviij	v	v ob'di'q'

Inde solutum Henrico marchioni Exonie capitali senescallo omnium maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum in comitatu Devonie pro feodo suo per annum	–	liij	iiij
Et Johanni Alford subseneschallo omnium predictorum maneriorum et ceterorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum		nil.	
Et Hugoni Trevanyon militi capitali seneschallo omnium predictorum maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum in comitatu Cornubie pro feodo suo per annum	–	xx	–
Et Thome Cock subseneschallo omnium predictorum maneriorum et ceterorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum		nil.	
Et Johanni Southcot auditori omnium maneriorum predictorum et ceterorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–
Et Laurencio Prous ballivo omnium predictarum terrarum et tenementorum in Mariscomb juxta civitatem Exonie pro feodo suo per annum	–	xx	–
Et Nicholao Dyer ballivo manerii de Boryngdon predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–
Et Ricardo Hoper ballivo predicti manerii de Wymbury pro feodo suo per annum	–	x	–
Et Thome Maynerd ballivo predicti manerii de Shirford pro feodo suo per annum	–	vj	viij
Et Johanni Martyn ballivo predicti manerii de Tamerton pro feodo suo per annum	–	xv	iiij
Et Johanni Martyn ballivo predicti manerii de Martynstawe pro feodo suo per annum	–	vj	viij
Et Ricardo Drewe ballivo predicti manerii de Nuton Sancti Cirici pro feodo suo per annum	–	vi	viij
Et Ricardo Drewe ballivo predicti manerii de Dene Prior pro feodo suo per annum	–	xx	–
Et Nicholao Slannyngs ballivo predicti manerii de Plympton prioratus sive grangie ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	–	liii	iiij
Summa allocationum	xiiij	xij	–
Et remanet clare	ccccxliij	xiij	v ob'di'q'

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Possessiones spirituales predicti prioris in comitatu Devonie.

Plympton ecclesia beatorum Petri et Pauli tam conventualis monasterii ibidem quam parochialis, cum capellis ab eadem dependentibus, ut inferius patebit, in decanatu de Plympton et diocesi predicta, videlicet:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Decima garbarum cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte ecclesie de Plympton et capellarum ibidem pertinentium valet per annum sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Chalons pro termino annorum	lxxx	–	–	lxxx	–	–

Capella de Plymstoke in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum ibidem cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle de Plymstoke pertinentibus valet per annum sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Chalons et Waltero Shire pro termino annorum .	lxij	–	–	lxij	–	–

Capella de Wenbury in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle de Wenbury pertinentibus valet per annum sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Johanni Ryder pro termino annorum	xliij	xiij	iiij	xliij	xiij	iiij

Capella de Brixston in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle de Brixston pertinentibus valet per annum sic dimissa ad firmam Ricardo Chalons pro termino annorum	xxx	–	–	xxx	–	–

Capella de Shagh in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle de Shagh pertinentibus valet per annum xxj$^{li.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam Ricardo Chalons pro termino annorum				xxj	–	–

Capella de Sampford Spyney in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum cum omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle de Sampford Spyney pertinentibus valet per annum ix$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$, sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Furlong pro termino annorum				ix	vi	viij

Ecclesia de Sutton Prior alias Plymmouth in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum xv$^{li.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Champlyn pro termino annorum . . . . . Et viij$^{li.}$ pro una annuali pensione recepta annuatim de Edwardo Wygan, vicario ibidem .				xxiij	–	–

Capella Sancti Budoci ab ecclesia de Sutton Prior dependens in decanatu de Tamerton et in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum ix$^{li.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Roberto Kympe pro termino annorum				ix	–	–

Ecclesia de Tamerton cum capello de Martynstowe in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum ibidem cum capella de Martynstowe valet per annum x$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$, sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Champlayn et [Ricardo Coffyn] vicario ibidem				x	xiij	iiij

Ecclesia de Ekkebokeland in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum ix$^{li.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Champlayn pro termino annorum				ix	–	–

Ecclesia de Marystowe cum capella de Thrisselton.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum viij$^{li.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Henrico Langefford pro termino annorum				viij	–	–

Rectoria de Dene prior in decanatu Totton in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum viij$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ sic dimissa ad firmam per indenturam Ricardo Drewe et Willielmo Mugge pro termino annorum				viij	x	–

Rectoria de Newton Sancti Cirici in decanatu de [Cadbury] in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum xv$^{li.}$ sic dimissa per indenturam Ricardo Drewe pro termino annorum				xv	–	–

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Rectoria de Blakeaveton in decanatu Totton in diocesi predicta.

	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum terris sanctuarii et omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte rectorie pertinentibus sic dimissa per indenturam Philippo Champernon militi pro termino annorum . . . . . xlij xiij iiij			
Inde solutum Willielmo Randall et successoribus suis, vicario ibidem, unam annualem pensionem xvj$^{li.}$ pro cura animarum et assignatam racione cujusdam actus parliamenti			
Et remanet clare	xxvj	xiij	iiij

Capella Sancti Johannis de Arcubus * in civitate Exonie in decanatu de Exonia in diocesi predicta.

Capella ibidem valet per annum in omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle pertinentibus ix$^{li.}$ xix$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ ob' sic assignata Barnardo Cole custodi celle Marisci juxta Exon per annum	ix	xvij	ij ob'
Inde solutum decano et capitulo Exonie et successoribus suis annuatim ij$^{s.}$ pro capitali redditu			
Et remanet clare			

Plympton Thomas in decanatu de Plympton in diocesi predicta.

Capella ibidem valet per annum in omnibus decimis et oblacionibus predicte capelle pertinentibus xj$^{li.}$	xj	–	–

Rectoria de Uggeburgh.

Percipit ibidem annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum .	viij	–	–

Rectoria de Brydstowe.

Percipit ibidem annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum .	vj	xiij	iiij

Rectoria de Bratton.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	cvj	viij

Rectoria de Stokyngtynhed.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	xl	–

Rectoria de Exmyster.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	lxvj	viij

Rectoria de Mewy.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	xiij	iiij

Cornubia.

Rectoria de Maker in decanatu de [Est], in diocesi Exonie in comitatu Cornubie.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum xij$^{li.}$ sic dimissa per indenturam Waltero Shire pro termino annorum	xi	vj	viii
Inde solutum [Bernardo Travers] vicario ibidem et successoribus suis nomine augmentacionis, ut patet per compositionem inde ostensam, xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$			
Et remanet clare			

Rectoria de Lannow alias Seynt Kewe in decanatu de [Trigge minor] in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum xx$^{li.}$ sic dimissa per indenturam Nicholao Pridyaux pro termino annorum	xx	–	–

Rectoria Sancti Antonii in decanatu de [Powdre] in diocesi predicta.

Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum c$^{s.}$ sic dimissa Roberto Heryng per annum .	–	c	–

Capella parochialis Sancti Gerendi a predicta rectoria Sancti Antonii dependens in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Medietas decime garbarum ibidem valet per annum xiij$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ sic dimissa per indenturam Johanni Reswycke pro termino annorum	xiij	vi	viij

Rectoria Sancti Mawgani.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	xxvj	viij

Rectoria Sancti Justi.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pencionem de rectoria predicta per annum	–	xiij	iiij
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti prioris	cccccliiij	vij	ij ob'
Summa omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium monasterii predicti clare	Dccccxij	xij	viii di' q'
Inde pro decima	xcı	v	iij q'

* John How, the last prior, on June 1, 1523, consented, with the approbation of Bishop Veysy, to the licensing of the new chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary in S. John's parish, now the Tuckers' hall. The fraternity or gild of the Assumption of our Lady was to find and support the chaplain to answer for repairs, &c., to pay the prior and convent of Plympton 3*s.* 4*d.* on Aug. 15, yearly; but no sacrament or sacramentals could be administered therein to the prejudice of the mother church. A few years later, it is called in deeds, "Capella beate Marie textorum et fullonum Exonie." Between the years 1634 and 1638 a very handsome upper room was formed out of the chapel for the meetings of the fraternity, and the lower room was assigned for a poor school.

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Num. XXIX.

(From a pension book in the Augmentation Office.)

Plympton.

Penc̃ons appoynted by the kinge highnes com̃yssioñs of the late p'or and covent of the surrendryd howse of Plympton, in the countie of Devõn, the fyrste day of M'che in the xxx^th^. yere of the reigne of oure soũaigne lorde king Henry the viij^th^. and they and eũy of them to haue one quarts penc̃on at thaññcac̃on of o^r^ ladie next cumyng, and at the feast of Saynt Mychell tharchũngell next after that one halfe yeres penc̃on, and so from halfe yere to halfe yere during there lyves.

That is to say,

Ffurst to John Howe p'or . cxx^li^.
To Willm Peyrs supp'or . . x^li^.
To Henry Derke . . . . viij^li^.
To Henry Luxton . . . . cvj^s^. viij^d^. and serving the cure of Shaugh to haue for his yerely wage sevyn pounde accompting his penc̃on for pte of the same.
To Symonde Saverey . . . vj^li^.
To Robert Rudge . . . . cvj^s^. viij^d^.
To John Ferrys . . . . . cvj^s^. viij^d^.
To John Derke . . . . . vj^li^.
To Rafe Savage . . . . . iiij^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To Barnarde Cole . . . . iiij^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^. and serving the cure of Wenbery to haue for his yerely wage vj^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^. accompting vt supra.
To John Pereman . . . . vj^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To John Bedforde . . . . iiij^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To Robert Demonde . . . cvj^s^. viij^d^.
To Richard Keyser . . . . x^li^.
To John Nycolles . . . . vj^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To Robert Heron . . . . iiij^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To Edward Marten . . . iiij^li^. xiij^s^. iiij^d^.
To Thoms Wylcocke . . . c^s^.
To John Wymonde . . . . vj^li^.

Thoms Crumwell.
Jo. Tregonwell.
Wylliam Petre.
John Smyth.

Num. XXX.

Computus ministrorum Domini Regis temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, 32 Hen. VIII.)

Nuper Prioratus de Plympton.

Comitatu Devonie:	£	s.	d.
Boryngdon—Redditus liberorum tenencium	2	12	4
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	30	15	–
Firma grangie	13	6	8
Perquisita curie	1	3	8
Wembury—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	15	4
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	30	5	2
Firma manerii	21	10	–
Perquisita curie	–	10	11
Canbarne—Redditus liberorum tenencium	2	1	8
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	4	9	10
Perquisita curie	–	1	5
Newton Sancti Cirici—Redditus liberorum tenencium	3	19	2
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	35	6	7
Perquisita curie	–	9	7
Deane Prior—Redditus liberorum tenencium	3	2	4
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	23	2	9
Deane Prior—Firma terr' dominical'	8	4	10
Perquisita curie	–	8	7
Priorton—Redditus assisi	8	4	1½
Sheaghe—Redditus assisi	7	9	4
Perquisita curie	–	4	–
Combe Prior—Firma capital' mans'	6	–	–
Waterfall—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	7	8½
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	6	19	8
Perquisita curie	–	2	7½
Wrangton—Redditus assisi	6	5	2
Venditio operum	–	3	6
Perquisita curie	–	–	9
Sutton alias Plymouth—Feodi firma	20	–	–
Marescombe—Redditus assisi	15	1	5
Situs et terr' dominical'	11	6	2
Shurforde—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	15	–
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	7	18	4
Firma manerii	20	–	–
Perquisita curie	–	1	–
Tamerton—Redditus assisi	15	10	–
Martynstowe—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	11	9
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	3	19	6
Firma grangie	5	13	4
Plympton grange—Redditus liberorum tenencium	9	9	3
Redditus custumariorum tenencium, &c.	51	12	5
Plymouth—Redditus terr' et tenencium	1	16	6
Salteashe—Redditus un' ten'	–	13	4
Plympton—Situs cum terr' dominical'	12	5	4
Perquisita curie	2	3	5
Tregendale—Redditus assisi	4	18	10
S. Lanowe—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	14	4¾
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	10	6	11
Perquisita curie	–	8	–
Cella divi Anthonii—Liberorum redditus	–	19	10
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	3	11	–
Firma situs cum terr' dominical'	6	13	4
Rectoria ibidem	17	–	–
Plympton—Firma rectorie	74	–	–
Plymstocke—Firma capelle	72	–	–
Wembery—Firma capelle	40	13	4
Bryxton—Firma capelle	30	–	–
Sheagh—Firma capelle	20	–	–
Sanforde Spyna—Firma decimarum	9	6	8
Plympton S. Maurice—Firma decime	11	–	–
Sutton alias Plymouth—Firma rectorie	15	–	–
Ecke Bukland et Tamerton Foliatt—Firma rectoriarum	9	–	–
Sutton alias Plymouth—Pensio de vicar'	8	–	–
Sancti Budoc—Firma capelle	9	–	–
Maristow et Thrusselton—Firma rectorie cum capella	8	–	–
Deane Prior et Sancti Ciric'—Firma rectoriarum	23	10	–
Sancti Johannis de Arcubus — Firma capelle	9	19	2½
Ugburgh—Pensio rector'	8	–	–
Maker—Firma rectorie	11	6	8
Comitatu Cornubie:			
Lanowe alias Kewe—Firma rectorie	20	–	–
Comitatu Devonie:			
Briddestowe—Pensio de rectoria	6	13	4
Bratton—Pensio de rectoria	5	6	8
Stockyngtinhed—Pensio de rectoria	2	–	–
Exmynster—Pensio de rectoria	3	6	8
Comitatu Cornubie:			
Mewe—Pensio de rectoria	–	13	4
Mawgan—Pensio de rectoria	1	6	8
Sancti Just—Pensio de rectoria	–	13	4

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Convent of Franciscan or Grey Friars, Plymouth.

N the episcopal registers frequent mention is made of the convent of Grey Friars in Plymouth. The precise date of its foundation has not been ascertained, but it appears that in 1383 a licence was granted by King Richard II. to William Cole, John Fishacre, Geoffry Couche, and Humphry Passour, to alienate six acres of land in Plymouth, which were held of the king in chief, to the Friars Minors in the same town, as a site for a certain church, a belfry, and other buildings, and for the necessary habitation of the same brethren anew to be made and constructed. This (which was perhaps only a new site of an older establishment) was near the harbour of Sutton Pool on the north-western side; and the last remaining part of it was destroyed in 1813, when the present exchange was erected in Woolster-street. A part of the site was used for many years as an inn called the Mitre Tavern. This inn was entered from the street through a low arched doorway, leading into a quadrangular court, having on the eastern side a cloister supported by twisted or spiral pillars. At the end of this a staircase led to apartments formed out of the convent church; the lower part had been used as cellars for merchandize*. The site of this convent was granted on Nov. 13, 1546, to Giles and Gregory Iseham. (Tanner's Notitia.)

Num. I.

Licentia Regia tenentibus in capite alienandi terras suas, et fratribus ordinis Fratrum Minorum tenendi easdem in manu mortua.

(Rot. Pat. 7 Ric. II. p. 1, m. 39.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, Willielmo Cole, Thomæ Fisshacre, Galfrido Couche, et Humfrido Passour, quod ipsi sex acras terre cum pertinenciis in Plymmuth, que de nobis tenentur in capite, dare et assignare possint fratribus ordinis Fratrum Minorum in villa predicta habitaturis, ad quandam ecclesiam cum campanili et cetera quecumque domos edificia et clausuras pro divinis obsequiis ibidem excercendis ac inhabitacione ipsorum fratrum necessaria de novo facienda et construenda, habendas et tenendas eisdem fratribus et successoribus suis ad ecclesiam campanile domos edificia et clausuras predicta facienda et construenda, ut premittitur, et ad exorandum ibidem pro salubri statu nostro dum vixerimus et pro anima nostra cum ab hac luce migraverimus, et animabus progenitorum nostrorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum imperpetuum. Et eisdem fratribus, quod ipsi dictam terram cum pertinenciis a prefatis Willielmo, Thoma, Galfrido et Humfrido recipere possint et tenere prefatis fratribus et successoribus suis in villa predicta inhabitaturis ad ecclesiam campanile domos edificia et clausuras predicta facienda et construenda et ad exorandum pro statu animabus predictis imperpetuum, sicut predictum est, tenore presentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito, seu eo, quod dicta terra de nobis tenetur ut premittitur, non obstantibus. Nolentes quod predicti Willielmus, Thomas, Galfridus et Humfridus, vel heredes sui aut prefati fratres seu successores sui ratione statuti predicti aut aliorum premissorum per nos vel heredes nostros justiciarios escaetores vicecomites aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros quoscumque occasionentur molestentur in aliquo seu graventur. Salvis semper nobis et heredibus nostris serviciis de terra predicta debitis et consuetis. In cujus, etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, xxviij die Junij. Per breve de privato sigillo et pro viginti solidis solutis in hanaperio.

Num. II.

Licentia vicario de Sutton prosequendi causam suam contra Fratres Minores apud curiam Romanam.

(Rot. Pat. 3 Hen. IV. p. 2, m. 13.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod cum ut intellexerimus quidam magister Michael Sergeaux nuper vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Sutton juxta Plymmouth prosecutus fuisset quandam citationem in curia Romana versus Johannem Tyssyngton tunc ministrum ordinis Fratrum Minorum in Anglia et Willielmum Chepton et alios fratres ejusdem ordinis de eo quod ipsi quandam domum de fratribus dicti ordinis infra parochiam predictam sine licentia ordinaria seu prefati nuper vicarii de novo construxerunt, acrochiando sibi diversa proficua et emolumenta ad dictam ecclesiam pertinentia, videlicet, oblaciones, confessiones, sepulturas mortuorum et communicacionem parochianorum ipsius vicarii, et processum inde in eadem curia continuasset quousque idem nuper vicarius sentenciam diffinitivam versus eos optinuisset, ac ante execucionem sentencie predicte prefatus nuper vicarius obiisset, sicque prefati Johannes et Willielmus predicta acrochiamenta, injurias, et usurpaciones tota vita sua, et postmodum frater Lodowicus Cardigan et Johannes Tremure et alii successores sui hactenus continuassent, et adhuc continuent, in ecclesie predicte exheredacionem et Johannis Gelys nunc vicarii ejusdem grave dampnum ac destructionem manifestam: nos de gratia nostra speciali ad supplicacionem predicti nunc vicarii concessimus et licentiam dedimus tam eidem nunc vicario quod ipse prosequi, quam delegatis et subdelegatis ac officiariis et ministris suis in predicta causa quod ipsi facere, possint execucionem sentencie supradicte prout de jure et secundum legem ecclesiasticam fuerit faciendam, aliquibus protectionibus vel exempcionibus dictis fratribus per nos ante hec tempora factis non obstantibus; nolentes quod predictus nunc vicarius seu successores sui aut prefati delegati, subdelegati, officiarii seu ministri sui predicti per nos vel heredes nostros seu ministros nostros quoscumque inde occasionentur, molestentur in aliquo, seu graventur. In cujus, &c. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium xix die Junij per ipsum regem.

* The author is indebted to the researches of his kind friend, Henry Woollcombe, of Plymouth, Esq., for valuable local information respecting this and other ecclesiastical establishments in the neighbourhood of Plymouth.

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Convent of Carmelite or White Friars, Plymouth.

N Plymouth there was a Carmelite convent, or convent of White Friars, established in 1314. In the very beginning something uncanonical in their settlement had occurred, which occasioned the displeasure of Bishop Stapeldon; but at the recommendation of his sovereign, King Edward II., their great patron, he was induced to overlook the irregularity, and on Sept. 28, 1314, issued his license, "ut religiosi viri ordinis Beate Marie de Monte Carmeli in areâ suâ de Sutton nostre diocesis divina valeant celebrare," and that the site of their convent might be dedicated by any Catholic bishop. (Reg. fol. 88.) Subsequently their prior, *Henry Sutton*, was excommunicated by Bishop Brantyngham, for presuming to absolve in a reserved case, Sept. 17, 1374; but he was afterwards reconciled to his diocesan. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 48.) *John* occurs as the prior of this house thirteen years later, viz. Sept. 22, 1387. That they were not allowed to perform the funerals or interments of strangers dying in S. Andrew's parish, without the consent of the vicar, is evident from Bishop Lacy's ordinance, Nov. 27, 1438. (Reg. vol. iii. 175-6.)

The house was in the eastern part of the town, in a tithing called Sutton Rauf or Ralph. In Leland, who mentions this, the MS. is defective, having only the first letter R for the name of the quarter of the town; but from the parliamentary incorporation of the town we find that the new borough of Plymouth embraced Sutton Prior, part of the hamlet of Sutton Valletort, and the tithing of Sutton Rauf, and this is no doubt the part meant by Leland. In the chart, tempore Henry VIII., printed in Lysons' Devonshire, vol. ii. p. 398, the church of this friary, with its lofty steeple, is a prominent object. On June 26, 1387, the commission upon the Scroop and Grosvenor controversy sat in this church and in the refectory.

NUM. I.

Licentia fratribus B. Mariæ de Monte Carmeli divina celebrandi apud Sutton.

(Stapeldon's Register, fol. 88, b.)

VICESIMO octavo die Septembris anno Domini M° CCC^mo XIV. apud Eboracum emanavit littera episcopi sub hac forma. Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam deduci volumus per presentes quod nos affectuosis precibus eccellentissimi principis et Domini nostri domini Edwardi Dei gracia regis Anglie illustris nobis in hac parte factis favorabiliter annuentes ut religiosi viri fratres ordinis beate Marie de Monte Carmeli in area sua de Sotton nostre diocesis divina valeant celebrare, licenciam eis et eorum cuilibet tenore presencium concedimus et liberam facultatem. Datum apud Eboracum xxviij. die mensis Septembris anno Domini M° CCC^mo XIV.

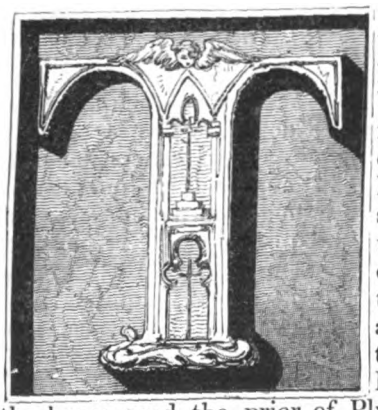
NUM. II.

Licentia consecrandi ecclesiam eorundem fratrum.

(Ibid.)

UNIVERSIS etc. salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ut locus quem religiosi viri fratres ordinis beate Marie de Monte Carmeli optinent apud Sotton nostre diocesis pro honore Dei et utilitate fratrum predictorum a quocumque episcopo Catholico, graciam sedis apostolice optinente, valeat Domino consecrari, eisdem fratribus, precibus in hac parte excellentissimi principis et domini nostri domini Edwardi Dei gracia regis Anglie illustris, tenore presencium licenciam concedimus et liberam facultatem. Premissa omnia et singula ad vestre universitatis noticiam cupimus pervenire. Datum apud Eboracum xxviij die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo quarto decimo.

The Domus Leprosorum, or Lepers' House, at Plympton.



HERE was, formerly, a lepers' house, erected "in honore S. Trinitatis ac beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ," in this town. The date of the foundation is not known, and it should seem that it was equally unknown to the members of the establishment; for in the reign of Edward III., about 1370, they laid claim to immemorial existence. In that year the prior of the house sued the prior of Plympton for a corody, consisting of a daily loaf of white and black bread, a gallon of convent ale, and a mess of "cochin des chaires*" on every flesh-day, and a mess of "cochin de peshon†" on every fish-day, like a canon of the priory. The prior of Plympton denied the corporate character of the hospital, alleging that it was a mere voluntary association of poor laymen, without convent, college, or common seal, and therefore incapable of suing in the name of their prior. The plaintiff replied, that priors had been elected by the brethren from time immemorial. The court eventually overruled the plea and adjudged that, as the defendant did not deny that there had always been such elective priors from time beyond memory, he was bound to give a more substantial answer to the complaint. (See Liber Assisarum, fol. 284.)

We may safely infer from this reported case, that the origin of the establishment, if not really immemorial, was, at all events, very obscure.

The house was recognized and patronized by Bishop Brantingham in 1374. (Regist., vol. i. fol. 52.)

* Cuisine de chair.

† Cuisine de poisson.

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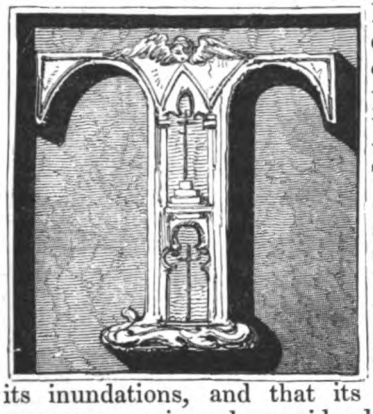
Priory of S. Andrew's, Cowick.

IN THE DEANERY OF KENN.



THE priory of S. Andrew's *, at Cowick, Coic, or Cuwic, stood in the parish of S. Thomas, between the river Exe and the Okehampton road. The intervening space, comprehending about two acres, is directly opposite the Bonhay, whence may be seen the remains of its very ancient wall. That it was situate close to the river, and liable to its inundations, and that its buildings had in consequence experienced considerable injury, is abundantly proved by Stafford's Register (vol. ii. fol. 287.) and Lacy's Register (vol. iii. fol. 206.) where a writ, dated 18 Henry VI. and directed to the prior of Cowic, sets forth "quod magna pars possessionum prioratus predicti cuidam magne riparie, vocate Exe, convicina existat, ac de ingentibus fluctibus, qui ibidem annis nuperimis evenerunt, extitit inundata, et si possessiones ille custubus non modicis erga dictam ripariam citius defendantur, eedem possessiones verosimiliter destruerentur; ac ecclesia et claustrum prioratus predicti maximaque pars domorum illius loci adeo debilia et putrida existunt quod magna pars inde ad terram verosimiliter est casura nisi custubus non modicis citius adjuvetur et relevetur."

The Courtenays for many generations were considered the founders and patrons; a distinction which seems to have belonged to them as representatives of the original founder.

The community settled here was originally a filiation from the celebrated abbey of Bec, in Normandy †. It is stated to have received its first endowment from William, the son of Baldwin ‡, in the reign of Henry II., or earlier, with the manors of Cowick and Exwick. These two manors, under the names of Coic and Essoic, appear in the Domesday record to have been in the possession of Baldwin the sheriff at the time of making that survey; and the gift, like those of many other Norman barons and landowners recently after the Conquest, was probably made directly to the Norman abbey, and not to the English priory. The establishment of the English cell as a separate and subordinate corporation was a subsequent arrangement. Indeed, as late as the reign of Edward I. the parent abbey still claimed more than the mere right of patronage; for, while the prior was tenant of the vill or manor of Cowick, the abbot was still recognized as the immediate tenant of Christow under the Courtenay family in respect of their barony of Okehampton (see Hundred rolls 3 Ed. I. Appendix, Num. III.), though the land had at this time been demised in fee-farm by the abbey to the priory. (Appendix, Num. II.) The donation is recited in the charter of Henry II. to the Norman abbey, (Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. vi. p. 1068. "De dono Willielmi filii Baldewini in Anglia, Cuwic et Exewic,") and the priors of Cowick were regularly instituted on the presentation of the abbots of that great monastery. To the crown of England the convent was bound to pay the yearly charge of twenty-four marks, and during the connexion of Cowick with the Norman house the crown constantly exercised its prerogative, in time of a French war, of seizing all their revenues within the dominions of this country; a practice to which we have already had occasion to advert when treating of the alien convents in Cornwall. The extent or survey taken on such seisure in 18 Ed. II. is inserted in the Appendix.

We shall now attempt to shew the succession of priors, of whom the first that we meet with is

Walter. In a deed made in the time of John, bishop of Exeter, between the years 1186 and 1191, now in the possession of the corporation of Exeter, the provost and citizens of Exeter granted to this prior and his successors two acres of land in Dorerd (Duryard) at the yearly acknowledgment of 2*s*. It is not impossible that this may be the Walter mentioned by William of Worcester,

* In Bibl. Harl. 1367, in the British Museum, "Arms of Devonshire," part ii. fol. 8, "This coate standyth in S. Thomas' churche by Exon and weare the arms of the priory of Cowick—Argt. three cows couchant, gules. Tanner, in his Notitia Monast., gives the arms thus: three cows passant sable, collared or, eyed gules.

† This abbey was founded by Herlouin or Hellouin, son of Ansgot and Heloysa, on his own estate, and was seated in a valley near the confluence of the rivulets Bec and La Rive. The venerable founder was its first abbot, and died Aug. 26, 1073, æt. 83. Under his friend Lanfranc, whom he made prior and who was afterwards consecrated archbishop of Canterbury in 1070, this abbey deserved to be styled by William of Malmesbury (lib. i. de Gestis Pontif. Angl.) "magnum et famosum litteraturæ gymnasium." From the Neustria Pia, by the learned Monstier, (fol. Rouen, 1663,) we are enabled to furnish the series of its abbots during its connexion with Cowic priory.

2. S. Anselm, who succeeded Lanfranc as archbishop of Canterbury Dec. 4, 1094.
3. William Montfort died April 16, 1124.
4. Boso died on June 24, 1136.
5. Theobald, who was consecrated archbishop of Canterbury in 1138, and died April 18, 1161.
6. Letard, who died July 2, 1149.
7. Robert, who was elected archbishop of Canterbury in 1173, but declined the dignity.
8. Osbern, died abbot in 1188.
9. Roger, died in 1194.
10. Walter, who resigned in 1197.
11. Hugo or Odo, who died in the year following.
12. William II., died Sept. 18, 1211.
13. Richard de Sancto Leodegario; elected bishop of Evreux in August, 1223.
14. Henry de Sancto Leodegario, obiit June 23, 1247.
15. Robert de Claro Becco. The year before his death the church and abbey were accidentally burnt. Ob. Nov. 23, 1265.
16. John, who died in October, 1272.
17. Peter de Cambâ (a village near Bec). In the first year of his government the central tower of the abbey church fell on the day after Ash-Wednesday, 1273, and did much damage: fortunately there was no loss of life. Ob. Nov. 2, 1281.
18. Marius or Imerius, ob. Nov. 15, 1304.
19. Gilbert de Sancto Stephano, obiit Aug. 24, 1327.
20. Gaufridus Faé, elected bishop of Evreux 1334.
21. John II. de Grengiis, obiit Feb. 19, 1350.
22. Robert II. de Rotis or Couroye, obiit Sept. 1, 1361.
23. William III. de Beusevillâ, alias Popeline, obiit May 2, 1388.
24. Estoldus, who, after a short government, resigned.
25. Gaufridus II. (Harenc.) This exemplary abbot died at Padua, on his return from the Holy Land, June 15, 1399.
26. William IV. de Annularibus, obiit Jan. 3, 1417.
27. Robert III. de Becco, nephew to the last abbot, died May 4, 1430.
28. Thomas de Frique, obiit July 5, 1446.
29. John III. de Motâ, obiit Nov. 17, 1452, and was the last abbot of Bec who could claim jurisdiction at Cowic.

‡ Sir Henry Ellis, in his introduction to Domesday, vol. i. p. 377, says, "Baldewinus Vicecomes was one of the sons of Gilbert earl of Brion, who was murdered in Normandy. This Baldwin, who was one of the king's generals at the battle of Hastings, was called Baldwin de Molis, Baldwin de Brion, and Baldwin de Sap, and sometimes, at a later period, Baldwin de Exeter. He had the barony of Okehampton, which was his chief seat, 'Ipse Baldwinus tenet de rege Ochementone, et ibi sedet castellum,' (Domesday, tom. i. fol. 106.) and the castle of Exeter, which he had built at the king's command. (Lysons' Mag. Brit. Devonshire, p. 1, note.)" Baldwin inherited Meules and Sap in Normandy, from his father Gislebert, comte de Brionne. Hence the variations in the name. (See Rot. Scacc. Norman. vol. ii. Intr. p. 136, 145.) William, the son of Baldwin, was sheriff in the reign of William II., as appears by one of the charters of that king to S. Nicholas Priory (ante, p. 117), and this was perhaps the founder of Cowick priory.

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"qui, ducens religiosam vitam in monasterio de Cowyke, canonizatus est."

William. By the cartulary of S. John's, Exeter, it appears that this prior, and Henry, archdeacon of Exeter, were appointed about the year 1220 by the legate Pandulphus to be arbitrators in a dispute between Buckfastleigh abbey and the hospital of S. Alexius situate behind the priory of S. Nicholas, Exeter, respecting 32*s.* annual rent from certain lands called Lamenecote and Emild. They awarded the lands to the abbey, charged with the payment of 30*s.* to the hospital.

Thomas, who resigned in the year 1263. Perhaps it was to this prior that Bishop William Briwere appropriated the church of Oakhampton on Easter Tuesday, 1239. See Appendix, Num. I.

N. (probably *Nicholas*) *de Columbers;* he resigned early in 1275.

Adam de Bours, confirmed successor to the above, Aug. 16, 1275.

William de Portâ, admitted prior by Bishop Bytten between 1292 and 1307.

Eustachius occurs as prior June 5, 1317, when Bishop Stapeldon allowed him to visit the mother house at Bec, provided he returned "circa gulam Augusti."

Thomas de Leonibus resigned in 1334.

Alexander de Rothis succeeded Aug. 22, 1334. He resigned his office in 1352, in order to lead the life of a private religious.

Durandus de Sancto Stephano succeeded, and held the situation for nine years.

John de Ponte Episcopi, admitted prior May 15, 1361.

John Perfit succeeded in 1371. In the time of this prior we find the following return by Bishop Brantyngham to King Edward the Third's writ (vol. ii. fol. 7.):

Frater Johannes Perfyt optinet ecclesiam de Cowyk cum capella Sancti Thome, valoris per annum	12 marcas
Idem obtinet ecclesiam de Spreyton, valoris per annum	5£
Idem obtinet ecclesiam de Crystowe*, valoris per annum	10 marcas
Idem obtinet ecclesiam de Ochampton, valoris per annum	12 marcas
Idem percipit porcionem valentem annuatim ab ecclesia de Samford Courtenaye . .	5 solidos
Idem percipit pensionem annuatim de Whympel Courtenay	2 marcas

He continued prior for four years, and was succeeded by

Robert de Glanvilla, who died prior in the summer of 1382. During his government, viz. on Saturday, March 8, 1376, William Courtnay, bishop of London, with the permission of our diocesan, Bishop Brantyngham, held a large ordination "in Prioratu de Cowyk." Amongst others admitted to the tonsure was Hugo de Courtenay.

William de Estrepeny succeeded Robert on Aug. 2, and resigned sixteen years later.

John de Bourgeanyll was confirmed William's successor May 29, 1398. He gave the land for the present parish church and cemetery of S. Thomas Becket. The original chapel of S. Thomas stood at the end of Exeter bridge, and had no right of burial; all interments in the parish were in the cemetery of S. Michael's chapel beyond the priory gate, probably in what is now Dymond's nursery ground. The church and cemetery of S. Thomas were consecrated by Bishop Stafford in Oct. 1412.

In No. 61 of the Inquisitions ad quod damnum, in the Tower from 7 to 18 Hen. VI., it is stated that this prior had made waste and destruction in his priory during his government by permitting a certain chamber called *Erles-chamber* to be ruinous, and at Exwick a parcel of the same priory, one chamber, a grange, and a mill, to go to decay by the defect of the roofs; and that the said prior made waste at Christow by cutting down and selling twenty oaks growing there, worth, each, forty pence, and suffering one grange and a chamber there to become ruinous.

Peter; he died prior in 1420. King Henry IV., in 1410, allowed this prior to receive some foreign monks into his house, provided on their first coming into the realm they appeared before the chancellor, and swore undivided allegiance. This they did July 4 that year. The letters patent are set forth in the printed calendar of Patent Rolls, fo. 257†.

William Dounebant, admitted prior Nov. 20, 1420, and died early in 1447.

King Henry VI., on Jan. 20, 1440, restored the priory to its property and privileges, and exonerated it from the annual charge of twenty-four marks to the crown. This prior was charged with waste by permitting the priory church, the chancel, the cloisters, the principal chamber, the kitchen, the chief gateway, the great grange, and the bakehouse, to go to decay for want of sufficient repairs; and at Exwick, for felling and selling 80 oaks, each worth twenty pence; and at Christow 80 oaks, each also worth twenty pence. (See the Inquisitions, supra.) But, in justice to the prior's memory, we should put into the balance the serious damage which his convent had suffered from the inundations of the Exe, and the great fire which took place on Palm Sunday, March 19, 1442, and produced the enormous loss in buildings, moveables, and live-stock, of £177 12*s.* 4*d.*; to say nothing of the sequestrations of property during the wars with France.

Robert de Rouen of *Becdenne;* confirmed William's successor April 22, 1447. This was the last prior; he resigned his office and surrendered his convent, Nov. 22, 1451, when King Henry VI. assigned its revenues to his noble foundation at Eton. The property thus transferred was valuable: viz. the manors of Cowic, and Exwick, and Christow; the advowsons of S. Thomas, of Christow, Spreyton, and Okehampton; the chapel of S. Mary at Sticklepath ‡; (Cleaveland incorrectly adds the chapels of Halstock and Ken; Genealog. Hist. of the Courtenay Family, p. 135,) and certain pensions from the chapels of Sampford Courtenay, Whimple, and Methe. Thirteen years later, King Edward IV. withdrew this donation from Eton College, and assigned it to his favoured abbey of Tavistock. Until the general suppression of religious houses it continued in possession of that great abbey, when, by a sweeping grant, dated July 4, anno 31 Hen. VIII., 1539, it was conveyed to John Lord Russell, with the immense estates of Tavistock and Dunkeswell abbies, besides other ecclesiastical property. (See ante, Tavistock.) His family, within a century, alienated most of the property in S. Thomas's parish to meet the expenses of that princely undertaking, the Great Bedford Level, which was not completed until the restoration of King Charles II.

We said, in the preceding part of this article, that the Courtenays were considered as the founders and patrons of S. Andrew's Priory. Several of this illustrious family chose its conventual church for their place of interment.

* This church was dedicated to S. Christina, V. M.

† In the time of this prior, and of a predecessor, Perfit, in 1372, some questions respecting the legal effect of the seisure of alien priories came before the king's courts. On the first occasion the prior of Cowick brought a scire facias against J. Whitesby, the parson of Whimple, upon a judgment recovered against a former incumbent, J. Hugh, for the annuity of two marks charged on that rectory. The defendant showed that he was instituted on the presentation of the king, and on that account claimed to "have aid" of the king as patron, —a prayer which, if well-founded, stayed the action until the king was made a party to the proceeding. To this the prior replied, that the defendant was presented during the time that the priory was in the king's hands, ratione guerræ; that the priory had been since restored, and that such seisure did not divest the right of patronage out of the prior, which had indeed been recognized and admitted by J. Hugh in the suit for this very annuity. The prayer was accordingly overruled, and the defendant, after another ineffectual defence, had judgment against him. (See Y. B. 46 Edward III. fo. 6, explained in Brook's Abridgment, tit. Aide del roy.) The question which occurred in the reign of Henry IV. was, whether the prior could have execution for the annuity on a judgment recovered against the parson's predecessor, when the priory was in the hands of the crown, and when the defendant had, it seems, suffered judgment to be recovered against him without praying aid of the king, who was the true patron pro tempore. (Y. B. 12 Hen. IV. fo. 4, 5.)—S.

‡ In a court roll of Fulford cum membris (1531) we read, "Et solutum Cantarie de Stikelpath pro uno cereo in capellâ ibidem inveniendo de antiquâ consuetudine xvi^{d}." The steward of Fulford paid it also in 1542.

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Hugh Lord Courtenay, baron of Okehampton, who died at Colecumbe in Colyton parish, Feb. 27, 1291, was buried here*. The remains of his widow, the Lady Alianora, daughter of Hugh Lord Despenser, who died in London, Sept. 26, 1328, were also deposited here. Their daughter-in-law Agnes, sister of the Lord St. John, and wife of Hugh Lord Courtenay (created earl of Devon in 1335), dying at Tiverton on June 11, 1340, was buried near them, on the 27th of the same month, with great honours. On this occasion her afflicted husband was munificent in his doles. To every abbey in the county of Devon and to Plympton priory he presented twenty marks; to each of the other priories in the county, he gave ten marks; to the convents of friars, five marks each. To the fabric of Exeter cathedral he gave 100 marks, and the same amount to Bishop Grandisson's new foundation of S. Mary's college at Ottery.

This magnificent earl survived his countess but a short time, dying at Tiverton castle on Dec. 23, 1340. From Bishop Grandisson's Register, (vol. ii. fol. 235.) and from a manuscript entitled, "De origine dignitatis et nominis de Courteney hic in Anglia," which was transcribed as long ago as 1549, we may form some idea of the splendour of his funeral obsequies. The body lay in state at Tiverton until the Feast of the Purification, Feb. 2. On the following day, Saturday, the corpse was removed to Exeter, attended by nearly all the ecclesiastical dignitaries and by the nobility and gentry of the county. The procession entered the cathedral about six in the evening, when solemn vespers were performed by the canons and vicars, at which Robert, the bishop of Salisbury, officiated. The next morning high mass was offered for the repose of the deceased by the same prelate, and the church was thronged with an immense number of the clergy and laity. The procession then moved to Cowick priory, where the body was received by the prior and monks, and deposited in their choir. On Monday, the illustrious Grandisson, with the bishop of Salisbury, Hugh de Courtenay son and heir of the deceased, Sir Thomas Courtenay, Sir John de Ralegh, Sir Oliver Dinham, Sir John Luterell, Sir Randolph de Alto Monte, Sir Ralph Bloyon, Sir William de Botreaux, and the abbots of Milton, of Shireburn, of Tor, of Buckland, and many others, attended the service. Grandisson officiated, and preached, first in Latin and then in French, from the text, 1 Book of Chronicles, chap. xxix. verse 28—"Mortuus est in senectute bona, plenus dierum et divitiis et gloria," and expatiated on the merits and virtues of the lamented deceased. On the same day, in this conventual church, the will of the deceased was exhibited to the bishop by the earl and the other three executors, and probate was granted. An abundant entertainment was provided for all comers; and the poor were specially remembered.

We cannot doubt that suitable monuments distinguished the graves of these illustrious patrons; but every trace, even of the church itself, has long since disappeared for ever.

In the will of Hugh Courtenay, the second Earl of Devon (who was buried in Exeter cathedral), bearing date August 4, 1375, is the following bequest: "Jeo devise a la meason de Couwyk cent soulds."

The last-mentioned prior, Robert de Rouen, in adopting this measure of resigning and surrendering his house and property, may have been influenced by the advice of Thomas Courtenay, the first of that name who was Earl of Devon and patron of Cowic, who had proved himself a generous benefactor to the royal foundation of Eton and King's College in Cambridge. (See Cleaveland's History of the Courtenay Family, pp. 219, 220.) It is certain, from Bishop Nevyll's Register, (fol. 6.) that the provost and fellows of Eton, January 19, 1458, presented Thomas Stephens to the perpetual vicarage of Oakhampton, void by the death of John Wyndeate. After the union of Cowick with Tavistock, we apprehend that a few monks were settled in the house, not under the government of a perpetual prior, as formerly, but of a superior removable at the discretion of the abbot. Browne Willis (p. 7 of the Appendix to vol. i. of his History of Abbeys) asserts, indeed, that "John Carter was last prior to Cowic, a cell to Tavistock;" and (vol. ii. page 68) that he received a pension from the crown of £8. We read also in the will of John Rugge, vicar of S. Thomas, dated April 1, 1536, "I bequeth to the prior and moonks of Cowike thre tachis of sylver." But the registers of the see of Exeter are perfectly silent as to the induction of any priors subsequent to Robert of Rouen. In Pope Leo the Tenth's bull addressed to the abbot of Tavistock, dated September 14, 1517, the priory of Cowic, as parcel of the possessions of the said abbey, is expressly exempted from the jurisdiction, visitation, and superiority of the diocesan and metropolitan, and is taken under the immediate protection of the holy see. (Bishop Vesey's Reg., vol. ii. fol. 41.)

Until October 15, 1261, the inhabitants of Cowick had no parish priest to officiate for them, but used to attend divine service in the nave of the conventual church of S. Andrew. At this time the increasing population requiring the constant superintendence of a clergyman, the prior and monks of Cowick presented one Henry for institution to Bishop Bronescombe, who readily consented; and, in consideration of the slender income of the monastery and the noble hospitality exercised by the community, "fructuum ipsius ecclesie tenuitate et monachorum ipsorum, qui in eo loco ingentem exercent hospitalitatem†," &c. the bishop merely required of the prior to provide a decent manse for the vicar with a salary of five marks per annum. In a chapel dedicated to S. Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, situated on the western extremity of Exe Bridge‡, the vicar for the time being continued, for a century and a half, to perform all parochial functions with the exception of burial; for all interments in this interval were confined to the cemetery of S. Michael's chapel, lying just without the priory gate. The chapel of S. Thomas, with the bridge itself, having been swept away

* Three of his children, John, Robert, and Alice, (who are not even mentioned in Cleaveland's History of the Courtenay Family, p. 135,) were buried in S. Andrew's church, Colyton.

It may be interesting to our readers to know some other particulars relating to the Courtenay family, which are interspersed among the episcopal registers, and have been overlooked by Cleaveland.

Bishop Grandisson, by letter, dated Chudleigh, March 5, 1331, certified that he had inspected the schedule of accounts produced by Walter de Clopton and Henry de Solers, executors of the deceased Alianora de Courtenay, and proxies for the co-executrixes, the Ladies Margaret de Moeles and Egeline de Scales; that the amount of her goods found in the diocese of Exeter was . . £322 8 6½

In the diocese of Lincoln	66	14	8
Bath and Wells .	150	–	–
Sarum	50	–	–
Total . .	589	3	2½

That the charges for the funeral, with the debts and legacies as defrayed by them, had amounted to £572. 7*s.* 7½*d.*, and that such sum should be allowed and passed. (See his Register, vol. ii. fol. 142.)

It is evident from Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 92, that Edward, earl of Devon, had by his countess Matilda (Camois) a daughter called Elizabeth, who died an infant, "impubis," and was buried in Okehampton church. To its vicar the said bishop, Sept. 7, 1381, directed his license for the disinterment of her remains, to be deposited elsewhere—"juxta dispocicionem parentum ejusdem."

Bishop Stafford ordered public prayers throughout the diocese of Exeter, Aug. 10, 1395, for the deceased ladies Margaret Cobham and Elizabeth Loterell, sisters of the primate William Courtenay, archbishop of Canterbury, and describes them "velut arbor in domo Domini fructificans in vite sanctitate et puritate ac morum et actuum virtuosorum honestate Domino studuerunt pro viribus complacere." To encourage the faithful to pray for their departed souls, he grants an indulgence of forty days (See Register, vol. i. fol. 4.)

John Courtenay, esq., died intestate, and Bishop Lacy, June 19, 1441, granted administration of his effects to William Hamond, rector of Aveton Giffard. (Register, vol. i. fol. 507.)

Bishop Lacy, Sept. 7, 1447, granted his license that Thomas Grenvyle might be allowed to have his marriage celebrated with Anne, daughter of Sir Philip Courtenay, knight, in a chapel within Atherington parish. The same prelate, Jan. 13, 1450, licensed the celebration of the marriage of James Lutterel, Esq., to Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Philip Courtenay, knight, within the chapel or oratory of Powderham Castle.

† The motive generally assigned by the ordinaries for consenting to the appropriation of benefices to religious houses, was to enable the community to live more decently and to practise more liberal hospitality and charity. When inns were rarely to be met with and poor-rates were unknown, this practice was not without its advantages.

‡ In a deed dated February 14, 1259, we find a spot of ground, "in prebendâ de Heghe," charged with three pence payable every Easter, "Luminari beate Marie in capella beati Thome martyris," and this chapel is described in another coeval deed as being "in capite pontis Exonie."

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by an inundation at the commencement of the fifteenth century, John Bourgeanyll, then prior of Cowick, gave and granted a sufficient spot of ground in Pirihay for the erection of a church with an adjoining cemetery. It is described (Stafford's Register, vol. ii. fol. 287) as being a central situation, and distant from the river. On Tuesday, October 4, 1412, Bishop Stafford consecrated this sacred edifice under the title of S. Thomas the Martyr, and the cemetery on the day following*.

John Peryn, the last abbot of Tavistock, October 24, 1536, appointed Sir Thomas Denys, knight, and his eldest son Robert, to the stewardship of the manors of Cowick and Christow with a salary of £1 6*s.* 8*d.* The same abbot, May 3, 1537, leased to Edmund Furse, of Okehampton, "all that tythyng sheaff of all manner of cornes growyng or to be growyn withyn the parish of Okehampton," for a term of twenty years by the yearly rent of eleven pounds. We may here take occasion to notice that Okehampton church was consecrated by Bishop Bronescombe, July 31, 1261. Bishop Brewer, in Easter week, 1239, made a taxation of the church and of the chapel in the castle. (See fol. 292, vol. ii. of Stafford's Register.) The church was handsomely rebuilt in 1447, and amongst its most munificent benefactors was the vicar, John Newcombe. The chapel of the castle is still a very distinguishable part of the venerable ruin. On November 7, 1539, the same abbot leased to Edward Brygeman and Jane his wife, their executors and assigns, le Bere Inne, alias Bere, in the South Street of Exeter, and two closes of land within the manor of Cowick near the churchyard of S. Thomas the Martyr, of Cowick, on the north side, and the land of Thomas Coplestone, gentleman, on the east side, together with Okemede, and a close adjoining it, called Strayer Parke, to hold the same for a term of sixty years under the yearly payment, for the Bere Inne and the two closes of land, of £8 10*s.*, and for the mede aforesaid £1. 6*s.* 8*d.*, and the yearly payment to the prior of Plympton for the time being of twenty shillings.

We cannot conclude this article without taking occasion to observe the confusion of names and places so common in the works of writers who reside at a distance from the subject of their inquiries, or have not the advantage of access to the records and documents which illustrate local histories. Thus Cowicke and Cuick have been made two distinct foundations; S. John's Hospital and the Grey Friars, at Exeter, have been mistaken for the same establishment; and S. Nicholas Priory, Exeter, has, by one author, been divided into a cell and a hospital, and by another, been confounded with this priory of S. Andrew's, at Cowick.

* The parishioners who subscribed the document in the Register were John Alkeborne, vicar, Richard Holand, John Floyer, John Bryton, John Kyte, John Farthehull, Hugh Benyn, William Chedder, Peter Hode. Part of the house of this Richard Holand may be seen at Bowhill just above the lunatic asylum. On April 28, 1429, Bishop Lacy licensed a chapel for his use, "infra mansionem suam in parochiâ Sancti Thome in Cowykstrete." (Register, vol. iii.) This mansion, called Bowhill House, presents a respectable appearance in Bucks' South-West prospect of Exeter, A.D. 1736. The chapel, formerly a graceful appendage to the house, is now used as a barn.

Num. I.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ parochialis de Okementon et capellæ castri, priori et monachis de Cuwik per Willielmum [Briwere] episcopum Exoniensem.

(Penes decanum et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Exon.)

Omnibus Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus miseratione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Domino. Quum omnes stabimus ante tribunal Christi recepturi prout in corpore gessimus sive bonum fuerit sive malum, oportet nos diem messionis extreme misericordie operibus prevenire, ac eternorum intuitu seminare in terris que reddente Domino cum multiplicato fructu debeamus recolligere in celis. Cum igitur passim omnibus in fructibus operum misericordie ex officio nobis injuncto teneamur subvenire, specialius tamen et uberius viris religiosis, qui abnegantes salubriter semetipos elegerunt in paupertate Christo pauperi ad placitum famulari, pietatis viscera in operibus caritatis aperire debemus. Eapropter dilectis in Christo filiis priori et monachis de Cuwik ibidem Deo servientibus, ad ampliationem victus eorum et ad uberiorem gratiam hospitalitatis sustinendam et ad cultum divinum ibidem ampliandum, ecclesiam de Okementon divini amoris intuitu et de consensu capituli nostri cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et unacum capella castri contulimus et eas in proprios usus confirmamus, salva tamen vicaria per nos ad presentationem dictorum prioris et monachorum in hunc modum taxata: Ita scilicet quod vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit percipiet omnes obventiones dicte ecclesie et capelle de dicto castro cum toto sanctuario earundem hominibus et redditibus eorundem sedentium super dictum sanctuarium una cum curia domibus et decimis de dicto sanctuario prevenientibus tam majoribus quam minoribus, exceptis decimis garbarum totius parochie et decimis garbarum hominum de dicto sanctuario tenentium, et quadam area competenti extra dictam curiam ad quoddam horreum ad opus dictorum prioris et monachorum construendum, salvis etiam dictis priori et monachis . . . . marcis argenti per manum ejusdem vicarii qui pro tempore fuerit annuatim solvendis ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Prefatus vero vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit sustinebit omnia onera debita et consueta episcopalia et archidiaconalia dictam ecclesiam et dictam capellam contingentia, et singulis diebus per annum in dicta capella de castro faciet celebrari divina. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum unacum sigillo capituli nostri apponi fecimus. Hiis testibus; domino Rogero de Winkelegh tunc decano ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensis; domino R . . . . . de Istilton tunc ibidem precentore; domino Waltero de molendinis tunc ibidem thesaurario; domino Ricardo Albo tunc ibidem cancellario; domino B . . . . archidiacono Exoniensi; domino Johanne Roff, archidiacono Cornubie; domino Thoma archidiacono Totton; domino Waltero archidiacono Barnastapol; domino Th . . . tunc domini episcopi capellano; magistro W . . . . de Curiton tunc officiali domini B . . . . archidiaconi Exoniensis; Henrico de Wells tunc domini episcopi clerico; Rogero officiali dicti domini B . . . . archidiaconi, et multis aliis. In omnium predictorum testimonium prior de Cuwik et monachi ibidem Deo servientes commune sigillum domus sui huic scripto apposuerunt.

[No seal remains.]

Num. II.

Abbas et conventus de Becco dimittit priori et monachis de Cowyk manerium de Cristenestow et terram de Harewode ad perpetuam firmam.

(Inter Mem. Scacc. Mich. 4 Hen. IV. rot. 8.)

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Henricus permissione divina abbas Beccensis et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos deliberato consilio dimisisse ad perpetuam firmam viris religiosis et confratribus nostris priori et monachis de Cowyk manerium nostrum de Cristenestowa in Devonia cum omnibus pertinentibus suis et terram nostram de Harewode cum bosco et omnibus pertinentibus pro decem et octo marcis sterling' annui redditus solvendis ad duos terminos anni, videlicet, ad purificationem B. Marie novem marcas, et ad nativitatem B. Johannis Baptiste novem marcas, pro quibus faciemus justiciam in dicto manerio et dicta terra et pertinentibus pro quolibet anno non observato. Idem vero prior et monachi onera dicti manerii et dicte terre debita et consueta in omnibus sustinere tenentur, et fiet solutio supradicte firme apud Okeburn terminis supradictis procuratori Beccensi in An-

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glia generali, vel servienti ejusdem manerii. In cujus rei, etc. Datum anno Domini M°. CC^mo. quadragesimo quarto in festo nativitatis S. Joh. Baptiste*.

Num. III.

De terris et libertatibus prioris de Cowick, anno Edwardi Primi tertio.

(Excerpta ex Rot. Hundredorum, vol. i. p. 84, 85, 86.)

Veredictum hundredi de Wonford . . . . dicunt quod LVI ville [sunt in hundredo de Wonford], sicut patet per tenuras feodorum, de quibus tres sunt regales et non guldabiles, scilicet, villa de Polslo quam priorissa de eadem tenet; item villa de Cowyke quam prior de eadem tenet; villa de Cristenestowe quam abbas de Becco tenet. Iste sunt libere et non guldabiles, ut dicunt, per cartas regias. . . . . Item dicunt quod prior de Cowyk clamat habere libertatem omnimodam. . . . . Item dicunt quod prior de Cowyke evertit viam rectam, ad nocumentum patrie. . . . .

Baronia de Okampton.—Prior de Couwyke tenet villam de Couwyke pro homagio et servitio de Hugone de Cortenay in perpetuam elemosinam et pro orationibus, de dono predecessorum predicti Hugonis; et non est feodum. . . . . Abbas de Becco tenet villam de Cristenestouwe pro homagio et servitio de Hugone de Cortenay, et Hugo de rege; et non est feodum.

Num. IV.

Extenta prioratus de Cowyk, 18 Ed. II.

(Inter extentas prioratuum alienigenorum.)

Extenta prioratus de Cowyk qui est de abbathia de Becco Harlewyni de potestate et dominio regis Francie facta apud Exilond coram Roberto le Pil persona ecclesie de Torre Bryan et Johanne de la Bury custodibus domorum religiosorum alienigenarum ac aliarum personarum de potestate et dominio dicti regis Francie in comitatu Devon die Martis proxima post festum Epiphanie Domini, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per sacramentum Henrici de Esse, Joel Poddyng', Petri de Tuwyscumbe, Johannis Fraunceys, Reginaldi de Colehaye, Johannis Walcha, Alexandri Copelwalle, Roberti Byestecolm, Ricardi Tyrel, Luce Atta Landshare, Nicholai le Y . . . . . et Johannis Atta More,—Qui dicunt quod dictus prioratus de Cowyk fundatur in sanctuario ecclesie ibidem et extenditur extra ecclesiam. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem quedam domus extra sanctuarium quarum aysiamenta valent per annum ultra reprisam iij^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem ij acre gardini que valent per annum ij^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xxiiij^li. tenentes, qui reddunt per annum cxviij^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem vj villani et iiij cottarii qui reddunt per annum xlij^s. Et opera eorum non appreciantur quia nihil valent ultra quod percipient. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem ij molendina que valent per annum ultra reprisam xx^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem in dominico lxx acre terre arabilis quarum quelibet valet per annum ij^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xij acre prati quarum quelibet valet per annum xij^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem vj acre bosci, quarum quelibet valet per annum ij^d. Item dicunt quod placita et perquisita curiarum valent per annum viij^s.

Summa x^li. xvij^s. viij^d.

Onera Prioratus.

Item dicunt quod dictus prioratus oneratur prebendario de la Heghes in quodam certo redditu lv^s. Item vicario de Spreyton xx^s. Item vicario de Cristenstowe xx^s.

Summa istius oneris, iiij^li. xv^s.

Cristenstowe.

Item dicunt quod prior prioratus predicti habet idem manerium de abbate et conventu de Becco Harlewyni ad [feo]di firmam in quo quidem manerio sunt quedam domus quarum aysiamenta valent per annum ultra reprisam xvi^d. Item dicunt quod est ibidem j libere tenens qui reddit per annum xxx^s. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xvj villani qui reddunt per annum viij^li. xij^d. Item dicunt quod opera eorundem valent per annum x^s. vj^d. Item dicunt quod est ibidem j molendinum quod valet per annum ultra reprisam vij^s. viij^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem lx acre terre arabilis quarum quelibet valet per annum ij^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xlij acre vasti quarum quelibet valet per annum j^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xx acre bosci quarum quelibet valet per annum iij^d. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem ij acre prati que valent per annum ij^s. Item dicunt quod placita et perquisita curiarum valent per annum x^s.

Summa xij^li.

Item dicunt quod est quidam libere tenens apud Inwardlegham qui reddit per annum v^s.

Summa v^s.

Item dicunt quod ecclesia de Cowyk appropriatur dicto prioratui in proprios usus que valet per annum vj^li. xiij^s. iiij^d. Item dicunt quod ecclesia de Cristenestowe appropriatur eidem prioratui que valet per annum lxvj^s. viij^d. Item dicunt quod ecclesia de Spretton appropriatur eodem modo, que valet per annum c^s. Item dicunt quod ecclesia de Okampton appropriatur eodem modo que valet per annum x^li. xiij^s. iiij^d. Item dicunt quod idem prioratus habet de ecclesia de Methe de annua pensione ij^s. In cujus rei testimonium dicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt die loco et anno supradictis.

Summa xxv^li. xv^s. iiij^d.

Summa summarum tocius proficui prescriptarum xlviij^li. xviij^s. Et sic extract' iiij^li. xv^s. de onere dicti prioratus, ut superius patet, valet idem prioratus per annum xliiij^li. iij^s.

Num. V.

Ordinacio inter priorem et monachos prioratus de Cowyk et parochianos ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Thomæ ultra pontem Exoniæ de dedicacione ecclesiæ predictæ.

(Stafford's Register, vol. ii. fo. 287.)

Ad rei perpetuam memoriam Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus. Universis presentes litteras inspecturis salutem, graciam et benediccionem. Ne alibi quam in sacris et Deo dicatis locis absque magna necessitate missarum solempnia celebrentur tam Novi quam Veteris Testamenti precepta edocent et proinde statuerunt: hinc est quod oblata nobis pro parte dilectorum filiorum nostrorum Johannis prioris et monachorum ecclesie de Cowyk ordinis Sancti Benedicti nostre diocesis et parochianorum ejusdem loci peticio continebat, quod cum capella parochialis Sancti Thome gloriosi martiris Cantuarie ab ecclesia monachorum Sancti Andree de Cowyk et in hac parte matrice predicte dependens que ad finem pontis civitatis nostre Exoniensis super ripam fluminis de Exe olim constructa fuerat, in qua parochiani ejusdem omnia sua divina officia sacramentaque et sacramentalia omnia et singula, sepultura dumtaxat excepta, per vicarium perpetuum ejusdem loci eisdem ministrari solita recipere et habere consueverunt eciam a tempore cujus contrarii memoria non existit, vi fluminis hujusmodi de Exe nuper funditus eversa et irrecuperabiliter collapsa fuisset; tandem iidem Johannes prior et monachi prefate capelle proprietarii et vicarie ejusdem patroni, ac parrochiani predicti de casu hujusmodi fortuito pie devocionis affectu

* In the same roll another charter is set forth, dated 1343, in which the abbot authorizes the institution of an extra service in the priory for the prosperity of Hugh Courtenay, and the souls of his ancestors. The "justitia," which the abbot, in the above deed, declares his intention to do on the land for each non-observance, is equivalent to a reservation of the right of distress.—"Facere poterunt dicti prior et monachi pro defectu solutionis justitiam suam in totis tenementis," &c. Cart. Fromondi, cited in Ducange, Gloss. voc. Justitia, ed. Henschel. —S.

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condolentes cum suffragio Christi fidelium suas pias elemosinas in hac parte conferencium, petita primitus a nobis et optenta licencia, communique et communicato consilio et assensu eorundem, basilicam honestam ad laudem, gloriam et honorem prenominati gloriosi martiris in quadam area et terra communiter appellata *Pyryhay* a dicto flumine et ejus inundacione longe distante, que de dominico pleno et libero dominio ac proprietate dictorum religiosorum virorum Johannis prioris et monachorum et ecclesie eorum de Cowyk hactenus exstabat, de novo perfecte et manifeste construxerunt et in locum prefate capelle dirute surrogarunt, cumque, ut eadem peticio subjungebat, monachorum conversacio et vita secundum ethimologiam nominis a plebis et populi consorcio atque communione et seculari tumultu, ut oracionibus et contemplacioni liberius vacare valeant, debeat esse segregata, prefataque ecclesia matrix de Cowyk in qua religiosi prior et monachi supradicti habitare noscuntur in ultimis finibus dicte parochie sit situata, ac prelibata basilica nova in medio quasi parochie hujusmodi ad quam parrochiani predicti ut asseruerunt facilius quam ad ecclesiam matricem predictam convenire et in qua vicarii qui pro tempore fuerunt sacramenta et sacramentalia ac ceteraque ad curam pertinent animarum liberius ministrare et exercere poterunt, notorie sit constructa; ideo cum omnium ecclesiarum nostrarum civitatis et diocesis disposicio qualiter consistere debeant ad nos de jure pertinere noscatur, nobis humiliter supplicarunt quatinus propter animarum salutem divinique cultus augmentum dictorumque religiosorum virorum vicarii quoque atque parochianorum quietem et devocionem tranquillam, prefatam basilicam in ecclesiam parochialem erigere munusque dedicacionis et consecracionis eidem ac cemiterio eidem contiguo impendere, et ut omnia sacramenta et sacramentalia ac ecclesiasticam sepulturam licite et libere percipere et habere valeant in eisdem, ceteraque peragere et concedere que in hac parte necessaria fuerunt seu quomodolibet oportuna ex pontificalis dignitatis benignitate et officio dignaremur: nos igitur, qui subditorum nostrorum quietem et religiosorum nostre diocesis Deo famulancium commoda procurare appetentes, quia ex fidedignorum testimonio comperimus et oculata fide per nos ipsos vidimus et intelleximus premissa omnia et singula nobis exposita et suggesta veritati fore subnixa, cumque evidens necessitas ac eciam utilitas peticionem hujusmodi admitti et impleri manifeste exposcant; ideo prehabito super hiis cum dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Exoniensis tractatu diligenti et solempni de ipsorum ac predictorum Johannis prioris et monachorum de Cowyk et Johannis Alkebarwe vicarii perpetui ejusdem loci, necnon Ricardi Holond, Johannis Floyer, Johannis Bryton, Johannis Kyte, Johannis Farthehill, Hugonis Benyn, Willielmi Chedder, Petri Hode, et ceterorum parochianorum predictorum consensu pariter et assensu causeque cognicione prehabita, supplicacionibus et peticionibus hujusmodi sub forma inferius annotata benigne annuentes, prefatam basilicam in Pirihay ut prefertur constructam ad honorem gloriosi martiris predicti Thome ex causis superius deductis in ecclesiam parochialem omnium parochianorum infra parochiam de Cowyk commorancium erigendam fore decernimus et erigimus, juraque ecclesie parochialis omnia et singula una cum ecclesiastica sepultura eidem cum suo cemiterio contiguo impertimur. Et concedimus per presentes ordinantes quod neque vicarius perpetuus dicte ecclesie Sancti Thome qui pro tempore fuerit ad quem cura animarum parochianorum ibidem insolido pertinet et pertinere consuevit, neque parochiani hujusmodi in prefata ecclesia monachorum Sancti Andree de Cowyk aliquod jus parochiale deinceps vendicent aut vendicare valeant in futurum, set ab omni jure parochiali in eadem per hanc nostram ordinacionem perpetuo sint exclusi preter ecclesiasticam sepulturam in cemiterio capelle Sancti Michaelis extra portam prioratus de Cowyk situato, in quo hactenus suam sepulturam inconcusse habuerunt, cui cum semel Deo dedicatum sit et religiosum effectum et ad usum sepulture preparatum, derogare aut prejudicare non intendimus quin parochiani hujusmodi volentes ibidem specialiter eligere sepulturam infuturum ut prius libere admittantur; ceteri tamen parochiani hujusmodi omnes et singuli absque specialis sepulture eleccione decedentes in cemiterio dicte ecclesie parochialis Sancti Thome martiris de cetero sepeliantur, aut in ipsa ecclesia si quorum fortassis religio aut nobilitas hoc exposcat. Prefati insuper religiosi viri Johannes prior et monachi proprietarii predicti ac eorum post eos successores omnia et singula onera dicte ecclesie parochialis Sancti Thome martiris que ad rectoriam, excepta animarum cura que ad vicarium, spectat ut prefertur, et parochiani predicti et eorum successores onera que ad parochianos ecclesiarum parochialium nostre diocesis de jure consuetudine aut constitucione sinodali ejusdem nostre diocesis pertinent et pertinere consueverunt, una cum onere claudendi et sustinendi aggeres, sepes, et fossatas dicti antiqui cemiterii capelle Sancti Michaelis predicti subibunt, supportabunt, et imperpetuum sustinebunt. Et ut premissa omnia suum debitum assequantur effectum et perpetuo stabilita consistant, noveritis nos, die Martis videlicet quarto mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo duodecimo et consecracionis nostre anno decimo octavo, prefatam ecclesiam parochialem Sancti Thome martiris, et die sequenti mensam et altare ejusdem cum cemiterio eidem contiguo in honorem prefati Sancti Thome martiris divinis precibus dedicasse, consecrasse, ac eciam sancti olei unccione ut convenit perlinisse, precipientes ut dies anniversarius dedicacionis hujusmodi velut dies natalis Domini a parrochianis ecclesie predicte feriata solempniter celebretur et ab omni opere servili expers imperpetuum habeatur. Et ut ad Dei veneracionem et dicte ecclesie ac Sancti Thome honorem fidelium mentes perpensius excitemus, omnibus parochianis nostris et aliis quorum diocesani hanc nostram indulgenciam ratam habuerint qui de peccatis suis vere contriti et confessi sub die predicto devocionis causa ecclesiam visitaverint, antedictam quadraginta dies de injuncta eisdem penitencia misericorditer relaxamus, ratificantes indulgencias hujus rei gracia rite concessas et imposterum concedendas. In quorum omnium testimonium atque fidem hiis litteris indentatis et in modum cirographi decisis quarum unam partem penes dictos religiosos viros priorem et monachos et aliam penes dictos vicarium et parochianos consistere et remanere volumus, sigillum nostrum una cum sigillis dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli ac prioris et monachorum predictorum, necnon cum sigillo decani de Ken infra cujus decanatum dicta ecclesia consistit, ad rogatum Johannis vicarii, et sigillo decani Christianitatis Exonie ad rogatum Ricardi Holond, Johannis Floyer, Johannis Bryton, Johannis Kyte, Johannis Farthehill, Hugonis Benyn, Willielmi Chedder, Petri Hode, et ceterorum parochianorum, predictorum presentibus est appensum. Datum die mensis et anno Domini supradictis.

Et nos decanus et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exonie omnia et singula per reverendum in Christo patrem et dominum nostrum dominum Edmundum Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum predictum superius recitata, ordinata et stabilita, rata et grata habentes, eisdem consentimus ac quantum ad nos attinet confirmamus, approbamus et robur habere volumus perpetue firmitatis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis apponi. Datum in domo nostra capitulari die mense et anno Domini supradictis.

Et nos Johannes prior et monachi proprietarii ac patroni predicti pro nobis et successoribus nostris premissa omnia et singula per reverendum in Christo patrem prenotatum narrata et recitata, quantum ad nos et nostrum ac ecclesie nostre de Cowyk interesse attinet, fatemur vera esse, et ideo prefatam aream sive terram nostram de Pirihay ad venerabilem et sanctum usum ecclesie hujusmodi construendum dedicandum et consecrandum una cum cemiterio eidem contiguo ad honorem gloriosi martiris Thome predicti liberam quietam et solutam ab omni redditu et servicio seculari dedimus et concessimus ac damus et concedimus pro nobis et successoribus predictis per presentes imperpetuum; prefatam quoque ordinacionem et quecumque in ea scripta sunt quantum ad nos pertinet admittimus ac eisdem nostrum prebemus consensum pariter et assensum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus. Datum die mense et anno Domini supradictis in domo capitulari ecclesie nostre de Cowyk.

Et ego Johannes Alkebarwe vicarius predictus, premissis omnibus et singulis quantum ad me et vicariam meam predictam attinet, pro me et successoribus meis consencio per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium, quia

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sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum, ideo sigillum decani infra cujus decanatum dicta ecclesia consistit presentibus apponi procuravi. Et ego decanus antedictus ad personalem rogatum dicti domini Johannis vicarii sigillum officii mei presentibus apposui in fidem et testimonium premissorum. Datum in ecclesia Sancti Thome predicta quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini supradicto.

Et nos Ricardus Holond, Johannes Floier, Johannes Bryton, Johannes Kyte, Johannes Farthehille, Hugo Benyn, Willielmus Chedder, Petrus Hode, et ceteri parochiani predicti omnia et singula premissa quantum ad nos attinet acceptantes, ea tenore presencium pro nobis et successoribus nostris bene et fideliter observare et perimplere promittimus. In cujus rei testimonium, quia sigillum commune non habemus, ideo sigillum decani Christianitatis Exonie presentibus apponi procuravimus. Et ego decanus antedictus ad specialem rogatum dictorum Ricardi Holond, Johannis Floier, Johannis Bryton, Johannis Kyte, Johannis Farthehill, Hugonis Benyn, Willielmi Chedder, Petri Hode, et ceterorum parochianorum dicte ecclesie Sancti Thome in eadem ecclesia propter hec insimul congregatorum sigillum officii mei presentibus apposui in fidem et testimonium premissorum. Datum in dicta ecclesia Sancti Thome quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini supradicto [1412].

Num. VI.

Ordinacio de Cowyk et vicaria de Okehampton.

(Stafford's Register, vol. ii. fol. 292, b.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes litteras inspecturis ad rei geste perpetuam memoriam Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem cum benedictione et gracia Salvatoris. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam tenore presencium volumus pervenire quod cum inter dilectos in Christo filios religiosos viros priorem et monachos monasterii sive prioratus de Cowyk ordinis Sancti Benedicti nostre Exoniensis diocesis ecclesie parochialis de Okhampton alias Okementon proprietarios ex parte una, et magistrum Johannem Newcomb perpetuum vicarium ecclesie parochialis supradicte ejusdem nostre diocesis ex parte altera de et super constructione et reparacione cancelli ecclesie parochialis antedicte ac invencione librorum matutinalium in eadem, gravis dissencionis et litis materia nuper suborta fuisset, prefatique proprietarii per dominum Johannem Hethfeld capellanum eorum procuratorem in hac parte sub eorum sigillo communi literatorie constitutum, cujus procuratorii verus tenor inferius continetur, ac prefatus magister Johannes vicarius personaliter in manerio nostro de Clyst tercio die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo septimo coram nobis comparentes et discordie materiam antedictam hinc-inde recitantes allegassent, pars videlicet proprietariorum predictorum hujusmodi onera et eorum constructionem reparacionem et invencionem ex ordinacione canonica domini Willielmi [Briwere] quondam Exoniensis episcopi, cujus tenor inferius subscribitur, et consuetudine in ea parte legitime prescripta ad prefatum magistrum Johannem vicarium et suos quoscumque futuros successores, idem vero vicarius ex ordinacione eadem et consuetudine pro parte sua legitime prescripta ad ipsos proprietarios solum et insolidum pertinere, tandem de parcium predictarum consensu unanimi litium strepitus ut dixerunt et voragines execrancium, pacem et quietem corditer affectancium, ipsarum intervenientibus amicis communibus in hac parte dissencionis et discordie materia supradicta sedata pariter et finita fuerat in hunc modum; videlicet, quod dictus magister Johannes dicte ecclesie de Okehampton alias Okementon nunc vicarius et sui successores omnes et singuli, qui pro tempore erunt, onera construccionis, reparacionis, refeccionis et emendacionis cancelli predicti invencionisque reparacionis et emendacionis librorum matutinalium in eadem quociens opus fuerit suis sumptibus propriis et expensis solum et insolidum subibunt pariter et agnoscent. Et quia partes predicte equum et justum esse considerantes commodum rei eum sequi quem sequentur incommoda, convenerunt et inter se unanimiter concordarunt quod si subsidium aliquod quocienscumque quomodocumque et qualitercumque de cetero concedi a vicaria antedicta aut ejus vicario qui pro tempore fuerit predicte vicarie racione per potestatem habentes in ea parte hujusmodi subsidium concedendi, ac eciam cum ipsam vicariam et ejus vicarium qui pro tempore fuerit per archiepiscopos Cantuarie, episcopos Exonie, aut eorum commissarios visitari contigerit, dicti religiosi viri proprietarii antedicti medietatem et vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit medietatem ipsius subsidii et procuracionum archiepiscoporum, episcoporum, et comissariorum predictorum occasione concessionis et visitacionis hujusmodi tociens quociens debitorum, per equales porciones satisfient et persolvent. Remiserunt insuper et relaxarunt prefati religiosi viri proprietarii pro se et suis successoribus de anno in annum imperpetuum prefato magistro Johanni nunc vicario et successoribus suis futuris quibuscumque sex solidos et octo denarios monete de quadam annua pensione duarum marcarum ipsis proprietariis debita vigore ordinacionis infrascripte de vicaria predicta et ejus vicario qui pro tempore fuerit in eadem, sic, quod prefatus vicarius et sui successores quicumque qui pro tempore erunt vicarie sue nomine ipsis proprietariis in viginti solidis annue pensionis de cetero tantum et non amplius tenebuntur, ordinacione infrascripta quoad alia in eadem contenta premissis non contraria in suo robore perpetuo duratura. Quam quidem concordiam et composicionem nos Edmundus episcopus antedictus supradictis die et loco pro tribunali sedentes justam, equam, et racioni consonam reputantes ut inter partes suprascriptas vigeat tranquillitas et de cetero concordie veritas invalescat, quodque hujusmodi composicio et concordia inter partes predicta ut premittitur inita realis fiat et permaneat, ad instantem petitionem parcium predictarum coram nobis ut premittitur comparencium et de ipsorum unanimi et expresso consensu, auctoritate nostra ordinaria auctorizavimus et confirmavimus prout eciam in hiis scriptis auctorizamus et confirmamus et ex officio nostro pastorali firmam facimus et vallamus. Tenor vero procuratorii de quo supra fit mencio sequitur et est talis :—" Pateat universis per presentes quod nos Johannes prior prioratus de Cowyk juxta Exon. et ejusdem loci commonachi ordinis Sancti Benedicti Exoniensis diocesis ecclesiam parochialem de Okehampton alias Okementon diocesis antedicte in proprios usus obtinentes, salva congrua porcione vicarii perpetui in eadem dilectum nobis in Christo dominum Johannem Hethfeld capellanum nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem, negociorum gestorem, ac nuncium specialem ordinamus facimus et constituimus per presentes, dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale de et super quadam materia dissencionis et litis occasione constructionis et reparacionis cancelli ecclesie parochialis de Okehampton alias Okementon antedicte necnon invencionis librorum matutinalium in eadem inter nos ex parte una et magistrum Johannem Newcomb perpetuum vicarium dicte ecclesie parochialis de Okehampton alias Okementon ex altera ad invicem contendentes nuper suborta, nomine nostro ac monasterii sive prioratus nostri predicti et ecclesie nostre de Okehampton alias Okementon antedicte et pro nobis et successoribus nostris amicabiliter tractandi, paciscendi et transigendi, necnon super premissis composicionem obligacionem finalem finem vel concordiam faciendi, ac in hujusmodi composicione obligacione finali fine seu concordia paciscendi, consenciendi et acquiescendi, ipsamque composicionem, obligacionem, finalem finem sive concordiam a reverendo in Christo patre et domino domino Edmundo Exoniensi episcopo loci in hac parte diocesano ut realis fiat imperpetuum et permaneat auctorizari, petendi, ipsamque auctorizacionem optinendi et recipiendi omniaque alia et singula faciendi exercendi et expediendi que circa premissa necessaria fuerunt seu quomodolibet oportuna; pro eodem vero procuratore nostro rem ratam haberi judicio sisti et judicatum solvi sub ypotheca rerum nostrarum omnium promittimus et cautiones exponimus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune duximus apponendum. Datum in domo nostra capitulari prioratus predicti penultimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo septimo." —Tenor ordinacionis Willielmi quondam Exoniensis episcopi de qua supra fit mencio sequitur in hec verba—" Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willielmus miseracione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Domino.

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Quoniam omnes stabimus ante tribunal Christi recepturi prout in corpore gessimus sive bonum fuerit sive malum, oportet nos diem messionis extreme misericordie operibus prevenire ac eternorum intuitu seminare in terris quod reddente Domino cum multiplicato fructu debeamus recolligere in celis; cum igitur passim omnibus in fructibus operum misericordie ex officio nostro injuncto teneamur subvenire, specialius tamen et uberius veris religiosis qui abnegantes salubriter semetipsos elegerunt in paupertate Christo pauperi ad placitum famulari, pietatis viscera in operibus caritatis aperire debemus. Ea propter dilectis in Christo filiis priori et monachis de Cowyk ibidem Deo servientibus ad ampliacionem victus eorum et ad uberiorem graciam hospitalitatis sustinendam ecclesiam de Okementon divini amoris intuitu cum omnibus pertinenciis suis contulimus et eam in proprios usus confirmavimus, capellam eciam castri de Okementon cum omnibus pertinenciis suis dictis priori et monachis, de consensu de Curtenay veri patroni tunc temporis, caritatis intuitu contulimus et appropriavimus, salva tamen vicaria per nos ad presentacionem dictorum prioris et monachorum in hunc modum taxata: ita scilicet quod vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit percipiet omnes obvenciones dicte ecclesie et capelle de dicto castro cum toto sanctuario earundem hominibus et redditibus eorundem sedencium super dictum sanctuarium una cum curia, domibus, et decimis de dicto sanctuario provenientibus tam majoribus quam minoribus, exceptis decimis garbarum tocius parochie et decimis garbarum hominum de dicto sanctuario tenencium et quadam area competenti extra dictam curiam ad quoddam horreum ad opus dictorum prioris et monachorum construendum, salvis eciam dictis priori et monachis duabus marcis argenti per manum ejusdem vicarii qui pro tempore fuerit annuatim solvendis ad festum Sancti Michaelis. Prefatus vero vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit sustinebit omnia onera debita et consueta, episcopalia, eciam archidiaconalia dictam ecclesiam et dictam capellam contingencia, et singulis diebus per annum in dicta capella de castro faciet celebrari divina. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi. Datum Exonie die Martis in ebdomada pasche anno gracie millesimo ducentesimo tricesimo nono."—In quorum omnium testimonium atque fidem presentes literas in duabus scriptas membranis separatis, quarum unam partem penes prefatos priorem et monachos proprietarios antedictos in eorum monasterio, et aliam penes predictum magistrum Johannem nunc vicarium, et post ipsum penes futuros ibidem vicarios in prefata ecclesia de Okehampton alias Okementon imperpetuum volumus remanere, sigilli nostri appensione una cum subscripcione dictorum prioris et monachorum proprietariorum predictorum et sigilli eorum communis appensione ac eciam cum subscripcione dicti magistri Johannis vicarii cum appensione sigilli dicti filii presidis consistorii nostri Exonie ad ipsius vicarii rogatum personalem fecimus communiri. Datum loco die mense et anno Domini supradictis et nostre consecracionis anno vicesimo secundo.

Et nos Johannes prior et monachi predicti pro nobis et successoribus nostris premissa omnia et singula per reverendum in Christo patrem dominum Edmundum Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum prenotatum narrata recitata et facta quantum ad nos et nostrum monasterium sive prioratum et ecclesiam nostram de Okehampton alias Okementon predictam attinet fatemur esse vera. Ideo prefatam concordiam et composicionem ac quecumque in ea parte scripta sunt quatenus ad nos pertinet pro nobis et successoribus nostris admittimus ac ipsius composicionis auctorizacioni et confirmacioni per dictum reverendum patrem ut premittitur factis nostrum prebemus consensum pariter et assensum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus. Datum in domo nostra capitulari de Cowyk septimo die mensis Junii predicti anno Domini supradicto.

Et ego Johannes Newcomb vicarius predictus pro me et successoribus meis omnia et singula per prefatum venerandum patrem episcopum prenotatum narrata recitata et facta quantum ad me et vicariam meam predictam attinet fateor esse vera. Ideo prefatam concordiam et composicionem et quecumque in ea scripta sunt quatenus ad me pertinet pro me et successoribus meis admitto ac ipsius composicionis auctorizacioni et confirmacioni per dictum reverendum patrem ut premittitur factis meum prebeo consensum pariter et assensum. In cujus rei testimonium quia sigillum meum pluribus est incognitum ideo sigillum venerabilis viri presidis consistorii Exonie ad meum rogatum personalem hiis apponi procuravi. Et nos preses antedictus ad personalem rogatum prefati magistri Johannis vicarii sigillum officii nostri presentibus apposuimus. Datum apud Clyst septimo die mensis Junii predicti anno Domini supradicto [1417].*

Num. VII.

Breve regis ad scrutandum registra episcopi et certiorandum regem de prioratu de Cowyk.

(Lacy's Register, vol. iii. fol. 205, b.)

Octavo die mensis Februarii anno Domini supradicto (1439-40) dominus in manerio suo de Chuddelegh recepit breve regium prout sequitur in hec verba—Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie venerabili in Christo patri Edmundo eadem gracia episcopo Exoniensi et archidiacono Exoniensi seu ejus officiali salutem. Sciatis quod cum Willielmus Dounebant prior domus et ecclesie Sancti Andree de Cowyk in comitatu Devonie, que quidem domus de fundacione antecessorum Thome comitis Devonie ac de filiacione et obediencia abbathie de Bekherlewyn in Normania existit et que quidem abbathia de nostra justa obediencia a tempore non modico extitit, nobis monstravit qualiter prefatus prior et predecessores sui priores prioratus predicti, a toto tempore quo memoria non existit, priores perpetui, inducti et instituti extiterunt, ac conventum et commune sigillum habuerunt, ac eciam qualiter guerra pro qua prioratus predictus in manibus nobilium progenitorum nostrorum seisitus extitit et remansit pretextu magne pacis anno regni domini Henrici nuper regis Anglie patris nostri defuncti octavo inite finaliter fuit determinata et finita, quodque adhuc prioratus predictus nobis annuatim oneratus existit in viginti et quatuor marcis pro firma prioratus predicti pretextu literarum patencium sibi ac aliis de eodem prioratu per dictum patrem nostrum confectarum portancium datum vigesima quarta die Maii anno regni dicti patris nostri nono a festo pasche tunc ultimo preterito usque ad finem viginti annorum extunc proxime sequentium duratura, sicque unus annus a festo pasche proxime futuro proventurus existit; jamque ita existit quod magna pars possessionum prioratus predicti cuidam magne riparie vocate *Exe* convicina existit, ac de ingentibus fluctubus qui ibidem annis nuperimis evenerunt, extitit inundata, et si possessiones ille custibus non modicis erga dictam ripariam cicius defendantur eedem possessiones verisimiliter destruerentur, ac ecclesia et claustrum prioratus predicti maximaque pars domorum illius loci adeo debilia et putrida existunt quod magna pars inde ad terram verisimiliter est casura nisi custubus non modicis cicius adjuvetur et relevetur, ad quos quidem custus et relevacionem possessiones prioratus sufficere nequeunt, divino servicio ac aliis oneribus earundem perimpletis et servatis, si aliqua firma nobis pro prioratu predicto annuatim portaretur, sicque divinum servicium tunc ibidem verisimiliter cessaturum dictaque placea in ruinam casura et destruenda existet nisi graciam et pietatem nostras in hac parte benignissime apponamus: unde nobis per quandam peticionem suam nobis per ipsum exhibitam humillime supplicavit ut certis consideracionibus in eadem peticione specificatis velimus prefatum priorem de dicta firma et annuo redditu viginti et quatuor marcarum exonerare ac eciam omnia terras tenementa possessiones decimas franchesias libertates feoda advocaciones annuitates penciones porciones ac omnes alias commoditates prioratus predicti aut eidem prioratui spectancia sibi et successoribus suis pro perpetuo restituere ratificare confirmare, et ulterius concedere quod omnes alie persone que aliquas litteras patentes de nobis habent ad habendum prioratum predictum ad firmam post dictum terminum viginti annorum finitum reddendo nobis adtunc aliquem

* The church of Okehampton, having been accidentally burnt down, was rebuilt and opened for public worship on Thursday, April 11, 1844.

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annuum redditum pro eodem litteras illas patentes in cancellariam nostram restituere et de hujusmodi firma et redditu erga nos et heredes nostros imperpetuum exonerari valeant; ac pro eo quod minime certitudinaliter informamur si dictus prior nunc prioratus predicti et predecessores sui predicti a dicto tempore quo, ut dicitur, memoria non existit priores perpetui inducti et instituti extiterunt ac conventum et commune sigillum habuerunt, ut predictum est, necne, volentesque pro eo per vos plenius cerciorari ac de fidelitatibus et circumspectionibus vestris plenius confidentes assignavimus vos, vos prefate episcope, ad registra vestra et predecessorum vestrorum nuper episcoporum loci predicti, ac eciam vos, vos prefate archidiacone seu officialis, ad registra vestra et predecessorum vestrorum nuper archidiaconorum archidiaconatus predicti, que pro cognicione rei veritatis in hac parte necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, debite et effectualiter perscrutandum; et ideo vobis mandamus quod circa premissa diligenter intendatis ac ea faciatis et exequamini in forma predicta et quid inde inveneritis nobis in cancellariam nostram sub sigillis vestris distincte et aperte sine dilacione constari faciatis remittentes nobis hoc breve. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud abbathiam de Redyng, vicesimo die Januarii anno regni nostri decimo octavo.

Certificatorium responsorii brevi.

(Ibid. fol. 206.)

Dominus certificavit Regem super eodem brevi sub hac forma.—Excellentissimo in Christo principi ac domino domino Henrico Dei gracia regi Anglie et Francie illustri et domino Hibernie suus humilis capellanus Edmundus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo per quem reges regnant et principes dominantur. Celsitudini vestre regie juxta exigenciam brevis vestri nobis directi hiis consuti et inclusi tenore presencium intimamus quod super contentis in eodem brevi registra nostra et predecessorum nostrorum nuper Exoniensium episcoporum que pro cognicione rei veritatis pro parte prioris prioratus de Cowyk nostre diocesis necessaria fuerint seu quomodolibet oportuna, prout in eisdem litteris vestris patentibus plenior fit mencio, debite, effectualiter, ac diligenter scrutati fuimus et inter cetera invenimus contineri quod anno gracie millesimo CCLXII, II nonas Februarii dominus Walterus primus, episcopus Exonie admisit fratrem Nicholaum de Columbers ad regimen prioratus de Cowyk vacantis per resignacionem fratris Thome quondam prioris de Cowyk factam in presencia domini Rothomagensis archiepiscopi cujus litteras exhibuit, et hoc ad presentacionem abbatis et conventus de Becco. Item anno gracie millesimo CCLXXV^mo^ xvij^o^ kalendis Septembris ad presentacionem religiosi viri abbatis monasterii de Beccoherll admisit idem dominus Walterus episcopus fratrem Adam de Buris monachum ad prioratum de Cowyk vacantem, et habuit litteras etc. Item anno Domini millesimo CC^mo^ LXXvij^o^ octo kalende Marcii admisit idem dominus Walterus episcopus dominum Willielmum de Wynkelege presbiterum ad vicariam de Okehampton ad presentacionem religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus de Cowyk. Item apud Clyst in festo apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi anno gracie millesimo CCLXXIX^mo^ idem dominus Walterus episcopus admisit dominum Johannem de Schypton presbiterum ad vicariam ecclesie de Crystenstowe vacantem per spontaneam resignacionem domini Johannis de Crystenestowe nuper vicarii ejusdem ad presentacionem prioris et monachorum de Cowyk et habuit litteras*. Item dominus Thomas Bytton quondam Exoniensis episcopus contulit prioratum de Cowyk jure sibi devoluto cuidam fratri Willielmo de Porta monacho monasterii de Beccoherlwyny cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis ipsumque in corporalem possessionem ejusdem per suas, prout moris est, litteras mandavit induccionis etc.† Item quinto die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo^ xvij^o^ dominus Walterus Stapeldon quondam Exoniensis episcopus licenciavit fratrem Eustachium priorem de Cowyk ut abbathiam suam principalem in partibus transmarinis visitare valeat, ita quod ad curam et regimen dicti prioratus redeat citra kalendas Augusti sub pena privacionis et excommunicacionis etc. Item xiv kalende Junii anno Domini millesimo CCCXXXj^o^ dominus Johannes de Grandissono Exoniensis episcopus licenciavit priorem monasterii de Cowyk absentare se a prioratu suo predicto hinc ad festum ad Vincula Sancti Petri causa monasterium suum de Beccoherlewyny personaliter visitandi, dummodo etc. Item anno Domini millesimo CCCXXXiiij^o^ idem Johannes episcopus admisit fratrem Alexandrum de Rothys monachum monasterii beate Marie de Beccoherll Rothomagensis diocesis ad prioratum de Cowyk Exoniensis diocesis per spontaneam resignacionem fratris Thome de Leonibus ultimi ejusdem prioratus prioris vacantis in manibus ejusdem domini factam ac per dominum Galfridum prefati monasterii abbatem eidem domino extitit presentatus ipsumque priorem instituit canonice in eodem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis et optinuit litteras institucionis et induccionis ut in forma communi etc. Item octavo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo CCC quinquagesimo secundo apud Chuddelegh idem Johannes episcopus admisit fratrem Durandum de Sancto Stephano monachum monasterii de Beccoherlewyny Rothomagensis diocesis in priorem prioratus de Cowyk vacantem per liberam resignacionem fratris Alexandri de Rothis ultimi prioris ibidem, ad quem per fratrem Robertum dicti monasterii abbatem extitit presentatus, et obtinuit litteras institucionis et induccionis in forma communi etc. Item apud Chuddelegh secundo die Augusti anno Domini millesimo CCC^o^ octogesimo secundo dominus Thomas Brentyngham quondam Exoniensis episcopus admisit fratrem Willielmum de Estrepeny monachum in ordine Sancti Benedicti expresse professum ad prioratum de Cowyk Exoniensis diocesis per mortem fratris Roberti de Glanvilla ultimi prioris ibidem vacantem ad presentacionem religiosi viri prioris de Okeburne Sarum diocesis religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus de Beccoherlewyny Rothomagensis diocesis verorum dicti prioratus de Cowyk patronorum procuratoris in Anglia generalis sufficienter constituti, et ipsum priorem instituit canonice in eodem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis, et obtinuit litteras in forma communi etc. Item xix. die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo CCC nonagesimo octavo bone memorie dominus Edmundus Stafford quondam Exoniensis episcopus admisit fratrem Johannem Burgeanvill ad prioratum de Cowyk ad presentacionem abbatis beate Marie de Beccoherlewyny Rothomagensis diocesis vacantem per liberam resignacionem fratris Willielmi Estrepeny ultimi ipsius prioratus de Cowyk prioris in manibus suis factam et ipsum instituit canonice in eodem cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis. Item invenimus in registro bone memorie domini Edmundi episcopi predicti quandam composicionem sive ordinacionem super ereccione et nova construccione ecclesie parochialis Sancti Thome de Cowyke factam quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo^ xij^mo^ et consecracionis ejusdem episcopi anno xviij^o^ et sigillo communi prioratus de Cowyk sigillatam. Item in eodem registro predicti domini Edmundi de Stafford episcopi predicti sub tercio die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo CCCC^mo^ xviij^o^ et consecracionis ejusdem episcopi anno xxij^o^ invenimus quandam ordinacionem sive composicionem factam super construccione et reparacione cancelli ecclesie parochialis de Okehampton appropriate et unite prioratui de Cowyk de consensu et assensu magistri Johannis Newcomb vicarii ibidem sigillo communi dicti prioratus de Cowyk sigillatam etc. Item scrutatis registris nostris et predecessorum nostrorum Exoniensium episcoporum invenimus quod quamplures persone clerici dicte nostre diocesis in minoribus ordinibus constituti ad titulum prioris et conventus prioratus de Cowyk fuerunt ad sacros ordines promoti; sicque dilucide invenimus quod dictus prior prioratus de Cowyk de quo in litteris patentibus fit mencio atque omnes alii precessores et predecessores sui in eodem priores fuerunt priores perpetui instituti prout sic invenimus, quod priores ejusdem prioratus solebant priores perpetui institui in eodem a tempore de cujus contrario memoria non existit. Item scrutatis antiquis munimentis et litteris autenticis sigillo communi dicti prioratus de Cowyk sigillatis ac facta auctoritate nostra in hac parte diligenti inquisicione invenimus quod in eodem prioratu de Cowyk, a tempore de cujus contrario

* The bishop might have added the admission of John Osbert to the vicarage of Cowyk on the presentation of the same prior and monks. (Quivil Reg., fol. 113.) This register is difficult to decipher.

† Bishop Bytton's Register has long been lost.

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memoria non existit, fuit semper prout nunc est sigillum commune. Que omnia et singula sic per nos scrutata et inventa majestati vestre regie per has litteras nostras clausas nostro innotescimus sub sigillo datum.

Et ego officialis archidiaconi Exonie scrutatis registris archidiaconi predicti et predecessorum suorum nuper archidiaconorum archidiaconatus predicti inveni in eisdem inter cetera contineri quod supradictus prior prioratus de Cowyk de quo in litteris vestris regiis predictis plenior fit mencio, ac omnes alii et singuli priores ejusdem prioratus de quibus in litteris dicti reverendi patris apercius exprimitur, fuerunt ut priores perpetui in corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus cum omnibus subjuribus et pertinenciis universis canonice inducti, sicque priores dicti prioratus de Cowyk in corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinenciis ut predicitur a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria non existit priores perpetuos fuisse inductos dilucide reperi et inveni. Que omnia et singula sic per me, ut supra. Datum quoad apposicionem sigilli officii mei Exonie die mense et anno Domini supradictis etc.

Num. VIII.

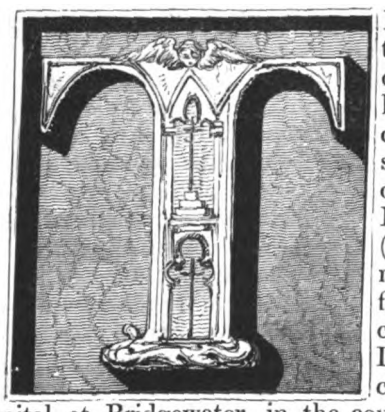
Certificatorium episcopi thesaurario et baronibus Scaccarii domini Regis pro priore de Cowyck.

(Ibid. fol. 256, b.)

Nobilibus et venerabilibus veris dominis thesaurario et baronibus scaccarii Christianissimi in Christo principis et domini nostri domini Henrici Dei gracia regis Anglie et Francie illustris Edmundus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo quem peperit uterus virginalis. A nostra non recedit nec a vestra credimus recessisse memoria nostrum certificatorium vestris reverenciis dudum liberatum super colleccione decime regie per clerum Cantuariensis provincie ultimo concesse, cui certificatorio, si dictis vestris placeat reverenciis, connectere dignemini caritatis intuitu pauperem prioratum de Cowyk nostre diocesis, ut de ultima medietate dicte decime jam levande valeat excusari juxta et secundum formam excepcionis habite in concessione hujusmodi decime domino regi facte, ubi excipiunt a concessione, levacione, et solucione predicte decime et cujuslibet partis ejusdem quecumque beneficia bona et possessiones quorumcumque religiosorum et aliarum personarum ecclesiasticarum infra provinciam Cantuariensem, quorum monasteria, prioratus, loca, possessiones seu beneficia, per inundaciones aquarum, incendia, ruinam, guerras, aliosve casus fortuitos, seu alias qualitercumque destructa depauperata vel nimium diminuta existant. Compatimur enim ejusdem prioratus angustiis et calamitatibus quas casibus fortuitis jam tarde passus est; nam magna pars domorum ejusdem prioratus per incendium fortuitum fuerat die Dominica in Ramis Palmarum proxime futura ad annum una cum animalibus omnibus, bovibus, vaccis et aliis bonis mobilibus ejusdem prioratus, ad valorem clxxvij$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$, totaliter consumpta et destructa, idemque prioratus ex hoc, et propter hoc, in tanto fuit ad tunc et pro nunc est depauperatus et diminutus quod predictum infortunium cedet in magnam dicti prioratus desolaccionem seu diminucionem ut verisimiliter timetur, nisi eidem prioratui pie compassionis visceribus misericorditer subveniatur. Inter ceteras igitur domos religiosas ac alia ecclesiastica beneficia in dicto nostro certificatorio a solucione dicte decime exceptas, eundem prioratum de Cowyk cum suis possessionibus spiritualibus et temporalibus quibuscumque connumerari, collectoresque quod ultime medietatis dicte decime super eadem medietate exonerari facere velitis, attendentes quod inestimabile summe opus caritatis, corda afflictorum et merencium consolari, illorum presertim quos constat pro felici regie celsitudinis statu vestrisque prosperitatibus, noctu dieque Deum continue exorare. Datum sub sigillo nostro in manerio nostro de Clyst xix die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo cccc$^{mo.}$ xlij$^{o.}$ et nostre translacionis anno xxiiij$^{to.}$

Polslo Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF EXETER.



THIS manor, mentioned in the Domesday Survey under the name of Polesleuga, was, in the twelfth century, parcel of the possessions of the Briwere or Brewer family*. Here Lord William Briwere (who was intimately connected with the royal family, and the munificent founder of Torr and Dunkeswell abbeys in this county; of S. John's Hospital at Bridgewater, in the county of Somerset; and of Mottisfont Priory in Hampshire,) undertook to establish a convent of Benedictine nuns in honour of S. Catharine. Dr. Tanner, a name cherished by every lover of venerable antiquity, in his Notitia Monastica makes mention of a nunnery of S. Catharine near Exeter, which he distinguishes from the convent at Polslo, and adds, that Sir William Tracy (one of the assassins or accomplices in the assassination of Becket) was a considerable benefactor to it. But, with all deference to his opinion, we are disposed to conclude that the convent of S. Catharine and that at Polslo are precisely the same establishment. The patron saint is the same in both cases; and, in fact, the convent at Polslo is generally styled, in the records of the diocese, the house or priory of S. Catharine. Both are acknowledged to be in the immediate vicinity of Exeter. The registers of the bishops of Exeter, who were the undoubted patrons, are utterly silent as to the existence of any other female community in the neighbourhood than the one at Polslo. If any other had existed, it cannot be doubted that notice would have been taken of the election or institution of some prioress in those episcopal records. Some benefaction or legacy would occur in the numerous wills which are there transcribed. In some of these wills, not only every religious foundation in Exeter and its neighbourhood, but almost every charitable foundation in the diocese, is specified and remembered; yet they omit all notice of this supposed nunnery. With respect to Sir William Tracy's benefactions, as

* There is some difficulty in identifying the property with any mentioned in Domesday. That record refers to *Polesleuia*, held by Ansger as tenant to the bishop of Coutance, who was tenant in capite; and also to *Polesleuga*, held by Baldwin as tenant to the canons of S. Maria. The former had been the property of Alwin, the latter of Aluric, before the Conquest. Whether these are two different places, or different estates in the same place, and in what manner either of them became alienated from the foreign churches to which they were attached, does not appear. (See Domesday, fo. 103 b, 107; Exon. Domesday, fo. 127, 286.) The S. Maria, referred to here and elsewhere in the same record, is either S. Maria de Prato near Rouen, or, as it should rather seem, the cathedral church of that city.

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Polslo Priory was founded in the reign of King Henry II., it is possible that he may have befriended it in its infancy, for he did not die until the year 1174; but it is much more probable that some one of his heirs of that name had the merit of being the benefactor.

The precise date of the foundation of S. Catharine's cannot be ascertained; but the return, bearing date Jan. 8, 1463, to the king's writ, preserved in the registers of the diocese of Bath and Wells, certifies that the prioress and convent of Polslo had held, "in suos proprios usus," the parish church de Merston*, county Somerset, near Sherborne, since the ninth year of the reign of King Richard I., A.D. 1197.

The patronage of the house eventually became vested in William Brewer, grandson of the founder, who, from precentor of Exeter, became its bishop in 1224. Under him the patronage became united to the see and descended to his successors, and, whoever has carefully searched their registers, will testify to the exemplary zeal and tenderness with which they discharged their office of patrons and visitors.

The community, however, was far from being affluent, and was consequently exempted, on several occasions, from paying the king's tenths, and enjoyed other immunities from the grant of the crown. When Philippa, the queen of King Edward III., wished to charge them with the maintenance of a secular lady, Jane Turbeville, they urgently represented to her what an incumbrance it would be to support others, when their finances hardly sufficed to procure for themselves the ordinary necessaries of life; and Bishop Grandisson seconded and supported their remonstrance. (See post, Appendix.) Subsequently the resources of the community were considerably improved and augmented before the dissolution of their monastery.

The fee to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of this priory was 26*s.* 8*d.* (Vesey's Reg., vol. ii. fol. 105, b.)

The only list of prioresses that we can collect is the following:

Isabella de Brent occurs in this capacity on presenting Richard to the vicarage of Holbeton within the deanery of Plympton in 1256. (See Appendix, No. I.)

Avelina is named in a release of certain premises in Exeter to John Grubbi, at the yearly rent of three shillings, A.D. 1266. The oval seal of the convent appendant to the deed in the Guildhall, Exeter, is admirably executed. It represents a female figure, that of S. Catharine, patroness of the convent. In her right hand she holds a string of beads; in her left she has a book open. The legend is, ✠ SIGILLV · CONVENT · S · C · MONIAL · IVXTA · EXON.

Margaret de Morchard, admitted on Christmas-eve, 1267, Bishop Bronescombe having first dispensed with a "defectus natalium quem patiebatur." In the cartulary of S. Nicholas' Priory, Exeter, is her agreement, in 1273, with Robert, prior of that house, respecting 3*s.* 1*d.* rent "de Enlacrofte."

Margaret de Syndon, the late sub-prioress, was confirmed superior of the sisterhood, in Exeter Cathedral, by Bishop Stapeldon, June 15, 1308. This prioress died in office on June 27, 1321, and was buried "honorifice prout decuit," on the Tuesday following. (See Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 158.)

During Margaret de Syndon's government, viz. early in January, 1320, Bishop Stapeldon sent a pastoral letter in the French language, inserted in his Register (fol. 145, 6). It sets forth, that at his late visitation, when he had made minute inquiry concerning the state and discipline of the house, he had discovered certain things which called for amendment; and, first, silence was to be more strictly attended to, as enjoined by the rule of S. Benedict. He recommends the use of Latin, in short phrases without regard to grammar, e. g., *liber*, *panis*, *est*, *non-sic*, &c. He orders that the festival of Corpus Christi, with its octave, should be observed with becoming solemnity according to the decree of the council of Vienne, held in 1312. Also that the entire community, unless prevented by illness or a reasonable cause, should regularly and punctually assist at matins, masses, hours, vespers, compline, collation, and at chapter, and in the refectory; that all should remain together until the end, and depart devoutly and in order; and that grace should be publicly recited before and after meals; that none of the religious should eat out of the refectory in a separate chamber, unless in the company of the prioress, or owing to sickness or other weighty cause. No religious to visit friends out of the priory oftener than once a year, and then for good cause, and with permission, and always in the company of a professed nun, not of her own choice, but such as the prioress shall assign; and the companion so assigned was not to attend on the next occasion. Whoever had leave to visit her friends in a certain place was forbidden to go to any other without having received an express permission. Should any nun take refreshment in Exeter or elsewhere, she must return the same day, or at furthest the day following, with her companion, and the chaplain or a clerk or esquire of good reputation, must be appointed by the prioress to escort them. When in Exeter, they are not to wander from house to house, as had been done before, to the dishonour of their state and profession. Should the friends or family to be visited live at a greater distance, the time of absence was to be regulated by circumstances and the sound discretion of the prioress; any disobedience to this regulation was to be met by a prohibition of going beyond the outer gate of the priory for the space of two years†. No secular lady was to sojourn in the house above a month at most, without special leave of the bishop of Exeter; and no corrody or pension could be granted to any seculars without the bishop's approbation. No religious were to hold long conversations, in the parlour or elsewhere, with seculars, without the leave of the prioress or subprioress, and then always in the presence of another religious; even when bleeding might be required, a companion was ever to be in sight and hearing. The confessor of the convent was to be appointed by the bishop, and for the present he assigned them for this office John de Whatele, master of divinity, a Franciscan friar, and Hugh de la Pole of the order of S. Dominic. The kitchen was to be cleared of several young women, and one only was to be retained, with a page, to wait upon the community. Some repairs in the dormitory, infirmary, the choir, and some of the offices, were to be finished as soon as their means would allow. The bailiffs' and stewards' accounts were yearly to be given in, and to be audited by the prioress or her deputy, and by two or three of the most experienced of the nuns to be chosen by the community, and then deposited in the common treasury. The balance of all accounts was to be open for reference, that each might know the state of their finances.

On the Saturday of each Ember Week, after Preciosa in chapter, this episcopal ordinance was to be distinctly read to the community, or in the refectory, in lieu of any other lecture.

On January 12, from Clist, the bishop dispatched a similar injunction to Canonsleigh nunnery, "mutatis mutandis."

Matilda de Bloyhon was confirmed in office by the same bishop, Sept. 28, 1321.

Margaret de Wydepole. Her institution is not recorded, but she died prioress on the 14th, and was buried on the 17th April, 1347.

Juliana de Bruton succeeded in July, 1347; the names of sixteen of the community appear in the act of her election, to which she assented "in capellâ Sancti Thome vicinâ ecclesie conventuali." (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 144.)

* A field adjoining the church-yard of Merston still retains the name of the Court Garden, in which there was a quadrangular moat, with one or more draw-bridges, and within which, it is reported, stood the court-house. This field has at present the appearance of having been divided into several parts, with a large pond or piece of water which might have been kept back to fill the moat. At the distance of about a third of a mile was a large field, now divided into two, still known by the name of Merston Park, round which is a terrace, and which (though a little interrupted) may be traced to the Court Garden; and in this field, called Park, the vicar had a right of feeding, at stated times, a certain number of oxen. (Letter from the Rev. John Williams, dated Marston Magna, near Sherborne, Dec. 28, 1831.)

† Until session 25 of the council of Trent, 1563, cap. 5, the enclosure of nuns was not rigidly enforced.

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Bishop Brantyngham, on Sept. 4, 1376, issued a commission of inquiry into the reported laxity of discipline in this community, and the return was to be certified to him by the 21st of Sept. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 27.) As such return was not inserted in the Register, we presume the reports were exaggerated, if not unfounded.

Johanna occurs as prioress Nov. 4, 1388. (Brantyngham's Reg. vol. i. fol. 193.)

Christina de Seton died prioress June 4, 1404. To her, a canon of Exeter Cathedral, Henry Brokelond, bequeathed by will, dated Jan. 15, 1403, "unam parvam cistam argenti, ita quod eadem cista remaneat in eâdem domo ad usum priorisse, que pro tempore fuerit, imperpetuum*."

Matilda Talbot was confirmed prioress on July 3, 1404. To her, John Westcote, canon of Exeter, left by will, dated July 20, 1412, twenty shillings, and "cuilibet moniali ij^{s}." She died in office, Dec. 16, 1438. Bishop Lacy, on May 17, 1439, granted an indulgence of forty days to all such as should say a pater noster and an ave for the repose of the soul of this prioress (whose body rested in the conventual church) and the souls of all the faithful departed.

Isabella Burghe was admitted prioress Jan. 3, 1439.

Isabella Trewtronk was prioress at the beginning of the sixteenth century. On the 10th of January, 1502, she leased to John Bonyfant a tenement in S. Mary Arches parish, Exeter, for a term of ninety years, the lessee covenanting to rebuild the house within six years, and to pay £1 5*s.* per annum. She died in Jan. 1509.

Cecilia Millaton, or *Millington*, succeeded Feb. 19, 1509, and procured a confirmation of the priory charters from king Henry VIII. at the commencement of his reign. In Bishop Oldham's Register, fol. 43, ad calcem, is a composition between the prioress of Polslo, Cecilia Milaton, and her convent, as impropriators of Budleigh, and Robert Weston, its then vicar. It appears that in the time of this vicar's predecessor, John Reynolds, much altercation had existed between him and Isabella Trewtronk, the late prioress of Polslo; that monies applicable to the uses of the poor had been exhausted in law-suits, to the offence of Almighty God, and the great loss, besides, of the parties at variance. It was now agreed that the vicar was to retain all the offerings and obventions of the altars in the church of East Budleigh and the chapel of Widecumbe, and all and every kind of tithes, "de terris manso suo adjacentibus," with all personal tithes; as also all tithes of fish, hay, wool, lambs, calves, flax, and hemp. The small tithes of every kind, and the mortuaries of all persons dying there, "cum nutrimentis animalium infra fines et limites parochie et capelle de Widecombe," with the exception of the tithes of a garden and mill, and a small inclosure belonging to the manse of the said prioress, and the tithes of the meadow adjoining the mill aforesaid, then in the domain of the prioress and convent of Polslo. But the vicar was not to have any tithe of corn, barley, rye, oats, beans, peas, and vetches. He was to have a manse on the south side of the church, but removed to a greater distance from it, "magis tamen ab eadem ecclesia distantem; cum omnibus terris, clausuris, gardinis, silvis, boscis eidem manso ab antiquo pertinentibus;" and, further, he was to have "unam parvam clausuram dicte capelle de Widecombe adjacentem." He was also bound to pay forty shillings per annum to the prioress and convent of Polslo. Bishop Oldham approved and confirmed this composition on Dec. 30, 1513.

We have met with Cecily's lease of Southwood and Horsemede, parcels of Polslo barton lying west of the great mede there; of the reversion of Southfield at Polslo; of two tenements near the gildhall of the city of Exeter in the west part, and of a close of thirty-three acres in Polslo manor, which Dr. Horsey, canon of Exeter Cathedral, had lately tenanted.

Margaret Trowe succeeded April 13, 1530. This prioress, Sept. 16, 1535, leased to Richard Weston and Oliver Maynwaryng, gentleman, the rectory and glebe of Aylesbear, for their several lives, at the yearly rent of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* On the 10th of the following May she leased Holbeton Rectory, for fifty years, to John Wheler, gent., on payment of £31 9*s.* 9*d.* per annum; and the same day she leased the rectory of Budleigh and Widecombe Raleigh to John Drake, son and heir of John Drake of Exmouth, for fifty years, at the yearly rent of £26 17*s.* 3*d.* We learn from Hoker, that she compounded with the King for saving her house from dissolution. On Oct. 16, 1535, she leased to Richard Weston and Oliver Maynwarying four closes, called Dyerelonds, rent £4 13*s.* 4*d.*; two closes, called Frogmarsh, rent £2 7*s.*; three, called Botham, for £20, all in Heavitree parish, for the lessees' several lives. A fortnight before, she had granted the reversion of Boystock, with vewage in East Budleigh, to William Legh and Richard Weston, to hold the same at the yearly rent of £7 7*s.* 4*d.*

Eleanor Sydnam shortly after her appointment surrendered her convent, with thirteen of her nuns, to king Henry VIII., viz., on the 19th of Feb., 1538, and the next day she was gratified with a pension of £30. On Sept. 12, 1538, its final suppression took place.

The surrender of this nunnery, under the common seal of the convent, is extant in the Augmentation Office. It bears date the 19th day of February in the 30th year of Henry VIII., with a seal appendant. This impression represents the patron saint, holding in her left hand a Catherine wheel with a broken wheel on each side of her. The legend is, SIGILLVM · SANCTE · KATHERINE · DE · POLSLO.

Scipio Squier, in the reign of king James I., states, in his heraldic collections, "I saw this coat in the late-dissolved priory of Polslow by Exon, sable a sword erect entre two Catherine wheels, argent."

In the rental of the dean and chapter of Exeter, 1465, and again in a deed bearing date Feb. 20, 1514, mention is made of our Lady's chapel of Mynchyn-lake (or Nuns' Stream), "capellam beate Marie de Mynchynlake." This may perhaps have bordered the high road, nearly where the brook now crosses it.

The site of the convent was granted Feb. 1, 1541, to Sir George Carew and Mary his wife for the term of their natural lives, for which they were to pay to the Crown £29 3*s.* 1*d.* per annum, and the bailiff's salary, £2 13*s.* 4*d.*† In the year 1549, the Crown disposed of Polslo to John Earl of Warwick; it afterwards passed into the Petre family, thence into the hands of the Champernoun family, who conveyed it to John Ailworth of London, whose son Thomas, at Christmas, 1609, appears to have leased it, for a term of 101 years, to Thomas Isaack, and further granted this lessee a term of a thousand years, to commence from the expiration of the former term. Sebastian Isaack, Esq. (the great-grandson of the lessee), after demolishing the conventual church, granted his interest in the estate to John Pratt, sergeant-at-law, and Thomas Forde, junior, and their heirs, in trust for securing the repayment of the mortgages upon it in full. After much litigation, a private Act of Parliament was obtained, by the mutual consent of all the parties concerned, to sell the same, and it was finally purchased, in 1726, by Geo. Parker, Esq., of Boringdon, who settled it on his son Francis Parker at his marriage with Jacquete Belfield. The possession still continues in the Parker family.

Little now remains of this venerable structure; but some massive buttresses and arches and an ancient chimney-piece deserve the attention of the artist.

* We have met with several other bequests to the house. Thus Thomas Reymound, by his will, dated June 8, and proved Aug. 24, 1418, left them 20*s.*, "et librum gestorum Karoli regis Francie." John Kelly, citizen of Exeter, by will, dated Nov. 16, 1486, gave to the priory, "unum ciphum argenti stantem cum cooperculo deaurato factum ad modum campane, et unum cochlear argenti signatum cum literâ K." Thomas Bannaster, chaplain of this priory, by will, dated October 26, 1534, directs his body to be interred "in cancello Sancte Kataryne de Polslowe." To the prioress he leaves 3*s.* 4*d.*; to the subprioress, 3*s.* 4*d.*; and to the eleven nuns there, 1*s.* each. Rev. John Rugge, vicar of S. Thomas, near Exeter, left to this community, April 1, 1536, a jewel; and Sir John Brukshaw, chantry prior of Bishop Grandisson's chantry at the west door of Exeter Cathedral, on June 25, 1537, gave, by will, "to the house of Powlslow, 3*s.* 4*d.*"

† The bailiff's name was Geo. Maynwaring; he had been appointed to the office of bailiff and receiver for the manor of Polslo, Aug. 30, 1538, with the said salary, by the last prioress.

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Num. I.

Ordinacio Vicarie de Holbeton.

(Sewed into Bronescombe's Register, initio.)

Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Ricardus miseracione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod ad presentacionem Isabelle de Brente priorisse et conventus de Polslow dilectum filium Ricardum capellanum de Womgwyll ad vicariam ecclesie de Holbogaton caritatis intuitu admisimus et ejusdem ecclesie vicarium de consensu predictarum filiarum sub hac forma ordinavimus, quod vicarius predictus ecclesie habebit nomine vicarie altalagium ejusdem ecclesie cum pomis, feno, obvencionibus, et omnibus aliis pertinenciis tam capellarum quam matricis ecclesie, excepto feno domini Johannis de Alba mora. Habebit eciam domum quam Alanus Durant aliquando tenuit una cum orto adjacente et domum proximam ex parte aquilonis et ortum pertinentem et terram adjacentem proximam retro ortos predictos se extendentem versus occidentem juxta gardinum usque ad novam fossam, et per eandem usque ad angulum aquilonis ejusdem, et ab eodem angulo linealiter versus orientem usque ad viam regiam et per eandem viam versus meridiem usque ad viam tendentem versus predictos domos per eandem usque ad secundum ortum. Supradicta vero omnia habebit antedictus Ricardus quoad vixerit et vicarii post ipsum qui pro tempore fuerint de nostra ordinacione et gracia speciali una cum consensu antedictarum priorisse et supradictarum monialium, salvis nobis et successoribus nostris jure et dignitate speciali in omnibus. Et si contingat fieri novos ortos ubi majores decime solebant percipi, de illorum ortorum decimis nichil dicte vicarie accrescat. Et sic remanebunt contenti vicaria per nos taxata, ita quod imposterum nichil amplius exigere possint in imperpetuum. Sustinebit idem vicarius et successores sui omnia onera ordinaria debita et consueta. Extraordinaria vero pro rata porcionis sibi assignate idem vicarius et successores sui respondebunt. Ut hec predicta nostra ordinacio perpetuam obtineat firmitatem roboris, eandem nostra auctoritate confirmavimus et presens scriptum sigillo predicti conventus signatum et impressione sigilli nostri corroboravimus. Datum anno Domini M°. CC. L. vj^to, consecracionis nostre anno xj^mo*.

Num. II.

Libertates prioratus de Polslo.

(Excerpta ex rotulis Hundredorum, 3 Ed. I. vol. i. p. 84.)

Veredictum hundredi de Wonford. Dicunt quod [sunt] 66 ville sicut patet per ten' feodorum, de quibus tres sunt regales et non guldabiles, scilicet, villa de Polslo quam priorissa de eadem tenet. . . . . .

Dicunt quod priorissa de Polslo clamat habere libertates omnimodas per cartam regis; scilicet, amerciamenta de Scaccario de se et hominibus suis, et ab omnimodis aliis libertatibus, exceptis placitis de vita membrorum, et hoc per cartas regis Henrici patris Johannis regis, et per cartam Johannis regis, et per confirmationem carte regis Henrici, patris regis qui nunc est†.

* Bishop Grandisson, June 18, 1336, dedicated anew this church and its high altar, and also the altar of S. Thomas. (See Reg. vol. ii. fol. 200.) In this parish church, Sir William Prouz, knt., was buried; but on his daughter Alice de Moeles' representation to Bishop Grandisson, that her father had left instructions for his interment in Lustleigh church, that prelate, Oct. 19. 1329, directed his mandate to Henry, vicar of Holbeton, to see the body exhumed with all due reverence, and deposited at Lustleigh as early as possible. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 131.) Capella Sancti Anecorite in parochiâ de Holbeton was licensed by Bishop Stafford, Sept. 27, 1400. The Fortescues had a chapel in their manor of Combe, licensed by the said bishop May 8, 1412. Thomas Chard, bishop of Solubriæ, resigned the living of Holbeton Oct. 24, 1520, but was assigned an annuity of 12*l.* from the profits of the vicarage. (Veysey's Reg. vol. i. fol. 40.) On May 6, 1551, John Castlyn was admitted vicar here on the presentation, hâc vice, of John Bostock, gent., to whom had been granted the next presentation by the late prioress, a convent of Polslo. (Ibid. fol. 140.)

† Upon a Quo warranto, the king claimed the manor of Colyton of Hugo Curtenay. Defendant pleaded nonjoinder of Thomas de Saunford, who had a moiety of the manor, and that the prioress of Polleslo "tenet inde c. solidatas terre," and the Dean and Chap. of S. Pet. Exon. had the advowson of the church of the manor. The plea was confessed by the attorney-general. (Plac. de Quo Warranto, 10 Ed. I. p 178)—S.

Num. III.

Ordinacio de Polslo.

(Stapeldon's Register, folio 145 b.)

Wautier par la suffrance Dieu evesque Dexcestre a ses cheres fiulles en Dieu la priouresse et covent de Polslo de notre diocese salutz ove la beneicon Ihesu Crist et la sue. Purceo jeu notre visitacion nyent gaires faite en votre chapitre ou nous enqueymes de lestat de vous et de votre mouster trovames ascunes choses qui vous touchent, les queles nous ne porroms suffrir sanz amendement, sauve la honestete de votre religion et le salutz de vos almes, par quey, en amendement de vos almes, si ordinoms et establioms en la fourme que senseut; cest a savoir, que silence soit tenue en lieus dues solom la reule et les observances del ordre Seint Benet et sil conveigne que ascune parole soit parle en les avantditz lieus par resonable encheson, donks soit fait si suef et si bas qil ne soit gaires oyi daultres, et par auxi courte paroles com il poet estre, issint que la volente de celle qui parle soit entendue, et mieutz vault en latyn que autrement, tut ne soit mie le latin bien ordine solom la reule de gramere, sicome en ceste forme, candela, liber, missale, gradale, panis, vinum, cervisia, est, nonsic, et auxi dautres semblables. Et en meisme la manere voloms que femmes seculeres soiournantes entre vos gardent silence en les lieus avantditz, issint que silence des dames de religioun ne soit mie desturbé ne ensfraynté par les seculaires, et celles seculaires, que autrement le font de custume, soient ostez, issint qeeles ne viegnent mie en votre compaignie en les lieus avantditz. Item qe le serviez du corps et du sank notre seigneur Jhesu Crist soit fait oe grant solempnite entre vous chescun an le Judi prochein apres la Trinité et par les oytaves siwantes, si autre feste de plus grant solempnite ne viegne dedans les ditz oytaves, si come en la constitucion del derein concil de Vyene est establi et ordiné. Item qui totes les dames de religion de vostre mayson, qui ne soient desturbé par maladie ou par aultre resonable encheson, viegnent uniement et sans delai a matyns, messes, houres, vespres, compli, collacioun, chapitre, et a manger en refeytour et ileoques démoerges jesques a la fyn, et de iloques departent ensemble devoutement, sicome il a peut, et en venant a manger dient ensemble lur graces et auxi apres manger aillent ensemble a mouster oue lur graces solom les reules et les observances del ordre avant ditz; et que nule dame de religion ne mange hors du refeytour en chambre severale si ceo ne soit en compaignie la priouresse, ou par maladie, ou outre resonable encheson. Les dames que serront malades soient ensemble en fermerie et noun pas en chambre severale chescune par soi, issint que elles puissent estre servies par une damoisele ou par deus, solom ceo que elles sunt pois ou et plus. Nule dame de religion ne vense a visiter ses amis hors de la priourie si ceo ne soit une foiz per an au plus, et dunks par resonable encheson et par congee, et donks eit compaigne de meisme la religioun professe noun pas a sa eleccioun, mes celle que la priouresse lui voudra assigner; et celle que lui soit assigne une foiz pour compaigne ne lui soit pas assigné a la procheyne foiz apres, issint que a chescune foiz que dame voit pour visiter ses amis, eit sa compaigne changée; et celle qui eit congie de aler en certeins lieus pour visiter ses amis ne aille pas en aultres, si ele ne eyt novel congie. Item quant dame de religion mange a Excestre ou en aultre lieu de coste par resonable encheson et congie, la, ou ele poera, et devera retourner meisme le jour ou lendemayn; chescune foiz eit compaigne et chapeleyn clerk ou esquier de bone fame assigné par la priouresse, qeo aille, demoerge, et revienge ovesque eles, et aultrement ne aillent mie, et a donks retournent hastivement a lostel sicome eles soient comaundees, et ne aillent novealment a Excestre wascrauntes de hostel en hostel, si come eles unt mayntefoiz fait, en deshonestete de lur estat et de la religioun. Item dame qui voit plus loynz a visiter ses amys en la forme susdite deit retourner a hostel denz un moys a plus tard, ou en plus bref temps si lui soit assigne per la prioresse, eyant regard a la loigtenete ou a la procheynete du lieu la ou ses amis sunt, les quoux ele voet visiter; mes plus long terme ne lui devra mie la priouresse doner, si ceo ne soit par mort ou maladie conue de lui meismes, ou de ses procheins amis. Et si dame demurge

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plus longement dehors, et en aultre maniere quen la fourme susdite, ne aille mie hors de la foreyne porte* de la priourie dedens les deux auns procheyns suivants, et nepourquant soit aultrement punie come inobediente si come la coulpe le voet par la reule et les observances del ordre Seint Benet, et congie procure par priere des amis ne la deveront de ceste penance excuser. Nule feme seculaire espusee† ne soit receu desoremes a sojourner en votre mesoune en nule manere, si ceo ne soit par un moys a plus haut, ne autre feme seculaire, si ceo ne soit par especial congie de nous ou de nos successours. Nule livrereison‡ ne soit grante, ne pension a seculer ne a seculaire, sanz congie de nous ou de nos successours. Nule feme de religion ne teigne long tretiz ne parlance oue seculaire ou od seculaires en parlour ne aillurs sanz congie de la priourasse ou de la souz priouresse, et par resonable encheson, et donks en presence de une dame professe de votre religioun, et dame nient professe en presence de sa mestrasse. Nule dame de votre religion professe ou nyent professe, ne veigne ales offices foreynes hors delus de lencloistre pour estre seigne§ ou pur autre encheson feynte, si ceo ne soit par congie de la priouresse ou de la souchpriouresse et donks par resonable encheson, et que ele eit ovesque lui une aultre dame professe de votre religion issint que chescune de eles puisse vor et oyir ceo que autere dirra et ferra. Item nous ordinoms que entre vous totes eyez un seul confessour, home de religion ou seculer, tiel come nous ou nos successours vodront a ceo assigner a remuer a la volante de nous et de nos successours; mes a ceste foiz de notre grace especiale grantoms que vous eyez frere John de Whatele mestre de divinite del ordre de Menours et frere Hugh de la Pole del ordre de Prechours ou le un de eux; et voloms que chescun de eux et nul aultre puisse oyir vos confessions et vous assoudre de vos pecchez et enjoyndre penaunce en due forme, et chescun deux eit notre poyer quant a la penauncerie en cas qui vous touchent, a durer a notre volente. Item purceo que ascune foitz ascunes dames de votre religion unt lur damoiseles severales por faire severalement lur viaunde, si ordinoms, voloms, et establioms que totes celles damoiseles soyent de tut oste de la cusine et que un keu covenable qui eit un page desoutz lui soit mys por servir a tut le covent. Item que le dortour, la enfermerie, les estancz du quer et les aultres mesons necessaires soient faites et reparilles au plus tost que les biens de la mesoun pourront suffire. Item que les acountes de touz vos baillifs, prevotz, et recevours foreins et denziens soyent surveu chescun an entre la Paske et la Pentecouste et entre la feste Seint Michel et le Noel apres finale acounte rendue en la priourie devant la priouresse ou ceux que ele vodra mettre en son lieu et deus ou trois dames de meisme la religion et meson des plus auncienes ou plus sages a ceo assignees par le covent; et que les rolles de les acountes issi rendues demoergent en commun tresourie, issint que len puisse avoir de ceo avisement quant mester serra, por doute de mort de priouresse et de mort ou remuement des baillifs, recevours, ou des provostz. Item que la priouresse jescun an, devant tut le covent ou vj. dames a ceo assignees par le covent, entre le Noel et la Paske, monstre lestat de la meson et sa receite et ses despens, nemie par menue parceles mes par grosses sommes, et les dettes et les nouns des dettours et des creauncers de summe que passe XL^{s}. Et totes cestes choses soient mis en escrit et mis en commun tresourie, issint que len puisse vor chescun an le quel vos biens encressont ou descressont. Item, que cestes choses susescrites que nous avoms ordine et establi pour votre profit esperital et temporal ne soyent pas mis en ubli, si ordinoms et vous comandoms que tut cest escrit de mot en mot chescun samadi de quatre temps parmy le an apres *Preciosa* en chapitre soit lu entendablement devant tut le covent, ou en refeytour en lieu dautre leccion, tant que le covent est a manger‖. Parquei nous vous comandoms touz et chescune par soy et celles dames qui sunt ore et celles que sunt avenir, en vertue de obedience et surgreve peyne, que totes cestes choses desus ecrites de pointe en pointe gardez, issint que si ascune du covent viegne encontre soit punie come inobediente et desordinee selom la reule et les observances del ordre Saint Benet. Et si ascune ne se chastie mie pourtant, mes viegne encontre par custume, soit punie par retraite de sa viande, ou de son beyvre ou de son abit, ou plus avant simestre soit si come la coulpe le vodra. Et si la priouresse viegne en nul point encontre ou ne face ceux ordinementz bien garder, nous voloms que ceo soit hastivement denunciè priveement ou apertement a levesque Dexcestre que donk serra, issi qil puisse faire punissement et faire amendement, si come il verra que ceo soit a faire. Et totes les choses desusescriptes avoms ordine, establi, et comaunde, sauve a nous et a nos successours evesques Dexcestre poier et auctorite de totes les susdites choses declarer, changer, amennuser, ou encrestre solom le temps et le port dentre vous, si come nous verroms ou eux verront que ceo soit a faire, sauve ensement a nous et a nos successours et a la eglise Dexcestre tote manere de auctorite, jurisdiccion et dignite par possessioun ou droit, si come avant, en droit et reson, a quelx nous ne voloms mie estre fait prejudice ne amenusement par cest escrit. Et vous mandoms ensement par vertue de obedience que, en testmoinance de votre assent en totes les choses susescrites, nous facetz mander entre ci est la feste Seint Scolastice la vierge prochein avenir le transecrit de ceste letre de mot en mot par vos letres patentes seale de votre commun seal. Don a . . . le . . . jour de Januer lan de notre seigneur mill. ccc^{me}. disneofuyme.

* I.e. the outer gate; la porte foraine.

† Epousèe; married woman.

‡ Lyveresone, Corrodium. Prompt. Parvul.

§ Minutio sanguinis was much used, and even prescribed, in monastic houses. (See Ducange "Minuere;" and Martene de Ritibus Mon.)

‖ It appears from this and the above advice as to using Latin, that the ordinary language of these nuns was French, to which they joined such a superficial knowledge of Latin words as might be easily gleaned from an habitual use of the ancient church services. (See, as to the use of French, Tyrwhitt's Chaucer, Essay, p. 13—19, and his note on v. 124.)—S.

Num. IV.

Letters addressed by the prioress of Polslo and Bishop Grandisson to Queen Philippa.

(Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 66, b.)

A lour treshonorable et tres puissaunte et redoutee dame, ma dame, dame Phelipe par la grace de Dieu royne d'Engleterre, &c. ses poveres et humbles aunceles¶ nounaynes de Polslow qaunt quelas poout de reverences et honours empriauntes votre douce pitee que mercey eyt de notre graund povertee. Notre tresnoble dame, nos avoms recu vos lettres par les q'eles nos entendoms que votre voluntee sereit que nos recuixssoms Johanete de Tourbeuyle entre nos come soer de la meson a prenre le certem d'une nonnayn en seculer habite: de quiel chose, tresdeboneire dame, par la mour de Dieu et sa mere prengez pitee de nos si vos plest; gar certeynement unqes nule royne tiel chose ne demaunda de notre petite meson avant, hors convent que par avanture faire le soleyent des autres mesons qui furent foundee par les rois et tient en chief deaux. Mes ceo ne fesons nos mie dount il nos poise; et sil plesoit a votre deboneire Hauteste de savoir de notre simple estat, nos sumes si poveres, Dieu le siet, et tot le pois que quant que nos avons ne suffit mie a petite sustenance de nos qui devons faire de jour et de nuit le service Dieu. Si par eyde des amys noun ne ny puissoms estre chargees de seculiers sauns abregier le noumbre de nos religiouses en enieunsement de servise Dieu et par inde . . . . . perpetuel de notre powere mesoun: et nos esperons fermement en Dieu et en votre graund bounte que ia a mal ne prenrez, si tiel chose ne se face en peril de nos almes; gar de entreir et accommencier tiel novele charge en si petit liu qui dureyt et seroit apres demaunde touz jourz; meis seroit trop graunt peril de votre alme, ma dame, vers Dieu, deynt Diu vos defend par sa grace notre tresbenette Dame. Dieu vos doynt bone vie et longe et plesaunte de ly et aide et alegement de nos et autres poveres servantes de Dieu en terre, et mout aureyoms graund joie faire vos comaundemens si Dieu non otreast le poer.

(Ibid. fol. 69.)

Cher sire. Nos avons recu et entendu vos lettres pour Johanete de Tourbeuyle votre cosine, et Diu siet que la volunte ne nous faut mye a faire vos requestes. Mes purceo, sire, que les povers dames de Polslogh ne tienent

¶ Ancillæ.

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rien si de espiritantee noun, et nos lour sumes en lui de patron, mout nos tournereit a graunde reproeste, si en notre noveaute assentissoms a charcheir si povere meson de sustenaunce de nule femme qui seit, especianment en seculer habite et plus faet a chargeir. Si tiel chose fiust, ore de novel acomence, si seriet toz jours mes chalaunge en perpetuel servage de celes qui uncore sunt fraunches quant a ceo, qui sereit a outrage grand peril a tous ceaux qi le feissont ou procurassent. Et pourceo, cher sire, si vos plest, nos eiez excuse de ceste chose et ostez vos meymes de cele pensee et pour lamour de vos a qui nos sumes mout avaunt tenuz. Et pour moustrer que nos ne nos feyngoms mye, ordinez, sil vos plest, par aillours de son estat, et nos ymettrons mout voluntiers privement de notre bien resonablement; gar ceo poums nos sauvement faire votre volunte. Chere sire, nos voillez maundeir fiablement; gar prest serons nos touz jours de faire a notre poer.

Num. V.

Valor ecclesiasticus, 26 Hen. VIII.

Priorissa S. Katharine virginis de Polslo infra decanatum christianitatis et archidiaconatum diocesis Exon. in comitatu Devon.

Verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium prioratus predicti unde Margareta Trowe est priorissa, examinatus et approbatus coram prefatis commissionariis termino et anno supradictis.

Possessiones temporales dicte priorisse.

Manerium de Tuddheys.

	£	s.	d.
Valet per annum cum £7. 11s. 2½d. de redditu assiso custumariorum tenentium ibidem, et cum £3. 1s. 10d. redditu terrarum dominicalium ibidem, et cum 12s. 10d. de venditione operum ibidem, et cum 13s. 10d. de redditu montis ibidem, et cum £1. 5s. de perquisitis curie, finibus terre, ferleu', releviis, redditu cens[ariorum?] venditione bosci, et aliis proficuis ibidem, communibus annis. Summa	13	4	8½
Inde solutum Johanni Strobrydge ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	–	10	–
Et remanet	12	14	8½

Manerium de Cockkyspitte.

Valet per annum £2. 10s. 11¼d. de redditu assiso tenentium convencionariorum ibidem, et cum £4. de redditu terre dominicalis ibidem, et cum £2. 15s. 4d. de perquisitis curie, finibus terre, et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis. Summa	9	6	3¼
Inde resolutum domino regi ad turnum vicecomitis annuatim tenendum pro auxilio domini regis per annum 4d.* Et solutum Johanni Bellyn ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 10s.	–	10	4
Et remanet	8	15	11¼

Manerium de Polslo.

Valet per annum cum £9. 6s. de redditu assiso tenentium terram bertone ibidem per annum, et cum £38. de redditu terre bertone ibidem remanentis in manu dicte priorisse ad usum hospitii ejusdem domus, et cum £10. 18s. 4d. de perquisitis curie, extrahuris per annum, redditu cens[ariorum], finibus terre, et aliis proficuis ibidem, communibus annis. Summa	58	4	4
Inde solutum vicario perpetuo de Hevitre et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pensione per annum £2., et solutum Roberto Benet ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £2. 13s. 4d. Summa	4	13	4
Et remanet	53	11	–

* As to this aid, see ante, p. 108, n.

Redditus assisi in diversis locis in predicto comitatu Devonie.

	£	s.	d.
Valent per annum cum £7. 7s. 4d. de redditu assiso terrarum et tenementorum in Boystoke, alias Wydecomb, et cum £1. 2s. de redditu terrarum et tenementorum in Mynchenton, Bradford et Radford per annum, et cum £2. 7s. 6d. de redditu assiso terrarum etc. in Sykkedon† per annum, et cum £7. 6s. 2½d. receptis de redditu assiso etc. in Exon. per annum. Summa	18	3	0½
Inde resolutum Henrico Marchioni Exon. et heredibus suis de capitali redditu terrarum et tenementorum in Sykkedon predicto per annum 1s. 1d., et Roberto Benet ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 16s. 8d. Summa	–	17	9
Et remanet	17	5	3½
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium dicte priorisse per annum clare	92	6	11¼

Possessiones spirituales dicte priorisse.

Devon.

Rectoria de Budlegh appropriata eidem priorisse valet communibus annis cum £15. de decima garbarum ibidem per annum, et cum £9. 12s. 3d. de redditu assiso de glebelond ibidem, et cum £2. receptis de quadam annuali pensione recepta de vicario perpetuo de Budlegh et cum 5s. de perquisitis curie et finibus ibidem communibus annis. Summa clara	26	17	3

Rectoria de Aylisbear appropriata eidem priorisse.

Valet communibus annis cum £6. 13s. 4d. de decima garbarum ibidem per annum . .	6	13	4

Rectoria de Holbeton appropriata eidem priorisse.

Valet communibus annis cum £24. de decima garbarum ibidem per annum, et cum £6. 14s. de redditu assise de le gleblond ibidem et cum 5s. 9d. de perquisitis curie et finibus terrarum ibidem communibus annis. Summa	30	19	9
Inde solutum Gilberto Bagwill ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	–	10	–
Et remanet	30	9	9

Pensiones in predicto comitatu Devonie.

Valent per annum cum £4. 6s. 8d. receptis de decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie per annum, et cum 15s. receptis de rectoria de Ayshiston per annum, et cum 13s. 4d. receptis de rectoria de Ayshewater per annum. Summa clara	5	15	–

Somerset.

Rectoria de Marston in com. Somerset et in diocesi Wellen' et Bathon'.

Valet per annum cum decima garbarum et terra ibidem vocata le gleblond dimissa ad firmam cuidam Johanni Barbour pro termino vite suæ per indenturam pro . . .	10	6	8
Inde solutum vicario perpetuo ibidem et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pensione per annum £2., et priori et conventui de Monte Acuto et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pensione per annum 6s. 8d. Summa	2	6	8
Et remanet	8	–	–

† In an ancient deed we find it written Sykedon, alias Slade.

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	£	s.	d.
Summa totalis spiritualium possessionum predictorum	77	15	4
Summa totalis tam spiritualium quam temporalium possessionum dicte priorisse per annum clare	170	2	3¼
Solutum Thome Denys militi seneschallo omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum £2. 13*s.* 4*d.*, et Roberto Weston, clerico, receptori omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum £2. 13*s.* 4*d.*, et Thome Bonyfaunt, auditori ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* Summa	5	13	4
Et remanet clare	164	8	11¼
Inde pro decima	16	8	10¾

Num. VI.

Pension List, Augm. Office.

Polslowe.

Penc̃ons appoynted by the kings hyghnes com̃yssioñs to the late p̃oresse and nuñes of the surrendryd howse of Polslow, in the countie of Devon, the xx^th^ day of February, in the xxx^th^ yere of the reigne of o^r^ soũaigne lorde King Henry the viij^th^; and they and eũy of them to haue one quarꝛs penc̃on at thañnc̃ac̃on of o^r^ Lady next cumyng, and att the feast of Saynt Mychell tharchungell next aſt' that one halfe yeres penc̃on, and soo from halfe yere to halfe yere duryng their lyves. [Those who have an asterisk were receiving their pensions in 1556.]

That is to say,

Ffurst to Elenor Sydnam, prioresse	xxx*li.*	
*Anne Carewe, supprioresse . .	cvj*s.*	viij*d.*
Ales Sawyer	iiij*li.*	
*Ibott Crede	iiij*li.*	
Johanne Holwyn	iiij*li.*	
*Johanne Kelley	iiij*li.*	
*Radygunde Tylley	iiij*li.*	vj*s.* viij*d.*
*Aleys Worthy	iiij*li.*	
*Anstys Ruswyll	iiij*li.*	
Elsabeth Benett	iiij*li.*	
Jane Heton	iiij*li.*	
*Tomesyn Carew	iiij*li.*	
Elsabeth Assheley	iiij*li.*	
Dorothe Cooke	ij*li.*	vj*s.* viij*d.*

Sm^a^ lxxxij*li.*

Thoms Crumwell.
Jno. Tregonwell.
William Petre.

Num. VII.

Computus ministrorum Regis, temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Polsloo nuper Prioratus.

Comitatu Devonie:	£	s.	d.
Polsloo—Scitus dicti prioratus cum terris dominicalibus eidem pertinentibus	15	18	8
Tudhayes—Redditus assisi tam custumariorum quam convencionariorum tenentium . .	11	17	11
Cockespitte—Redditus assisi . .	4	4	3 ob
Cockespitte—Firma manerii . .	2	6	8
Polsloo—Redditus tam custumariorum quam convencionariorum tenentium	22	3	9
Terra vocata *Westdowne* . .	4	6	8
Comitatu Devonie:	£.	s.	d.
Polsloo—Terra vocata *Southefelde* .	3	–	8
Alia parcella terre ibidem .	2	–	–
Terra vocata *Westefelde* . .	8	8	–
Terra prata et pastura vocata *Dyars Lands*, *Frougmershe*, et *Bothum*, infra parochiam de Hevytre . .	9	–	4
Perquisita curiarum . . .	–	1	11
Exonie—Redditus libere tenentium .	1	11	5
Redditus tenentium convencionariorum et ad voluntatem	8	7	8
Syckedon—Redditus assisi	2	7	6
Boyestocke, alias Wythecombe-Raleigh—Unum messuagium, &c.	7	7	4
Mynchyngton et Bradforde—Redditus duorum tenentium . .	–	18	–
Raddon—Liberi redditus	–	4	–
Assheton—Pencio de rectoria . . .	–	13	4
Asshewater—Pencio de rectoria . .	–	15	–
Exonie—Pencio de decano et capitulo	4	6	8
Budleigh et Wythecombe-Ralegh—Firma rectorie ibidem . . .	26	17	3
Merston, alias Brodmerston—Firma rectorie	10	6	8
Holberton—Firma rectorie	31	9	9
Aylesbere—Firma rectorie	6	13	4

Num. VIII.

Grant of the site of the priory to Sir Geo. Carew for life.

(Ex coll. MSS. Gulielmi, comitis Devonie.)

Henricus Octavus Dei gratia Anglie et Francie rex, fidei defensor, dominus Hibernie, et in terris supremum caput Anglicane ecclesie, omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos in consideratione boni, veri, et fidelis servitii quod dilectus servus noster Georgius Carewe miles*, ante hec tempora nobis fecit, ac pro certis aliis causis nos ad presens specialiter moventibus, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus, concessimus, ac per presentes damus et concedimus, eidem Georgio Carewe et Marie uxori ejus, totum domum et scitum nuper monasterii sive prioratus de Polsloo in comitatu nostro Devon. auctoritate parliamenti suppressi et dissoluti, ac omnia mesuagia, domos, edificia, horrea, columbaria, stagna, vivaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terram et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra ac juxta et prope scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum, et precinctum dicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus de Polsloo existencia; ac totum manerium nostrum de Polsloo cum suis juribus, membris, et pertinentiis in dicto comitatu nostro Devon. dicto nuper monasterio sive prioratui dudum pertinentibus sive spectantibus ac parcella possessionum inde existentibus, ac omnia maneria, grangia, molendina, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, prata, pascua, pasturas, redditus, reversiones, servitia, annuitates, sursumredditiones, quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus reservatas, aquas, piscarias, liberas warennas, feoda militum, feodi firmas, eschaeta, relevia, herieta, ac alia proficua, jura, commoditates, possessiones, et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum pertinentiis, scituata, jacentia, vel existentia in parochia de Hevytre in dicto comitatu nostro Devon. dicto nuper monasterio sive prioratui pertinentia sive spectantia, ac parcellas possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii sive prioratus existentes, adeo plene et integre, ac in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ultima priorissa et nuper conventus dicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus, aut

* This Sir George Carewe, knight, son of Sir William Carewe, knight by his wife Johanna, daughter of the second Sir William Courtenay, of Powderham, knight, and grandson of Sir Edmund Carew, knight, by Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir William Huddesfield, of Shillingford, knight, married first Thomasine Pollard, and afterwards Maria Norreis.

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aliqua vel alique predecessorum suorum in jure nuper monasterii sive prioratus illius, aliquo tempore ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterii sive prioratus predicti, maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, et cetera premissa superius specificata, vel aliquam inde parcellam, habuerunt, tenuerunt, vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, seu habere, tenere, vel gaudere debuerunt vel debuit, et adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione vel pretextu dissolutionis dicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus illius aut ratione vel pretextu alicujus actus parliamenti vel alio quocumque modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent; exceptis tamen semper et nobis et heredibus et successoribus nostris reservatis grossis arboribus et subboscis ac advocationibus ecclesiarum, ac omnibus talibus et hujusmodi edificiis infra scitum dicti nuper monasterii, que nos ibidem prosterni mandavimus, habendum, tenendum, et gaudendum dictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus ac predictum manerium, terram, tenementum, et cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum suis pertinentiis universis, exceptis prius exceptis, prefato Georgio Carewe, uxori ejus, ac eorum assignatis, ad terminum vite suorum Georgii et Marie ac eorum utriusque diutius viventis, reddendo inde annuatim xxix^{li}. iij^{s}. j^{d}. ad festa annunciationis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli per equales portiones annuatim solvendas. Et ulterius volumus et per presentes concedimus quod nos, heredes et successores nostri de tempore in tempus acquietabimus, exonerabimus, et annuatim defendemus dictos Georgium Carewe et Mariam ac eorum assignatos versus quascumque alias personas de omnibus et omnimodis feodis, annuitatibus, serviciis quibuscunque de predictis maneriis, terris, tenementis, et ceteris premissis exeuntibus seu solvendis, vel superinde oneratis, preterquam de redditu superius per presentes reservato, et preterquam versus Georgium Maneryng, ballivum monasterii predicti, pro feodo sive annuali redditu liij^{s}. iv^{d}. pro executione officii ballivatus predicti. Proviso semper quod predicti Georgius et Maria omnes domos et edificia premissorum de tempore in tempus reparabunt et sustentabunt, et manutenebunt durante termino predicto, ad quas quidem reparationes volumus ac per presentes concedimus quod idem Georgius et Maria de tempore in tempus habebunt et percipient sufficientem meremium super premissis per supervisorem supremum aut alium officiariorum nostrorum pro tempore existentium, assignandam, vel deliberandam. Volumus etiam, [ac] per presentes concedimus quod bene licebit prefatis Georgio Carewe et Marie ac eorum assignatis habere et percipere de et super premissis, per supervisionem et assignationem supervisoris et aliorum officiariorum nostrorum premissorum pro tempore existentium, competentem et sufficientem hedgebote, firebote, ploughbote et cartebote super premissis, et non alibi, annuatim exercendum et occupandum durante termino predicto. Et ulterius de uberiori gratia nostra damus et concedimus per presentes prefatis Georgio Carewe et Marie omnimodos exitus, redditus, revenciones, et proficua manerii, terre, tenementi, et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum cum pertinentiis a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimo preterito quousque provenientibus sive crescentibus, habendum eisdem Georgio et Marie et eorum assignatis ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus, vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendo, solvendo, vel faciendo, eo quod expressa mentio de vero valore annuo aut de certitudine premissorum sive eorum alicujus aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos prefatis Georgio Carewe et Marie uxori ejus ante hec tempora factis in presentibus minime factis extitit, aliquo statuto aut ordinatione seu provisione, aut aliqua alia re, causa, vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste Ricardo Ryche, milite, apud Westmonasterium primo die Februarii anno regni nostri xxxij^{o}.

Tor Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF IPPLEPEN.

IN 1121, S. Norbert, archbishop of Magdeburgh, founded his order. His first monastery was erected in the retired valley of Premontre, in the diocese of Laon, and this mother house gave its name to the order itself. His rule was very severe. The use of linen was prohibited to his canons, and perpetual abstinence from flesh meat enjoined; but this strictness afterwards underwent considerable modification. A colony of these religious was settled, before the middle of the twelfth century, at Newhouse, in Lincolnshire; but it was from Welbeck, in Nottinghamshire, that William Lord Briwere obtained subjects for his noble foundation at Tor. Of the thirty-two houses of this celebrated order, founded in England in the space of one century, and whose rental amounted at the dissolution to £4807 14*s*. 1*d*., this house at Tor, dedicated to the honour of the Holy Saviour, the Holy Trinity, and the Blessed Virgin*, was undoubtedly the richest. Even now, when the spreading streets and villas of a flourishing town are daily making fresh inroads on the natural beauties of the spot, the charming scenery and situation of the abbatial demesne can hardly be surpassed; and, if we may judge from the remains of the conventual church and chapter-house, the magnificence and solidity of the fabric were worthy of the situation. When Leland wrote, it had three fair gatehouses†. Two of these have unfortunately disappeared. One of them fell from neglect about eighty years ago, but another survives, which is probably coeval with the origin of the establishment, and still bids defiance to time. Under its vaulting we trace the arms of the abbey, gules a chevron between three crosiers‡; of Briwere; gules, two bends undy, or; of Mohun; or, a cross engrailed sable and an eagle displayed; of Speke§. The roofless chapter-house, the prostrate masses of the central church tower, the refectory, converted into a chapel in 1779, and the stately grange, are still interesting. The ancient church-

* The abbey is called, in old charters, the church of S. Saviour or H. Trinity, indifferently.

† He adds, "There is a peere and socour for fisshar bootes in the botom by Torre priory." (Itin. vol. iii. p. 41.)

‡ These crosiers have been mistaken for 999, the supposed date of the gateway!

§ "The Spekes have been in the first times, not long after the Conquest, men of very great estate and condition." (Sir William Pole's Description of Devon, p. 235.)

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yard has made way for an orchard and garden. In front of the mansion was a large fish-pond, specially referred to in more than one of the original charters of donation. It was contiguous to the mill garden, and was filled up, after the fall of the gateway, with the ruins of the church, cloisters, and other materials. From an attentive examination of the ground-plan, we may presume to infer that the choir of the abbey church was seventy-two feet long by thirty in breadth; that the transept was ninety-six feet wide; and that the entire length of the fabric, including the Lady's chapel, measured about two hundred feet. Upon digging on the spot in May, 1825, much tesselated pavement was found, with a stone coffin and human bones. Many benefactors chose the abbey for their place of interment, and the Dublin cartulary expressly mentions that William Briwere, the younger, who died in 1232, and William de Bokeland, were buried here. Leland (Itinerary, p. 42) says that Peter Fitzmatthew, one of the original benefactors to the abbey, was also buried within it. He was the donor of the valuable possession of the abbey in Blackaveton *.

On the limestone rock, ninety feet high above the new turnpike road, is the ancient votive chapel of S. Michael, serving as a sea-mark, as durable as the rock itself †.

The episcopal registers and the cartularies of Tor abbey are silent about it. Possibly its western end has been occupied by a hermit.

Ilsham, purchased of the Pomerays in October, 1180, was given by William Briwere, son of the founder of Tor abbey. Here too is a tower, not improbably destined for a priestly recluse.

Torwood Grange was granted to Sir Thomas Denys, June 25, 1541. The manor of Tor Mohun, with some other property, was sold by the crown, February 24, 1553, to John Ridgway and John Petre.

King Henry VIII., by letters patent, dated January 20, thirty-fourth year of his reign, 1543, granted to John S. Leger, esq., the dissolved monastery of Tor. John S. Leger, by deed dated June 14, 35 Henry VIII., 1543, granted it to Sir Hugh Pollard. Hugh Pollard, grandson of the said Sir Hugh, by deed dated April 2, 22 Elizabeth, 1580, granted it to Sir Edward Seymour, knight. Edward Seymour, son and heir of the said Sir Edward, by deed, dated November 18, 41 Elizabeth, 1598, sold it to Thomas Ridgway, esq. ‡ ancestor of the Ridgways, afterwards earls of Londonderry, with whom it remained until the year 1653 or 1654, when it was sold to John Stowell, esq., from whom it was purchased in 1662 by Sir George Cary, great nephew of Sir George Cary, treasurer-at-war in Ireland, in Queen Elizabeth's reign, and lord deputy of Ireland, in the beginning of King James the First's reign, to whose descendants the abbey still continues to belong.

* The Rev. Joseph Reeve, in his classical poem, entitled "Ugbrooke Park," has thus described the present state of the abbey in the glowing language of poetry, and with the feelings of a Christian philosopher :—

"Though hallowed mitres glitter here no more,
The friendly abbey still adorns the shore :
Here meek religion's ancient temple rose,
How great, how fallen, the mournful ruin shews.
Of sacrilege, behold, what heaps appear!
Nor blush to drop the tributary tear.
Here stood the font—here, on high columns raised,
The dome extended—there the altar blazed ;
The shattered aisles, with clustering ivy hung,
The yawning arch in rude confusion flung :
Sad striking remnants of a former age,
To pity now might melt the spoiler's rage!
Lo! sunk to rest the wearied votary sleeps,
While o'er his urn the gloomy cypress weeps.
Here silent pause—here draw the pensive sigh—
Here musing learn to live—here learn to die!"

† The dimensions are remarkable: the exterior length is 36 feet, 9 inches ; interior ditto, 29 feet, 6 inches: total interior height, east end, 17 feet, 3 inches ; ditto, west end, 19 feet, 9 inches: exterior height, east end, 17 feet, 9 inches ; ditto, west end, 23 feet, 2 inches.

‡ Westcote, in his manuscript History of Devon, A.D. 1630, fol. 320, says, "that Ridgeway re-edified the almost decayed cells to a new and better form. The abbey stands both pleasantly and commodiously both for sea and land, having Torwood, a fair and large demesne, belonging to it, and a bay or peer at the sea-side." Prince, however, in the last edition of his Worthies, p. 123, says, "the greater part of the abbey was standing in his time, and then was the pleasing seat of Edward Cary, esq."

As the abbey had considerable property in Dartmouth, the gift of the family of Fitz Stephen (already noticed under the article of S. Nicholas' Priory), it is not foreign to our purpose to advert to some particulars respecting this place.

Madox, in his Firma Burgi, p. 17, informs us that the town and port of Dartmouth were granted in fee-simple to King Edward III., by Nicholas de Tewkesbury, in the year 1327. This sovereign granted, on April 14, 1341, a charter of privileges to the borough of Clifton Dertemouth Hardnesse, with power to choose a mayor yearly. King Edward IV. united and incorporated the village of Southtown, Dertemuth, to the aforesaid borough, as parcel and member thereof, on June 23, 1463.

In consideration of the mayor, bailiffs, and burgesses agreeing to erect a new tower and bulwark adjoining the castle, and duly to fortify it, and to throw a chain across the harbour, King Henry VII., on January 16, in the first year of his reign, 1486, granted them forty pounds yearly for ever, from Michaelmas then next, out of the customs and subsidies of the ports of Exeter and Dartmouth, to be paid half yearly, at Easter and Michaelmas.

The office of water-bailiff of the borough and port has been constantly on lease to the corporation, under the duchy of Cornwall, for some centuries. Before the growth of other and more favoured ports the port of Dartmouth obtained, and long enjoyed, great celebrity, and its merchants were renowned for enterprise and wealth §.

The chapel of S. Clarus, at Dartmouth, was licensed by Bishop Grandisson on June 12, 1331, "pro parochianis de Tunstall senio confractis et alias debilitatis." It seems afterwards to have become the property of the Hawley family, remarkable for the extent and success of their mercantile transactions, (Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 163.) perhaps in consideration of their having founded the chancel of the new church of the Trinity, commonly called S. Saviour's, which was dedicated Oct. 13, 1372.

This church is again mentioned by Bishop Stafford, who granted a licence to remove the body of Sir John Dabryncourt, Oct. 23, 1416, to the Norbertine church of Dale, co. Derby. In it was the gild of S. John the Baptist, noticed under the date of July 11, 1437, in Lacy's Register (vol. iii. fol. 146).

On July 7, 1335, Bishop Grandisson allowed some hermits of S. Augustine's rule to have a chapel "in villa de Dertemuth." (Register, vol. ii. fol. 191.) Nine years later, three hermits arrived there, one called Hugh, assuming the title of Bishop of Damascus, opened another chapel, and exercised the power of an ordinary; this invasion of authority was strenuously resisted and suppressed by our diocesan. After this we lose sight of the hermits altogether.

S. Petrock's chapel, juxta Dartmouth, is mentioned by Bishop Lacy under the date of Aug. 19, 1438. This bishop, on Jan. 26, 1451, also granted an indulgence for the repair and maintenance of the chapel dedicated to S. Michael and S. Mary, called Holywyll, near Dartmouth.

The following is a list of the abbots of Torre whose names have been recovered.

Adam. He was a canon of Welbeck, and with six more of his brethren arrived at Tor on March 25, 1196. After governing this infant establishment for about three years and a half, he retired to Newhus, in Lincolnshire, the parent house of his order in England.

Robert was witness to a covenant between the dean and chapter of Exeter and the abbot and convent of Buckfastleigh on June 29, 1228, at Exeter.

Lawrence was certainly abbot in 1238, as is proved by a deed respecting Ashclist prebend in the Dublin cartulary of Tor abbey, where his name occurs again in his agreement with William de Cantilupo concerning the tolls of Kingswear. This nobleman, as lord of Totnes, exempted the abbot and convent of Torre from the payment of tolls in Totnes. He is also party to a fine in 23 Hen. III. (See the Exchequer Cartulary, fol. 95.)

§ Chaucer's shipman in the Canterbury Tales was a marchaunte of Dertimuth.

"For aught I wote, he was of Dertmouth,
He rode upon a rouncie, as he couthe."

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Simon occurs as abbot in an agreement, dated March 1, 1251, between him and his convent of the one part and Reginald de Mohun, the lord of Dunster, whose father had married Alice, the fourth daughter of his guardian, William Lord Briwere, the founder above mentioned, whereby the abbot licensed the said Reginald to build a chapel, "in suâ curiâ de Thorre," for the use of himself and his family, provided always that no sacraments were given therein, nor parochial rights exercised, &c. (See Dublin cartulary of the abbey, fol. 36.)

Brianus, confirmed abbot by Bishop Bronescombe on Whit-Sunday, 1264.

Richard, blest by the same bishop on Ascension Day, 1270.

Geoffrey occurs as abbot in 1276, in an agreement with Robert, abbot of Tavistock, by which the latter releases to Geoffrey all his claims to two knights' fees in Coffinswell. This Geoffrey, on Oct. 19, 1301, granted to Nicholas de Clomesworth for his homage and service, and the rent of ten shillings, "terram nostram de Ellecome in manerio nostro de Wolleburgh."

John occurs in 1307.

Simon de Plympton was confirmed by Bishop Grandisson Aug. 15, 1330.

John Cras succeeded Dec. 21, 1345.

John was admitted by Bishop Grandisson 1349*.

Richard, the date of whose institution has not been discovered.

John Berkedene. In Bishop Brantyngham's Register (vol. i. fol. 30-1.) is copied this abbot's deed, dated from the chapter-house at Tor abbey, Oct. 20, 1372, by which he binds himself and succeeding abbots to provide a priest to officiate daily in the new chapel of the Holy Trinity, dedicated Oct. 13 that year †, within the town of "Clyfton Dertemuth" by Bishop Brantyngham. Should divine service be omitted by fault of the abbot, then the tithes of Tunstall church, appropriated to the abbey, were to be under sequestration until a hundred shillings were paid for each omission to the mayor and commonalty of Dartmouth. Bishop Stafford, on July 24, 1405, gave a new taxation of Tunstall vicarage. (Register, vol. i. fol. 75.)

From No. 41. Inquisitiones ad quod damnum, 3 Edward III., it seems that the space allotted to this chapel was one acre.

William Norton ‡, confirmed abbot July 27, 1382. This abbot exhibited to Bishop Brantyngham the bull of Pope Martin IV. in favour of his monastery. Notwithstanding the abbot's irreproachable life and manners, some malicious person spread a rumour that he had beheaded one of the canons of Tor, called Simon Hastings. When the report reached his ears, he was greatly distressed, and earnestly solicited investigation. Bishop Brantyngham, on Aug. 14, 1390, pronounced the accusation to be a falsehood of the blackest dye; declares that the above mentioned canon was alive and well; bears the most unequivocal testimony to the abbot's blameless character, and issues sentence of excommunication against his defamers. (Register, vol. i. fol. 211.) This abbot had a suit with the burgesses of Newton Abbot respecting the chapel of S. Leonard § there. It was referred to the judges, Robert Frenshe and William Gybbe, holding the assizes at Exeter, who decided, on March 4, 1411, that the free tenure of S. Leonard's chapel, as well as the land occupied by the stalls and shambles, were clearly vested in the abbot and convent of Torre; but that the public was entitled to the free use of the chapel: all offerings, oblations, and profits, however, belonged to the abbot and convent; the absolute right of the latter to the stalls and shambles was also fully admitted by the award, accompanied with a recommendation that they should be farmed to the head bailiff at a fixed rent.

Matthew Yerde, or *Yard*, succeeded on July 19, 1412, and was shortly after summoned to the convocation of the clergy to be holden at S. Paul's early in the ensuing February.

William Mychel received the episcopal benediction, after his election, from Bishop Stafford, in the chapel of Clyst Palace, March 19, 1413-4‖.

John Lacey was instituted January 31, 1442. His death happened November 13, 1455: on the 24th of the same month, the prior and convent addressed a petition to the abbot of Welbeck, to assist as soon as possible at the election of a successor. By the rule of the order, the prior should take to Welbeck the seal of the deceased abbot; on this occasion urgent business prevented his absence, and the seal was forwarded by a deputy.

Richard Cade was summoned as abbot to the convocation of the clergy in 1463.

Thomas Dyare, or *Dyer*. On May 27, 1520, he granted a spot of ground, seventy feet long and twenty-four broad, in Torre Mohun, to the parishioners, for "a church howse," "ad usum opus et proficuum ecclesie parochialis de Torre Mohun," at the yearly rent of sixteen pence, at Michaelmas, in lieu of all other services, exactions, and demands. The original name of the parish was Torre Bruere, and it retained that name when Pope Nicholas's taxation was made. "Ecclesia de Torre Bruere cum capellâ de Cockinton taxatur ad £6." Richard Briwere was its parson, even at the foundation of the abbey.

This abbot was still living on April 19, 1523. In Bradworthy church were the arms of his abbey, with this subscription, "Orate pro anima Thome Dyer, abbatis de Torre, quondam vicarii istius ecclesie."

Simon Rede was elected and confirmed abbot early in August, 1523, and a commission was directed to Thomas Chard, the Suffragan Bishop of Veysey, for his benediction on Aug. 21. (See fol. 11, vol. ii. of Veysey's Reg.) He was also instituted vicar of Townstall on July 7, 1531. On Feb. 23, 1539, with fifteen of his religious, he surrendered his monastery into the king's hands. His will, dated Sept. 23, 1554, was proved March 15, 1555-6, and is as follows:—

"In the name of God amen the xxiij day of September the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth liiij I *Symon Rede* vycar of Townestall¶ beyng perfyt of mynde and holle of remembrance rennounce all formall wylls before this day by me made and do make my testament contaynyng my hole trewe and last wyll in this maner followyng. Ffirst I geve my sole to Almighty God and my body to be buried within the churche of Stokeflemyng. Item I bequeth to the before namyd church of Stokeflemyng xx$^{d.}$ Item to the churche of Townestall iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ Also I do geve and bequeth to Mr. John Predyaux and to Sir Thomas Ffrynd **, prist the £xxxiij. vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ the which Nicholas Adams of Dartmouth receaved for me *for my pencion* of Mr. Mylleworth for the which said some of xxxiij$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ onely I doo make the said John Predyaux and Thomas Ffrynd myne executors and for none other cause nor intent. The rest of my goods unbequeth I geve and bequeth to John Ffurseman my servaunt whome I do make my hole executor of all my goods

* There appears some confusion in the first volume of his Register. Compare fol. 109 with fol. 127.

† Its cemetery was consecrated on the Thursday following. The whole of the proceedings is set forth between the three parties, viz. the abbot and convent of Torre, as patrons and impropriators of the first part, Thomas Burgeys, the vicar, of the second part, and John Clerk, William Harry, William Knolle, William Rede, John Mather, Roger Pole, Gilbert de Fawey, John Hauley (who had been the founder of the chancel of the new chapel), William Croft, John Brasutere, Walter Worthy, and John Cnolle in the name of the parishioners of Tunstall, but residents of Dartmouth, of the third part.

‡ In virtue of a Papal grant (See Appendix, post, No. X.) this professed canon served the vicarage of Bradworthy until his election as abbot, when, as we learn from Bishop Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 72, canon Richard Sele, of Torre, was appointed his successor in the vicarage, July 14, 1382.

§ The first mention of "capella Sancti Leonardi apud Nywaton abbatis" occurs in Grandisson's Register, vol. iii. fol. 91. May 29, 1350.

‖ In the will of Hugh Bruselegh, vicar of Ilsington and Widecombe in the Moor dated Aug. 19, 1532, I read, "Item do & lego monasterio Sci Salvatoris de Torre, totam meam bibliam in sex voluminibus, cum Postilla magistri Nicholai de Lira glossa ordinaria et interlinearia."

¶ This ancient mother church, dedicated, not to S. Clement, as Ecton supposed, but to S. Mary Magdalene, was usually served by one of the canons of Tor Abbey. Its high altar was dedicated by Bishop Stapeldon, May 15, 1318. Few churches have been more neglected: its great east window has been walled up; new windows have been introduced, in the worst taste; and a beautiful recumbent figure, in the south transept, is suffered to lie concealed by seating and exposed to dirt and mutilation.

** He was the priest of Stokefleming. His will, made Sept. 8, 1557, was proved Sept. 4, following. To his living, thus void by his death, was admitted, Nov. 17, 1557, Geo. Harvie, on the presentation of Sir Arthur Champernown. (See fol. 26, Reg. Turbeville.)

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moveable and unmoveable, and he to dispose it as seemeth hem best for the welth of my sole, and to this berith wytnes Robert Fayer junior, Vynssent Deyman and Richard Ball with others."

This last abbot, if we may judge from the tenor of several of his leases, fully calculated on the speedy dissolution of his house, and was not unmindful of his own interests. He leased to William Adam of Townstall all manner of tithes, corn, hay, wood, calves, lambs, eggs, offerings, small tithes, oblations, fishes, and all other commodities, profits, coming and growing within the parish of Townstall and Dartmouth, except pigs, geese, and tithe of butter and cheese, at all times reserved to the vicar. To hold the same from October 8, 1538, for the said William Adam, his executors and assigns, for the next ten years, under the yearly rent, to the abbot and convent of Torre, of £11. 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to the vicar of £13. 6*s.* 8*d.* The abbot engages to repair the chancel, parsonage, mansion, place, chapel, and other houses to the same belonging.

To John and Jane Adam and their three sons, the capital messuage and mansion of our manor of Ashclyst, with the Barton lands, to hold the same for their lives, under the yearly rent of £4. 0*s.* 1*d.*

To Geffery Holmere of Exeter, in consideration of £4. paid to the abbot and convent, he demised, on November 8, 1538, "all that their tenement and garden with the appurtenances set lying and being in the parish of S. Paul, Exeter, with all other lands and tenements set lying and being in the said city of Exeter, to hold the same for the term of 63 years, under the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* And the said Geffery shall loge the said abbott at such tyme that he comyth to the said cytye, and his servants as longe as it shall plese hym, in the said tenement, at the costs and charges of the said Geffery durynge the said time."

To Humphry Prideaux, esq., and four of his family, the reversion of the parsonage of Bucland Brewer, with the chapels of Bulkeworthy, East Putford, Bradworthy, and Pancras-wyke, Shebbear (S. Michael), and the chapel of Sheepwash (S. Laurence), in the county of Devon, excepting to the abbot and convent of Tor, Waterlond, in Bradworthy parish, to hold the same for their lives, after the interest of Thomas Cole, esq., in the said premises, by virtue of a grant made to him on January 6, 24 Hen. VIII., under the yearly rent of £46. All fines, heriots, and presentations, are reserved to the abbot and convent.

To John Southcote and John Parre, "totam rectoriam nostram et decimas garbarum ecclesie de Hennocke, necnon omnia messuagia terras et tenementa nostra cum suis pertinentiis in Hennocke predicta unacum omnibus juribus et commoditatibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus sive spectantibus," to hold the same from Michaelmas then last for the term of sixty years, under the yearly rent of £10.

To John Gaverocke, Rowseshill and Rowses garden infra burgum de Newton Abbot. Also a tenement and adjoining garden between the barn of the Feolks of Woolborough on the east, and Woolverwood on the south. The garden of the heirs of Daw on the West, and the king's highway leading from Newton Abbot towards Totness on the north, to hold the same for the term of 60 years, under the yearly rent of 20*s.*

On September 1, 1545, king Henry VIII., on consideration of £592. 14*s.* 2*d.*, sold the domain and manor of Woolborough to the same John Gaverock, gent., and Jane his wife, but reserved the advowson and patronage of the church to the Crown. This gentleman had been steward of the manor under the abbot and convent of Torr, with a salary of £3 per annum, and like many other stewards, became possessed of a large portion of the property of his principal. He had a son Richard, who died without issue. His three sisters, Elizabeth, Alice, and Susan, were living in 1567, and they probably sold it to the Reynell family. The manor and borough of Newton Abbot were purchased of the Crown, August 2, 1557, by Thomas Yard, of Bradley, esq.

Amongst Abbot Rede's annuitants we also meet with
Sir John Fortescue and his son Andrew,
Sir Thomas Denys,
John Stephyns, esq.
Humphry Colles, esq.
Thomas Carew, esq. and John his son,
John Gilbert, esq.
John Whyddon, gent.
Thomas Wolcote, gent.
John Ridgeway, gent.

There are two oval seals of this abbey; the larger one represents our Saviour fixed to the cross, and his virgin Mother and S. John, the beloved disciple, standing below. Under them is a quatrefoil, wherein the Blessed Virgin is seated, with the divine infant in her arms. The inscription is,

SIG · COE · ABBATIS · ET · CONVENTVS · DE · TORE · AD · CAVSAS.

The centre of the other is occupied by an abbot in full costume, with a crosier inverted in his right hand, and a book in his left. The legend is,

SIG · ABBATIS · ET · ƆVENTVS · DE · TORRE.

Num. I.

Carta fundacionis abbatie de Torre per Willielmum Briwere.

(Ex regist. Abb. de Torre in Scacc. penes Remem. Regis*, fol. 4, a. Vide etiam Cart. Antiq. G. n. 16; Pat. 32 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 3; Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 10; Pat. 9 Edw. II. p. 2, m. 17.)

Omnibus Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens carta pervenerit Willielmus Briwer salutem in Domino sempiternam. Universitati vestre notum facio, me caritatis intuitu et pro salute domini Richardi regis Anglie, et pro salute Henrici regis patris sui, necnon pro salute mea et pro animarum omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, dedisse, et concessisse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse, pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum, Deo et ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre, et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, ordinem Premonstratensem professis, ipsum locum ad abbatiam construendam ubi ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris fundata est; scilicet, culturam que dicitur Rowedon in villa de Torre per metas et terminos subscriptas; scilicet, per viam que venit de Kokington usque in villam de Torre, sic ante portam que fuit Richardi tunc persone de Torre per viam que descendit usque ad mare, et sic a mari usque ad calcetum, et a calceto usque ad viam prefatam que venit de Kokington per certam terram cum fonte qui vocatur Efrideswelle, et quicquid infra prefatas metas continetur; et talem libertatem piscandi, et sagenam trahendi† in mari de Torre qualem ego habeo, vel habere potero, vel heredes mei. Dedi eciam et concessi eis ecclesiam de Torre integre cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis; et similiter pasturam centum ovibus in eadem villa ut predicta persona eam habuit et habere debuit. Dedi eciam et eis concessi totam villam meam de Woleburgh cum advocatione ecclesie ejusdem ville et cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, sicut Willielmus de Brywere eam mihi dedit pro homagio et servitio meo, et pro quadraginta marcis argenti quas ei dedi. Concessi etiam eis, et confirmavi totam terram meam de Grendel que est de manerio de Wodebery cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, quam Reginaldus de Albamara mihi dedit. Dedi etiam eis et concessi unum ferlingum terre in Uggeburgh cum pastura et communa more de Dertemore ad prefatum manerium pertinentem, et cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis; et unum ferlingum terre in Braworthi cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis; et ecclesiam ejusdem ville de Bradeworthi cum capella de Pankardeswike cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis. Dedi etiam, et concessi predictis canonicis molendinum prefate ville de Bradeworthi cum tota sequela molte hominum meorum ejusdem ville et omnium aliorum qui predictum molendinum sequi solebant dum fuit in manu mea, et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et liber-

* Some account of this cartulary is given, post, No. XIV.
† See abstract of the Exchequer cartulary, (fo. 89,) post, p. 183.

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tatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus ad predictum molendinum pertinentibus. Concessi vero, quod dicti canonici stagnum suum predicti molendini possint emendare de terra mea libere, et sine impedimento mei vel heredum meorum, ex illa parte aque qua mea terra jacet. Preterea dedi et concessi memoratis canonicis totam terram de Northschillinford cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis, quam emi de Willielmo de Traci pro quatuor viginti marcis argenti. Item dedi eis et concessi quandam partem terre in villa mea de Coleton, que jacet infra hos terminos; scilicet, per viam que venit de Torre, per la Wyngate versus villam de Coleton usque ad aliam viam que venit de eadem villa de Torre, et sic ascendendo per eandem viam usque ad terram de Karswille, cum monte qui vocatur Kyngesdon, et inde redeundo per boscum de Kokington, et per terminum qui dividit terram de Kokington et terram de Coleton, usque ad prefatam villam, que venit per la Windgate de predicta villa de Torre. Preterea dedi et concessi prenominatis canonicis quod faciant stagnum et unum vivarium ex parte de Northwille de Torre, ad aque-ductum faciendum ad officinas et alia aisiamenta sua, sicut sibi melius et utilius viderint expedire; et liceat eis facere conductus et ductus aquarum per omnes terras meas usque ad officinas suas ab omnibus fontibus, quos ad aquam ducendam aptos invenerint, sive in terris nostris, sive aliorum, a quibus licentiam aquam ducendi poterunt impetrare. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod sepedicti canonici habeant et teneant omnes predictas terras et tenementa prescripta cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis suis, necnon et omnia supra memorata, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, honorifice, integre, et plenarie, in bosco et plano, in viis, et semitis et exitibus, in pratis, pascuis, et pasturis, et communiis, in ecclesiis et ecclesiarum advocationibus, in turbariis, juncariis, et piscariis, in aquis, et aquarum ductibus et cursibus, in stagnis et vivariis, in molendinis, et situ molendinorum, et in omnibus aysiamentis suis, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad predictas terras et tenementa pertinentibus, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, solute et quiete ab omni seculari opere, et consuetudine, et seculari exactione, sectis et demandis imperpetuum. Et si aliqua libertatum per me eis concessarum processu temporis quocumque casu contingente usi non fuerint, nihilominus tamen postea utantur libertate eadem sine contradictione aliqua mea vel heredum meorum, non obstante eo, quod aliquo casu ea usi non fuerint. Ego autem et heredes mei predictas terras et tenementa, cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis, prout predictum est, warantizare tenemur, acquietare, et defendere predictis canonicis et eorum successoribus contra omnes mortales imperpetuum. Hiis testibus: Henrico Exoniensi episcopo; Willielmo, abbate de Bukfestria; Osmundo, abbate de Rupe; Richardo, abbate de Welbek; Willielmo, abbate de Rufford; Stephano, priore de Wirksop; Johanne de Toritone; H. filio Comitis; Richardo Flandrensi; Willielmo de Briwera; Willielmo de Punchardon; Richardo filio Walteri; Roberto Champeaus; Henrico de Campo-Ernulphi; Rodulpho de Siccavilla; Johanne de Briegwere; Reginaldo de Albamara; Galfrido de Albamara; Hugone de Stoddon; Luca de Tetteburn; Waltero Colum; Willielmo Saunzaver; Radulpho filio Richardi; Galfrido de Estre; Willielmo de Kelly; Baldwino de Bellaston; H. de Toriton; T. de Rocheford; Willielmo, clerico de Eysselegh; Willielmo Briegwere, filio meo; Fulberto de Dovera; Willielmo de Rotomago; Alano de Boklonde; Roberto Germyn; Rogero Burnet; Waltero filio Yvonis, et pluribus aliis.

Num. II.

Carta regis Johannis donatorum concessiones confirmans et diversas libertates addens.

(Rot. Cart. 2 Joh. m. 30. Printed ed. p. 70. Pat. 32 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 20.)

Johannes Dei gratia rex Anglie, etc. Sciatis nos, ad petitionem dilecti et fidelis nostri Willielmi Briwere, concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Deo et beate Marie et ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus de ordine Premonstratensis ecclesie subscriptam donationem quam idem Willielmus eis fecit in puram, et liberam, et perpetuam elemosinam; scilicet, locum in quo situm est monasterium de Thorre, et ecclesiam ejusdem ville, integre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et ex dono ejusdem Willielmi villam de Wolleberga, et ecclesiam ejusdem ville cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et ex dono ejusdem Willielmi, terram de Coleton et villam de Grendel et unum ferlingum terre in Uggeburgh, cum communa pasture de Dertemore, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono ejusdem Willielmi unum ferlingum terre, cum pertinentiis, in Braworthy, et ecclesiam ejusdem ville, cum pertinentiis. Et ex dono sepedicti Willielmi Briwerie et Willielmi de Traci, et Drogonis de Mungirun, villam de Northschillyngforde cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus, ut in terris et tenementis et in advocacionibus ecclesiarum, redditibus, et in omnibus aliis rebus. Et ex dono Johannis de Toriton villam de Haggeleg cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Et ex dono Walteri filii Ivonis unam virgatam terre et dimidiam in Neuham. Et ex dono Walteri de Vescy terram de Kyngeswere, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Quare volumus, et firmiter precipimus quod prefati canonici habeant et teneant omnia predicta et omnia que imposterum perquirere poterunt, rationabiliter cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, bene et integre, et in pace, libere et quiete et plenarie et honorifice, in advocacionibus ecclesiarum, in terris et tenementis et redditibus, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in vivariis et stagnis, in aquis et molendinis, in mariscis et turbariis, in viis et semitis, et in omnibus aliis locis, rebus, et libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus, quieta ab omni servicio et seculari exactione sicut carte donatorum vel venditorum rationabiliter testantur. Preterea concessimus eis ut habeant, per omnes terras et tenementa sua, sokam et sakam et tol et theam, infanginthef et utfanginthef, et teneant omnes terras suas liberas et quietas de sectis schirarum et hundredorum et de placitis foreste et de querelis et de pecunia danda pro forisfacto de murdro et wapintake, de scutagio, geldis, denegeldis, hidagio, assisis, operationibus castellorum, parcorum, pontium, calcearum ferdwite, lerywite, hundredpeni, tethingpeny, hengwite, flemestret, hamsokyn, warpeny, blodwite, richtwite. Et sint ipsi et homines sui quieti per totam terram nostram de omni theloneo de omnibus rebus, quasi ipsi canonici vel homines sui poterunt assecurare, quod emant vel vendant ad proprios usus ipsorum canonicorum vel hominum suorum, de pontagio, passagio, lastagio, stallagio, et de omnibus rebus et aliis occasionibus, excepta sola justicia mortis et membrorum. Et prohibemus ne ponantur in placitum de aliquo nisi coram nobismetipsis vel capitali justiciario nostro. Item concessimus eis et confirmavimus, quod si aliquis hominum suorum vitam et membra debeat amittere, vel fugerit et judicio stare noluerit, vel aliud delictum fecerit pro quo debeat catalla sua perdere, ipsa catalla ipsorum canonicorum sint, quantum ad nos vel ad curiam nostram pertinet. Hiis testibus, etc. Dat. etc. apud Rupem Andet, 22 Maii, etc.

Num. III.

Carta Beatricis de Valle, uxoris Willielmi Briwere.

(Ibid. fol. 9.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Beatrix de Valle salutem. Universitati vestre notum facio, me divine caritatis intuitu pro salute domini Richardi regis Anglie et Henrici regis patris sui, necnon et pro salute domini et sponsi mei Willielmi Briwere et mea et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse donationem et concessionem, quam Willielmus Briwere, dominus et sponsus meus, fecit et concessit Deo et ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus ordinem Premonstratensem professis. Imprimis, locum ipsum qui vocatur Rowedone, ubi ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris fundata est, per metas et terminos subscriptos; scilicet, per viam que venit de Cokyngton usque ad villam de Torre, et sic ante portam Richardi Briwere, tunc persone ecclesie prefate ville, per viam que decendit usque in mare, et sic a mari usque ad calcetum, et

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a calceto ascendendo usque ad viam prefatam, que venit de Cokyngton per certam terram, cum fonte quæ dicitur Esidewelle, et quicquid infra prefatas metas continentur; et talem libertatem piscandi et sagenam trahendi in mari qualem prefatus dominus meus eis concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Concedo etiam eis ecclesiam de Torre cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus suis perpetuo possidendam, et pasturam in villa de Torre, et unum ferlingum terre in manerio de Uggeburgh, cum pastura et communa ejusdem manerii et more de Dertemere ad prefatum manerium pertinente. Et situm stagni et vivarii ex parte de north prefate ville de Torre, ad aqueductum faciendum ad officinas suas, et alia aisiamenta sua, sicut eis melius et utilius viderint expediri. Hec autem omnia Deo et ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre et prenominatis canonicis concedo et confirmo, sicut dominus meus Willielmus Briwere illis ea concessit et carta sua confirmavit. Hiis testibus, etc.

Num. IV.

Carta W. Briwere junioris de terra de Coleton et Ylsham.

(Ibid. fol. 9, b.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Willielmus Briwere salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me divine caritatis intuitu dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis de Torre et canonicis Premonstratensis ordinis ibidem Deo servientibus, pro salute anime mee et Johanne uxoris mee, et pro animabus domini Willielmi Briwere patris mei, Beatricis matris mee, et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, cum corpore meo, totam terram meam de Eylsham et de Coleton, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et totum pratum meum, quod jacet in occidentali parte calcete, que descendit de abbathia de Torre usque ad mare inter predictam calcetam et pratum de Cokyngton, habendum et tenendum predicte domui de Torre et canonicis prenominatis totam predictam terram in liberam elemosinam libere, quiete, integre, pacifice, bene, et in pace cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad dictam terram pertinentibus, in bosco, in plano, in pratis, in paschuis, in viis, in semitis, in aquis, in molendinis, in stagnis, in moris, et turbariis, in liberis introitibus et exitibus, et in omnibus aliis locis et rebus ad predictas terras pertinentibus, quietam imperpetuum ab omni seculari servicio et exactione. Ego vero et heredes mei totam predictam terram cum omnibus pertinentiis suis predicte domui de Torre et canonicis prenominatis contra omnes mortales imperpetuum warantizare debemus. Et ut hac donatio, et presentis carte mee confirmatio perpetue firmitatis imperpetuum robur optineat, huic presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui, etc.

[Reginald de Mohun confirmed the above grants.]

Num. V.

Carta Henrici filii Comitis canonicis de Tor ut sint liberi ab omni secta hundredi de Haitorre.

(Ibid. fol. 13, b.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos, etc. Henricus filius comitis Reginaldi Cornubie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me pro Dei amore et pro salute mea et pro animabus fratris mei et matris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum dedisse et concessisse in puram et perpetuam elemosynam canonicis ecclesie S. Salvatoris de Torre et successoribus suis imperpetuum ut ipsi et omnes homines sui quieti sint et liberi ab omni secta hundredi mei de Haitorre et de duodecim denariis quos manerium de Wolveburga nomine ejusdem hundredi mihi reddere annuatim solitum erat. Quare volo et precipio ut predicti canonici et successores et omnes homines sui pacem habeant imperpetuum et liberi sint et quieti ut predictum est. Et etiam sint quieti de omni secta predicte hundredi de suis possessionibus quas nunc habent et imposterum perquirere possint infra limites predicti hundredi et de moratis duodecim denariis de me et heredibus meis et ab omni onere, querela, et exactione ballivorum meorum et heredum meorum super omni demanda que spectabat vel pertinere possit ad predictum hundredum imperpetuum. Et ut donatio mea firma etc. Hiis testibus, etc.

Num. VI.

Literæ testimoniales vicecomitis Devoniæ de cartis donationis in pleno comitatu lectis et confirmatis*.

(Ex eodem cartulario, fol. 14, b.)

Omnibus hoc scripturum visuris vel audituris W. de Ralegh vicecomes Devonie salutem in Domino. Sciatis omnes quod W. de Bruera, anno quo venerabilis pater W. Briewere Dei gratia Exon. episcopus crucesignatus transfretavit, in pleno comitatu Exon. proximo post nativitatem S. Johannis Baptiste ratas et gratas habuit cartas quas fecerat domino W. Briwere et abbati et conventui de Torre de terra de Wulveburgh cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, et easdem ibidem lectas warrantizavit, et se et heredes suos easdem cartas imperpetuum warrantizaturos firmiter promisit. Quod ut nulli processu temporis veniat in dubium, hiis literis testimonialibus ad utriusque partis petitionem sigillum nostrum apposui, et ad majorem securitatem. His testibus, etc.

[No names.]

Num. VII.

Carta Jordani de Daccumbe de tenemento in Holrigge†.

(Penes Decanum et Capitulum Exoniæ.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Jordanus de Daccumbe divine karitatis intuitu pro salute anime mee et Celicie uxoris mee et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Thorr et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus ordinem Premonstratensem professis homagium et totum servicium David de Holrigge et heredum suorum de toto tenemento quod de me prius tenuit in Holrigge, habendum et tenendum dictis ecclesie et canonicis et eorum successoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam quietum ab omni seculari servicio exaccione et demanda in perpetuum. Ego vero Jordanus et heredes mei tenemur warantizare acquietare et defendere eisdem ecclesie et canonicis et eorum successoribus dictum homagium et totum servicium predicti David et heredum suorum contra omnes homines in perpetuum. Et ut hec mea donatio concessio et presentis carte confirmacio firmitatis robur perhenniter optineat, huic scripto signum meum apposui. Hiis testibus; Martino de Fishacre, Stephano de Haccumbe, Roberto de Mortelli, Ricardo Foliot, Johanne de Barum, Roberto de Boyvill, Rogero de Ferariis, Johanne de Hidon, Willielmo de Hidon, et aliis.

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Num. VIII.

Carta Willielmi Russel de Porta.

(Penes eosdem.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willelmus Russel de Porta‡ dedi, concessi, remisi et omnino quietum clamavi pro me heredibus meis et meis assignatis Deo et

* Of the custom of reading and acknowledging deeds in the county or hundred court, ("in pleno comitatu," or "coram toto hundredo") we have many examples. (See ante p. 122, Num. XV.; Madox's Formulare, Dissertation, p. 24.) A certificate of the sheriff was probably one of the modes of notifying the public acknowledgment of the instrument. The year of the bishop's transfretation was 1227.

† This and some other instruments respecting the property of the abbey in Daccumbe were made in the reign of Henry III. (See the cartularies above mentioned.)

‡ Called William Russel "de la Yete" and "de la Gate," in other deeds. (See Excheq. Cart., fol. 104, 105.)

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ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Thorr et etiam canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus totum jus meum et clameum quod habui seu quocumque modo habere potui in tota illa terra cum omnibus suis pertinentiis quam habui de Susanna de Porta in Holerigge, tenendum et habendum sibi et successoribus suis libere, quiete, integre, bene et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum, ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei nec assignati nec aliquis nec aliqua pro me nec ego nec ex parte mea jus neque clameum in tota predicta terra cum suis pertinentiis exigere, vendicare nec habere poterimus de cetero imperpetuum. Pro hac donatione, concessione, relaxatione et mea quieta clamatione dederunt michi predicti canonici novem marcas argenti pre manibus. Quod ut ratum et stabile permaneat imperpetuum, presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus; Johanne de Wyteweye, Ricardo de Babbecombe, Ricardo de Gatepath, Roberto de Grendel, Richardo Gayer, et aliis.

Num. IX.

Licencia tenendi terras in Holrigge in mortua manu.

(Penes Decanum et Capitulum ejusdem ecclesie.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Licet de communi consilio regni nostri providerimus* quod non liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodum alicujus ita quod ad manum mortuam deveniat sine licentia nostra et capitalis domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur, volentes tamen Willelmo de Holerigge gratiam facere specialem dedimus ei licentiam quantum in nobis est quod duos ferlingos terre cum pertinentiis in Holerigge, et Petronille de Holerigge quod duos ferlingos terre cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, et Willelmo la Fulin de Holerigge quod duos ferlingos terre cum pertinentiis in eadem villa, que sunt de proprio feodo dilectorum nobis in Christo abbatis et conventus de Thorre, dare possint et assignare eisdem abbati et conventui habendum sibi et successoribus suis in perpetuum; et eisdem abbati et conventui quod predictam terram a predictis Willelmo, Petronilla, et Willelmo recipere possint tenore presentium similiter licentiam concedimus specialem; nolentes quod iidem Willelmus, Petronilla, et Willelmus seu prefati abbas et conventus ratione statuti predicti per nos vel heredes nostros inde occasionentur in aliquo vel graventur, salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius servitiis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud † . . . . . die Aprilis, anno regni nostri quarto decimo. [14 Ed. I.]

Num. X.

Bulla privilegii quam exhibuit Gulielmus Norton, abbas de Torre.

(Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 26.)

Martinus, episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati et conventui de Torre, ordinis Premonstratensis, Exoniensis diocesis, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Religionis vestre permovet honestas, ut petitiones vestras, quantum in Deo possumus, ad exauditionis graciam admittamus. Hinc est quod vestris supplicacionibus inclinati et ecclesiis vestris de Bradeworth et Boclond, Scheftbeare ‡, Tounstall, Hanock, et Scytesbrok, Exoniensis et Lincolniensis diocesium, quas in usus proprios vos asseritis optinere, in quibus ordinate sunt vicarie et perpetui vicarii instituti, liceat vobis, cedentibus vel decedentibus ipsarum ecclesiarum vicariis, per duos de vestris canonicis sacerdotes ydoneos singulis ecclesiis facere deserviri, quorum unum utrique diocesano episcopo presentetis qui ei de spiritualibus, vobis autem de temporalibus et ordinis observancia, debeat respondere; dummodo ipsis sacerdotibus tantum de ipsarum ecclesiarum proventibus relinquatur ut diocesanis de suis juribus respondere valeant et universa onera ipsis ecclesiis incumbencia supportare, auctoritate apostolica et tenore presencium indulgemus. Nulli igitur omnino homini liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis infringere aut ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignacionem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, se noverint incursurum. Datum apud Urbem §.

Num. XI.

De libertatibus abbatis de Torre in manerio de Haggeley.

(Placita de Quo warranto, Edw. I., printed ed. pag. 693, b.)

Abbas de Torre summonitus fuit ad ostendendum quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in manerio de Haggeley, sine licensia et voluntate domini regis et predictorum suorum, etc.

Et abbas venit et dicit quod habet predictum manerium cum visu franci plegii et omnibus suis pertinenciis de dono et feoffamento Willielmi de Bruere, qui quidem Willielmus ea libertate usus fuit ante feoffamentum predictum, et ita integre dedit manerium predicto abbati et ecclesie sue predicte. Et eo waranto predictis libertatibus hucusque ipse et predecessores sui usi sunt, excepto hoc quod de emendanda assisa panis nichil habet nec aliquid habere clamat. Ideo etc.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod in predictis cartis nulla mencio fit de visu franciplegii nec eciam constare potest per eandem quod predictus Willielmus de Bruere aliquod warantum habuit ad visum franciplegii habendum in predicto manerio, per quod eandem libertatem concedere posset predicto abbati. Et petit judicium pro domino rege. Et quia predictus abbas nullum warantum pro eo ostendit in quo continetur quod nec ipse nec predecessores sui nec eciam predictus Willielmus, de cujus dono et feoffamento predictum visum habere clamant, illo visu usi sunt per cartam aliquorum antecessorum domini regis, consequens est quod dominus rex recuperet seisinam suam de predicto visu et quod predictus abbas de cetero illo non utatur. Et sit in misericordia quia illo usus est sine waranto.

(Eadem, ibid. pag. 691, b.)

Dominus rex mandavit omnibus, etc. literam suam patentem etc. in hec verba. Edwardus Dei gracia etc. omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Cum nuper in curia nostra coram dilectis et fidelibus nostris Salomone de Roff et sociis suis justiciariis nostris itineris in comitatu Somerset implacitassemus dilectos nobis in Christo abbatem et conventum ecclesie Sancti Salvatoris de Torre per breve nostrum de eo quod clamaverunt visum franciplegii de hominibus et tenentibus suis in Haggelegh in comitatu predicto et emendas assisie panis et cervisie fracte per homines et tenentes suos predictos, et nos easdem libertates versus prefatos abbatem et conventum coram eisdem justiciariis nostris per considerationem curie nostre predicte disracionaverimus et recuperaverimus, nos libertates illas eisdem abbati et conventui caritatis intuitu restituimus, volentes et concedentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris quod iidem abbas et conventus et eorum successores libertates predictas habeant et eis decetero utantur sine contradiccione vel impedimento nostri et heredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, ballivorum, et ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque, sicut ipsi libertatibus illis usi sunt temporibus retroactis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste etc.

* Stat. 7 Ed. I. A.D. 1279, called the statute of mortmain, is here referred to.

† The parchment is worn out here.

‡ In Shebbear parish (whose church was dedicated to S. Michael) was subsequently erected a chapel in honour of S. Lawrence, at Shipwash. It was dedicated by Bishop Grandisson, in Nov. 1358. A chapel for the Hankefords, at Loddeford, was licensed in Aug. 1406, and another, of S. Stephen, at Alvecote, in Shebbear, Dec. 24, 1409. See Stafford's Reg., vol. i. fol. 74—92.

§ This bull, without date, is probably one of Pope Martin the Fourth, issued between the years 1281 and 1285. In fol. 71 of the same register is a similar bull of Pope Gregory II., dated 13 Kal. Sept. A. 6 Pontif. (circ. 1376.)

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Num. XII.

(Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. diocesi Exonie comitatu Devonie.)

Abbathia Sancti Salvatoris de Torre in decanatu de Ipelpen in diocesi Exoniensi in comitatu Devonie.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium mansionum tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum pencionum decimarum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Simon abbas monasterii Sancti Salvatoris de Torre predicti.

Blakaveton in comitatu predicto.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.	
Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	xxxix	vj	iij	q'	liiij	xiiij	viij	ob'q'
De auxiliis villanorum	–	c	vij					
De firma molendini	–	lxvj	–					
De redditu forinseco	–	vij	viij					
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	cxiiij	ij	ob'				

Grendon Salterton.

Redditus assisi de liberis et custumariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	xv	ix	iiij	ob'	xvij	xj	ij	q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	xlj	ix	ob'q'				

Ayssheclyst.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	xij	xij	–		xij	x	x	ob'q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	v	vj	ob'q'				
Inde solutum Johanni Stephyns clerico, prebendario de Hays, et successoribus suis unam annualem pencionem per annum	–	vj	viij					
Et remanet clare								

Dunnyngston.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	vij	iij	xj	ob'	vij	vj	iiij	ob'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	ij	v					

Townystall.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	vij	vj	iiij		vij	xj	vij	
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	v	iij					

Kyngeswere.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	–	c	vj		–	cvij	ij	q'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	vj	viij	q'				

Shyllyngford.

Redditus assisi de convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	vij	x	–		xij	ij	–	ob' q'
De heredibus de Bohay	–	xvj	–					
De heredibus domini Fitzwaren	–	vij	j p. ann.					
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	lxvij	xj	ob' q'				

Collaton.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	viij	xiiij	–		ix	x	iij	ob'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	xvj	iij	ob'				

Newton Abbot.

Redditus assisi de liberis burgensibus ibidem per annum	vij	ij	ix	ob'	x	xvij	vij	ob' q'
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	lxxiiij	x	q'				

Daccomb.

Redditus assisi de liberis tenentibus ibidem per annum	–	xxviij	–		xxvij	xvj	iiij	ob'
De convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	xiij	iiij	iiij	ob'				
De terris barton de Torre ibidem per annum	xij	iij	–					
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis communibus annis	–	xxxiiij	iij	ob'				
Inde solutum Johanni abbati de Tavystoke et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu manerii predicti annuatim	–	xiij	iij	ob'				
Et remanet clare								

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Wolburgh.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assisi de liberis tenentibus, convencionariis tenentibus, terrarum barton cum firma molendini et redditibus domus marcati infra burgum de Nuton Abbot per annum	xxxviij	–	xx	xlvij	xviij	iij ob' q'
De finibus terrarum, vendicione bosci, cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis communibus annis	xj	xvj	vij ob' q'			

Torremohun.

Redditus assisi liberorum et convencionariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	xxv	v	xj	xlix	–	xix ob'
De vendicione operum	–	ix	iiij			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et omnibus aliis proficuis communibus annis	–	xlvj	iiij ob'			
De terris dominicalibus ibidem circa mancionem dicti monasterii, viz. Shiphay, Torwode, et Elsham, per annum	xxj	–	–			

Possessiones temporales dicti abbatis in comitatu Somerset.

Haggelegh in comitatu Somerset in diocesi Bathoniensi et Wellensi.

Redditus assisi de liberis et convencionariis tenentibus ibidem per annum	–	lxviij	vj	iiij	iiij	xj ob'
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et omnibus aliis proficuis communibus annis	–	xvj	v ob'			
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium dicte abbathie				cclxv	xij	ij ob' q'

Allocaciones et resoluciones denariorum.

Inde solutum Johanni Gilberd armigero, capitali senescallo omnium maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum predictorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	liij	iiij
Et Thome Cole auditori computi omnium predictorum maneriorum et ceterorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	liij	iiij
Et Thome Barbor ballivo manerii de Grendell Salterton predicto pro feodo suo per annum	–	vj	viij
Et Johanni Ford ballivo manerii de Blakaveton predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–
Et Thome Barbor ballivo manerii de Ayshclyff predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	v	–
Et Thome Barbor ballivo manerii de Dunnyngston predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	iij	iiij
Et Willielmo Adam ballivo manerii de Townstall predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	xiij	iiij
Et Nicholao Nervarr ballivo manerii de Kingswere predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	vj	viij
Et Thome Barbor ballivo manerii de Shelyngford predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	v	–
Et Johanni Ryder receptori burgi de Nuton Abbot predicto pro feodo suo per annum	–	xiij	iiij
Et Thome Barbor ballivo manerii de Wolburgh predicti pro feodo suo per annum	–	xx	–
Et Edmundo Parker ballivo terrarum dominicalium in Tormohune, Shiphay, Torrewode et Elsham predictis pro feodo suo per annum	–	xx	–
Summa allocationum et resolutionum denariorum	xij	–	–
Et remanet clare omnium temporalium	ccliij	xij	ij ob' q'

Possessiones spirituales dicte abbathie in predicto comitatu Devonie.

Wulburgh in decanatu et diocesi predictis appropriatum monasterio predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet, de integra decima garbarum et aliis proficuis xx$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ j$^{d.}$ sic dimissa per indenturam Johanne Scose vidue, executrici testamenti Henrici Scose, pro termino septem annorum	xx	x	x ob'
Inde solutum archidiacono Totton et successoribus suis annuatim pro procurationibus 2*s.* 5*d.*			
Et pro visitacione episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis annuatim 9½*d.**			
Et remanet clare			

Shebbear cum capella de Shepwasshe, Bradworthy cum capella de Pankreiswyke, Bucklond Bruer cum capellis de Putford et Bulkworthy in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Rectorie ibidem valent per annum, scilicet, de integris decimis garbarum et aliis proficuis xlvj$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ sic dimisse per indenturam conjunctim Thome Cole ad terminum 20 annorum	xlvj	xiij	iiij

Townstall cum capella ibidem in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum vj$^{li.}$ xiii$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ pro decima garbarum, et xvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ pro lana et agnis, et 10£ pro decima personali, et pro omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus xij$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$	xvj	xiij	iiij
Inde solutum vicario ibidem et successoribus suis pro uno annuali pencione xiij$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$			
Et remanet clare			

Heniocke in decanatu de Morton et diocesi predictis.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum terris sanctuarii et omnibus aliis proficuis dicte rectorie pertinentibus	x	–	–

* Bishop Vesey, in Reg. vol. ii. fol. 105, b., states that the fee of the triennial visitation was, "De abbate de Torre pro rectoria de Woulboro 5*s.*"

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Torremohun cum capella de Cokyngton in decanatu de Ipelpen in diocesi predicta.

	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum xix$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ pro decima garbarum, et £2 10*s.* pro lana et agnis, et 5£ pro decimis personalibus, et pro omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus xvj$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ Inde solutum archidiacono predicto, etc. pro procurationibus annuatim, 2*s.* 10*d.*, et pro visitacione episcopo predicto, etc. annuatim 11¼$^{d.}$ Et remanet clare	xliij	vj	x ob'q'

Skydbroke in comitatu Lincoln in diocesi dicti comitatus.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum xxx$^{s.}$ pro terris sanctuarii . . . . . Et omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus iiij$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ . . .	–	cxiiij	iiij
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium monasterii predicti	cxlij	xviij	ix q'
Summa omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium monasterii predicti clare	ccclxxxxvj	xj	–
Inde pro decima	xxxix	xiij	j q'

Num. XIII.

Computus ministrorum domini regis tempore Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Nuper Monasterium de Torre.

	£	s.	d.
Comitatus Devonie:			
Torre—Situs cum terris dominicalibus .	7	–	–
Torrewood—Grangia	7	3	4
Elsham—Grangia	6	13	6
Shepehay—Grangia	7	15	4
Blackaveton—Redditus assise, etc. . .	48	–	6
Grindon Salterton—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	12	1
Perquisita curie	–	4	–
Aysheclyfte—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	16	–
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	7	16	–
Firma manerii	4	–	–
Donyngston—Redditus assise	7	3	10
Tunstall—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	1	10
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	6	19	6
Kyngeswere—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	13	11½
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	4	7	2
Perquisita curiarum	–	1	6
Shillyngforde—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	4	1
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	4	16	9
Firma manerii	2	13	4
Exonie civitas—Firma terrarum . . .	–	6	8
Collaton—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	1	6
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	8	7	2
Newton Abbott—Redditus liberorum tenencium	6	15	2¼
Perquisita curiarum	–	18	3
Daccombe—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	8	4
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	13	6	4½
Firma berton	8	13	1½
Firma manerii, etc.	3	11	8
Woolborough—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	14	8
Redditus custumariorum et conventionariorum tenencium . .	42	15	3
Firma rectorie	17	14	1
Perquisita curiarum	2	–	6
Torre Mohun—Redditus assise . . .	23	2	4
Perquisita curiarum	–	5	–½
Haglegh—Manerium non recordatur quia concessum Rogero Bluett armigero heredibus et assignatis . .	–	–	–
Bucklandbruer cum capellis. Firma rectorie	46	13	4
Tunstall—Firma rectorie	25	–	–
Torre Mohun—Firma rectorie	43	19	8¾
Henyocke (Hennock)—Firma rectorie .	10	–	–
Lincoln. Skidbroke—Firma rectorie . .	6	6	8

Num. XIV.

Catalogue of the contents of the Tor Cartulary, or Leiger-book, late in the custody of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer*.

The three first leaves contain fragments of papal bulls, &c. headed "Papalia." Then follow the following instruments:—

Folio
4 Carta domini Willielmi Brywere.
[This is the deed printed, ante, Num. I.]
5 Item alia carta ejusdem.
6 Item alia carta ejusdem.

* After the dissolution of the monastery, we have seen that John Gaverock became the purchaser of property formerly belonging to it in Woolborough and other places, and probably by this means obtained possession of the above cartulary; for a memorandum in the volume states that it belonged to the heirs of John Gaverock, gentleman. (See supra, p. 172, and Lysons' Devon. p. 271.) Two other memoranda state that it was delivered into court, for the queen's use, on the morrow of the Purification in the 21st year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by a person called, in one place, *Richard* Melford, of the Inner Temple; in another, *William* Melford. It is a thick folio volume written on vellum in a large and clear hand, and appears, with few exceptions, to be in the same handwriting throughout. A few entries are dated as late as the reign of Edward IV., and the character of the writing leads to the conclusion that none were transcribed earlier than the fifteenth century. The charters and instruments are in general without dates, but it may be safely assumed that the great majority belong to the thirteenth and the close of the twelfth century. The above catalogue is, with occasional additions, inserted between brackets, a copy of the rubric titles of the different documents. Where there are no such titles (as from fo. 38 to 43, and fo. 104 to 108) they are supplied from the instruments themselves. There are also running titles at the head of most of the folios; these are here inserted at the first folio where they occur; but they cannot always be relied upon as correctly describing the property to which the deeds relate.

It is impossible to read the various instruments in this and other cartularies without being struck with the numerous collateral and precautionary grants which the church, even in the days of its greatest influence, found it expedient to procure in order to make good the title to its possessions. Grants, releases, and quit-claims, are sought from every person, however remotely interested in or connected with the property or its former owners, and are repeated for successive generations in terms which are often quite undistinguishable from original gifts. Whether the original donation proceeded from the Crown or the subject, the same precautionary confirmations seem to have been deemed advisable whenever a claimant came into existence powerful enough to put the rightful owner of the property in jeopardy; and these fresh charters were often procured only upon payment of some new exaction under the various names of fines, gersumas, and caritates. The recurrence of such collateral assurances would seem to imply either an insecure tenure of property or a very uncertain state of the law. During turbulent periods of our history, avidity for plunder, no doubt, often overcame the scruples and spiritual fears of the laity, and the impartial record of Domesday attests, in numerous instances, the rapacity of the great military feudataries. In other cases the most solemn acts of the parties must often have been put in peril by the opprobrious subtleties of a system of law of which the Norman settlers—a race characterised by a modern French writer as a "mélange d'audace et de ruse, guerriers et chicaneurs"—have had the credit of being the inventors. It must be observed, however, that the practice of subinfeudation before the statute of *Quia Emptores*, and the restraints which existed in the 12th century upon the alienation of land without the consent of heirs, (Glanville, Tractatus, lib. vii. cap. 1.) must have multiplied the necessary parties to an effectual conveyance.—S.

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Folio

Confirmacio regis Johannis de possessionibus et libertatibus nostris.

7, b. Carta domini regis Johannis de omnibus possessionibus et ecclesiis nostris.
[Printed ante, Num. II.]

9 Carta Beatricis fundatricis.
[Printed Num. III.]
Quieta clamacio Willielmi Brywer junioris.

9, b. COLETONE ET YLSHAM.

Carta W. Briwer junioris de Coletone et Ylsham.
[The last place is spelt Eylsham in the body of the deed. Printed Num. IV.]

10 Carta Henrici de Nonant data Willielmo de Briewere seniori.
Carta Willielmi Briwere senioris de terra de Coletone.

11 TORRE.

Carta Willielmi junioris de fonte.
[It is a grant of "totam terram que emergit de fonte S. Petroci juxta coquinam in terra de Torre," for divine offices, washing, and other necessary purposes. The abbey is called the church of S. Trinity.]
Confirmacio Reginaldi de Mohun de bonis per fundatorem concessis.
Convencio facta inter abbatem et conventum de Torre et Reginaldum de Mohun.
[The abbey licenses Reginald to have a private chapel.]

12 Confirmacio domini Henrici* Exoniensis episcopi de ecclesia de Torre Mohum.
[It confirms the appropriation of the church.]
Confirmacio domini Willielmi† Exoniensis episcopi de eadem.

13 WULVEBURGA.

Carta Willielmi de Bruera [filii Antonii de Bruerâ] de tota villa de Wulveburga cum advocacione ecclesie.
[The grant is to William Briewere. In this and most other deeds there is a marked distinction in the spelling of these two names‡.]
Confirmacio Willielmi de Brewera [Bruera in the deed itself] de Wulleburgh ecclesie de Torre.
Quieta clamacio Henrici filii comitis de hundredo de Haytorre.
[Printed ante, Num. V.]

14 Confirmacio Roberti de Courtenay [Curtenay in the deed] de quieta clamacione de Wulleburgh.
Confirmacio Matilde de Courtenay [Curtnay] de Wulleburgh.
Carta testimonialis tocius comitatus de warantizacione de terra de Wulleburgh.
[Printed Num. VI.]
Confirmacio Henrici* episcopi de Exon. de ecclesia de Wulleburgh.
[Ad proprios usus canonicorum.]

15 Carta Galfridi de la Brewera [Bruera in the deed] habendo per totam terram suam de transitu.
[Grant to the abbey of a right of way over the lands of De la Bruera at Teygne.]
Carta Walteri Barbour de terra Pictoris.
[The land is in Nova Villa, or Newton.]
Carta Galfridi Giffard de terra de Maynbough [in manerio de Teignwike].
Carta Luce filii Johannis§ data Galfrido Giffard.

Folio

16 Carta confirmacionis Theobaldi de Anglica villa de terra de Maynbough.
Confirmacio Theobaldi de Anglica villa.
[De eadem terra.]
Carta Osberti Pictauensis data domui de Torre de ij^{s} de redditu in Wogewyll.
Carta Henrici regis [tertii] Anglie de mercati de Newton Abbat.
[The market is in the abbot's manor of Schireborne Nyweton. See also Hundred Rolls, vol. i. fol. 72, b. and Rot. Claus. 5 Hen. III. fol. 454, b. 472, b.]

17 Confirmacio Thome le Peytevyn domini de Wogwyll de ij^{s} annui redditus.
Confirmacio Ricardi abbatis et conventus de Torre [Nicholao de Clovesworthа] de terra de Ellecombe [in manerio de Wolleburgh].
[The tenendum is of us and our successors by the twentieth part of a knight's fee and suit of court at Michaelmas and Hokeday. Dat. 1301.]

18 Carta Radulphi Frelard de terra de Kanebury [pro ecclesia Salvatoris de Torre].
Carta Gervasii filii Odonis de ix^{s} redditus [in Aulre] domui de Torre.
Quieta clamacio W. de Boteraus de terra de Aller [Aulre in the deed].

19 Carta Aueline de Boteraus de eadem.
Carta Radulphi de Curiford et quieta clamacio de ix^{s} in Aulre.
Carta Ricardi de Karra de ij. denariis [de redditu in Aulre].
Quieta clamacio Johanni Guryl de prato de Stamford [in manerio de Wollebourgh].
Carta Roberti Frelard de terra de Kanebury.

20 Carta Johannis de Canebury de terris de Kanebury [et parva Aulre].
Quieta clamacio Ricardi filii Willielmi le Archer de Kanebury.
Finalis concordia inter W. le Archer et Johannem Guryll [de eadem terra].

22 HENOK ET FLODE.

Carta Philippi de Salmonauilla de ecclesia de Hennok‖.
Confirmacio Beatricis uxoris predicti Philippi de eadem.
Carta Willielmi de Clist, militis de ecclesia de Hennok.
Carta Willielmi filii Girardi de Clyst de ecclesia de Hennok.
Confirmacio Symonis episcopi Exon. de ecclesia de Hennok in proprios usus canonicorum.

23 Donacio Girardi de Hennok Nicholao Capellano [vicario de Chuddelega] de terra de la Flode [in manerio de Hanok].
Confirmacio Willielmi de Clyst Nicholao Capellano de custodia de la Flode.
[This is a grant of the wardship and marriage of the heir of Richard de la Flode.]
Quieta clamacio Willielmi filii Roberti de Uppeham de tribus denariis redditus.
[It was rent reserved on a grant of lands in Hywys juxta la Flode, and the release is to the abbey.]
Quieta clamacio Nicholai vicarii de Chudlegh de terra de la Flode.
[The lease is to Adelardus, chaplain of Beydon.]

24 Quieta clamacio N. vicarii de Chudlegh de custodia et maritagio heredis Ricardi de Flode.
Carta Ricardi filii Walteri de la Flode [Willielmo Parmentario et sorori sue] de ix acr' terre in la Flode.
Confirmacio Walteri [filii Willielmi] Parmentarii [canonicis de Torre] de terra de la Flode.

25 Carta Ricardi de la Flode Marie filie sue.
Quieta clamacio Mariote domui de Torre de terra de la Flode.
[This Mariota appears to be the Maria mentioned in the last deed.]

* Henry Marshall, A.D. 1194 to 1206.

† William Briwere, A.D. 1224 to 1244.

‡ There is some doubt whether the family of De Brueriâ, or Bruerâ, which was settled in Devon at the time of the Domesday and then held some of the lands afterwards given by W. Briwere to Torr Abbey, was the same as that of the founder. In this cartulary the two names are spelt differently, and Briwere seems to have been a purchaser from De Bruerâ. See, upon this subject, Dugdale's Baronage, vol. i. p. 700, and Lysons' Devonshire, vol. i. p. 106. The names of *Briegueerre* and *De Bruera* existed contemporaneously in Normandy. (See Rot. Scacc. Norm. Indexes.)

§ Lucas Fitz John was bailiff of Roumois in 1198. His English lands were confiscated on the separation of Normandy in 6 John. (See 2 Rot. Scacc. Norman. Introd. 126. See also Rot. Claus. 5 Hen. III. fol. 472.)

‖ In the reign of Rich. I., according to Lysons' Devon. p. 271.

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Carta Alicie filie Walteri de la Flode.
Carta de la Flode concessa Girardo de Henok.
Carta Ricardi de la Flode de terra de la Flode in manerio de Henok.
[The three last are not grants to the abbey.]

26 Confirmacio Ricardi de Treymenet (Tremenet) Adelardo capellano de Beydon de terra de la Flode.
[This is a confirmation by the lord of the manor of Hennock of the wardship as before.]
Quieta clamacio Martini de Babbecombe capellano de Beydon de terra de la Flode.
Confirmacio Johane de Babcomb de terra de la Flode.
Confirmacio Adelardi capellani domui de Torre de la Flode.

27 Carta Ricardi de la Flode filii Walteri de la Flode [pro ecclesia S. Trinitatis de Torre].
Quieta clamacio Ricardi Tremeneth, quam Ricardus de la Flode fecit domui de Torre de terra de Flode.
Carta Willielmi filii Roberti Lancelyn de terra de Hywys [in la Flode, pro canonicis de Torre].

28 Carta Ricardi filii Walteri de la Flode de tota terra de Flode [pro canonicis de Torre].
Quieta clamacio Ricardi Tremeneth de terra de la Flode.
Quieta clamacio Nicholai Burdun [abbati de Torre] de servicio hundredi de Teyngbrug.
[It appears that the lands of La Flode owed suit to this hundred.]

29, b CLEYE ET LYNCOMBE.

Carta Amelote de Beydona de tota terra sua in La Cleye.
Confirmacio E. de Bydona et C. uxoris ejus de terra de Cley.

30 Carta Radulphi de Nova villa et Edithe uxoris ejusdem de terra de Cley et Lymcomb.
[This is a sale for £5, with a covenant that if the grantee is disturbed or evicted by the donor or his heirs, the abbey shall recover back the money sine strepitu judiciali, and the goods of the disturber shall be liable to the distress either of the ecclesiastical judge or secular bailiffs of the abbot. Date 1270.]
Quieta clamacio Edithe uxoris Radulphi de Nova villa de terra de Cley.
Quieta clamacio Osberti de Holecumbe de terra de Lymhuse.

31 SCOBETORR. RADECLYUE.

Carta Rogeri de Bokelond de terris de Scobetorr. in le More.
[It is a confirmation of a gift by his grandfather, William de Bokelonde.]
Carta W. de Bokeland de terra de Radeclyue [in manerio de Bokelond].
[The metes and bounds are set out.]
Carta Rogeri de Boklande de terra de Skobetorre.
Quieta clamacio Girardi de Spineto de uno ferlingo terre in Skobetorre.

32 BOKELONDE.

Carta Rogeri de Bokelonde de bosco de Bokelonde cum gleba.
Item carta Rogeri de Bokelonde de toto bosco suo cum pertinentiis in Bokelonde.

33 Item carta ejusdem Rogeri de eodem bosco in manerio suo de Bokelonde.
Carta Thome Chola de bosco de Bokelond.
Carta Willielmi de Baldryngton de dimidio ferlingo terre in Southbrok.

34 Carta Johannis Gobet de uno claw terre* in Southbrok infra manerium de Bokelond.
Quieta clamacio Willielmi filii et heredis Rogeri de Bokelond de ij^{s}. redditus.

* A *claw* of land (not *clausum*) frequently occurs in old deeds. See Cowel's Interp. "Clawa." Ducange, &c.—S.

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35 Carta confirmacionis Willielmi filii et heredis Rogeri de Bokelond de concessione et confirmacione de Bokelond.
Ratificacio J. de S. quondam domini de Stoke in Tynhed. de omnibus terris et tenementis domibus gardinis, etc. in Bokelond in la More.

36 GRYNDELL†.

Carta Reginaldi de Alba Mara de tribus virgatis terre in Wodebury.
Donacio W. Brewera, Willielmo de la Brewera de terr. de Gryndell.
Carta Willielmi de la Brewera et Iggelese uxoris ejusdem de terra de Gryndell.
Carta clamacio Iggelese Willielmi (*sic*) Brewera de Gryndell.
Confirmacio Reginaldi de Albamara de Gryndell.

37 Confirmacio Galfridi de Albamara de Gryndell.
[See Hundred Rolls, vol. i. fol. 66, b.]
Confirmacio Reginaldi de Albamara de Gryndell.
Carta R. de Albamara de prato de Gryndell.
Carta Reginaldi de Albamara de bosco de Foxlee in Gryndell.

38 Carta Reginaldi de Albamara de pastura de Gryndell.
Carta Willielmi de Ponte de redditu 8 solidorum solvendorum conventui de Torre et de secta curie apud Grendil.
Carta Reginaldi de Albamara de terris in Wudetone.

39 Carta Roberti filii Walteri Angero de Hunteba de terra in manerio de Ailenewode.
Carta Alexandri filii Angeri ejusdem terre pro canonicis de Torre.
Quieta clamacio domine Johanne de Valletorta pro canonicis de T. de omni tolneto de mercandiis suis in nundinis S. Kalixti.

40 Carta Walteri Budyn Radulpho fratri suo de toto dominico suo de Holeweielond.
Carta Walteri Bodyn Jordano cognato suo de terra in Holeweieslond.
Carta Jordani Barnage Radulpho Buty de terra in Holeweieslonde.
Carta Radulphi Bodyn filii Walteri Bodyn pro canonicis de Torre de terra in manerio de Blachebg̃e. quam Walterus pater dedit Radulpho avunculo ejus.
Carta abbatis de Torre pro Johanne filio Philippi de tota terra in Holeweyeslonde.
Carta Galfridi de Albamara domini de Wodebiry inspiciens et confirmans donationes antecessorum in Grendel, salvo quod decennarius de Grendil sequatur ut debet et solet cum decenna sua de Wodebiry. [Date, 24 Ed. I.]

41 Finalis concordia inter abbatem, etc. de Torre et Reginaldum de Albamara de communi pastura in manerio de Wodebiry.
[The metes are set out, and an agreement is made, that, in case of trespasses by the cattle of either party, or otherwise, "in prato, bosco, bladis, vel rationabilibus binhaiis ‡ suis," damages shall be ascertained by four lawful men in the court of the other party, on pain of one tun of wine, or 40*s*.]
Amabilis compositio inter eundem abbatem et Galfridum de Albamara de redditu et homagio Will. de Ponte.
[The abbot further grants to Galfridus "quod possit colere et appruare 10 acras infra pasturam de Wodebiry sive in baticio sive in alio wannagio §."]

† A note of the writer refers to the original gift of Grendel, in Woodbery, in these words—"Donacionem primam de Grendel de Willielmo Briwere quere in principali carta eius." See a suit by the abbot against Richard Toning respecting woods in Grendell, Y. B. 21 Hen. VI. fol. 46.

‡ See *bingehays*, mentioned ante, p. 42, and the Glossary, post.

§ The word *baticia* or *baticium* occurs very frequently in ministers' accounts, surveys, &c. in the west of England, especially in those of the duchy of Cornwall, where it appears to mean waste or common lands broken up and put under cultivation for the first time, so as to yield rent. Thus we find "baticia," "terra bat.," "terra de novo batic.," in Compot. Tywernail manor, and in the Inquisitions post mortem of Henry le Tyes, 15 Edw. II., and 1 Edw. III. It probably

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42 Carta Fulconis de Albamara filii Reginaldi de Albamara dans licenciam abbati et conventui ad claudendum boscum eorum de Forlegh, etc.
Carta abbatis concedens Michaeli de Wynkelegh quatuor acras terre de donatione Fulconis de Albamara.
[The grant is in exchange for a pool for the use of the abbey mill of Grendil.]

43 DUNNYNGESTONE.

Carta donacionis W. Briwer, Henrico de Ferenduna de terra de Dunyngestone.
Donacio H. de Ferenduna domui de Torre de Dunnyngestone.
Donacio W. Briwer junioris de terra de Dunyngeston domui de Torre.
Finalis concordia inter Henricum de Ferenduna et Willielmum de la Bruera.
Finalis concordia inter Nicholaum de Ferenduna et abbatem de Torre.
44 Quieta clamacio Reginaldi de Mohun. de Petetoun.
Confirmacio W. episcopi * de celebracione divinorum in capella de Dunnyngestone.
[It recites the liability of the parson of Clehangre to find a chaplain to celebrate in Dunnyngestone chapel three days in the week.—Dat. anno nono consecrationis nostræ.]
Prohibicio Henrici regis Anglie ne fiat districcio in tota terra de Dunnyngestone pro scutagio.
[It is a writ from Henry III. to the sheriff, reciting the grant by W. Briwere to the abbey in free alms, and directing the distress for scutage to be made on other lands of the heirs of the donor.]

HAGGELEGH.

Carta Willielmi de Toritone data domui de Torre.
Composicio facta inter nos et vicarium de Miluerton de decimis de Haggelegh. [Dat. 1244.]

45 AYSSCLIST.

Carta Roberti de Courtenay de prebenda de Ayssclist †.
Confirmacio venerabilis patris Willielmi Exon. episcopi de prebenda de Ayssclist. [Dat. 1237.]
Finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis inter abbatem L. et R. de Curtenay. [Dat. 22 Edw. I.]
Carta abbatis et conventus de Torre concessa W. le Muchele de terra de Storesheye. [Dat. 26 Edw. I.]
46 Confirmacio Hugonis de Courtenay de prebenda de Ayssclyst. [Dat. 1276.]
Convencio facta inter dominum Willielmum de Werpelisdone canonicum Exon. et abbatem et conventum de Torre. [Dat. 1284.]
Confirmacio P[etri] episcopi Exon. de prebenda de Aissclist. [Dat. 1284.]
47 Confirmacio Martini pape de prebenda de Ayssh-clyst. [Dat. anno pontificat. secundo.]
Confirmacio Edwardi regis Anglie de prebenda de Aissclyst. [Dat. 13 Edw. I.]
Conservancia quedam a Martino papa concessa abbati et conventui de Torr.
[It is a writ of protection,—anno pontificat. secundo.]
Confirmacio decani et capituli Exon. de prebenda de Aisshclyst. [Dat. 1288.]

refers to that mode of preparing waste land for crops, which used to be, and in some places still is, called beating the land. The description of the process, and the supposed derivation of the term, will be found in Boucher's Glossary, Carew's Survey of Cornwall, p. 19, and in several provincial glossaries, under the words, "beat," "beat-burning," and "beat-borough," in which the local names of Battisborough, Battiscombe, &c. may perhaps have originated. *Wannagium* is equivalent to the French *gagnage*. The effect of the grant is, that Galfridus is permitted to approve part of the commons of Woodbury either by the beating or by any other mode of profitable cultivation.—S.

* Bishop Briwere, A.D. 1233.

† The date of 1242 is assigned to this alienation by Lysons, Devon, p. 116. But quære?

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48 BAMPTONE.

Carta Fulconis Paniel de burgagio de Bampton [pro Roberto clerico de Bampton].
Donacio R. filii Walteri capellani de burgagio de Bamptone [pro Matilda Prilla].
Carta Johannis de Oxton de uno burgagio in Bamptone [pro abbatia de Torre].

49 SKITEBROK.

Carta Rolandi Haket de ecclesia de Skitebrok.
Carta Beatricis filie Rolandi Haket.
Carta Walteri filii Ricardi de Parco.
Confirmacio H. Lincolnienis episcopi de ecclesia de Skitebrok.
50 Confirmacio R[oberti] Lincolniensis episcopi de eadem.
[It is a confirmation of the grant of Hugo, his predecessor.]
Quieta clamacio decani et capituli Lincoln. de ecclesia de Skitebrok.
De vicaria taxata per episcopum Lincolnie de Skitebrok.
Confirmacio R. de Bradewelle officialis domini R. Lincoln. episcopi. [Dat. 1279.]
Finalis concordia inter Willielmum filium Roberti et Robertum abbatem de Torre.
[In curia regis apud Westm. 7 Hen. III. on an assise of darrein presentment.]
51 Finalis concordia facta inter Radulphum filium W. de Skitebrok et Symonem abbatem de Torre.
Carta Henrici regis Anglie de quarta parte advocacionis ecclesie de Skidbrok.
[Addressed to R. episcop. Lincoln. Dat. 16 July, 33 Hen. III. Then follows an extent or description of the lands belonging to the church of Skidbrok, headed, "Hee sunt terre sanctuarie pertinentes ad ecclesiam de Skitebrok." The "sanctuary" contains many acres of arable, meadow, &c. The value is £52. 18*s.* 11*d.* Dat. 1312.]

52 BRAWORTHI.

Donacio W. Briwere domui de Torre de ecclesia de Braworthe.
[Bradeworthi in the deed; cum capella de Pankrasewike.]
Carta W. Briwer de uno ferlingo terre dato domui de Torre in manerio de Braworthi.
Carta H. de Pomerio de ecclesia de Braworthy.
Carta H. [Exon.] episcopi de ecclesia de Braworthi.
[Dat. ap. Ferendun 6 Kal. Oct. anno pontif. 4to.]
Confirmacio Simonis Exon. episcopi de ecclesia de Braworthi.
[It recites a dispute respecting this property between the ecclesia de la Valle and Torre Abbey.]
53 Carta G. Premonstratensium abbatis de determinacione ecclesie de Braworthi. [Dat. 1219.]
Carta W. abbatis Sancte Marie de Valle de fine ecclesie de Braworthi. [Dat. 1219.]
Taxacio vicarie de Bradeworthi per Willielmum episcopum Exon.
Carta H. Tirel de quadam clamacione capelle de Alfarsworth que spectat ad ecclesiam de Braworth.
54 Obligacio Ricardi de Dangeforde.
[Respecting the tithes of a mill. Dat. 1240.]
Carta Baldewini de Wike [de terra ibidem].
Carta sororis Baldewini de Wike.
Carta Willielmi Talbot de terra de Wike et de Blaccheforde.
55 Carta H. de Parco de terra de Wike.
Carta Ricardi le Venur de uno tenemento cum orto adjacenti in villa de Braworth.
Carta Gervasii de Horton de v. marcis annui redditus solvendis pro molendino de Braworth.
Finalis concordia inter Laurencium abbatem de Torr et Ricardum de Langeford de molendino predicto.
[In the curia regis, ap. Westm. 24 Hen. III., on a writ de secta ad molendinum.]

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56 Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torr et Rogerum de Parco de annuo redditu iij solidos.
[In the curia regis, ap. Exon., 28 Hen. III., in a suit for rent out of land in Blachcheford-wike and Harolesden.]
Carta domini Roberti le Deneis de terra quam concessit capelle Sancti Pancracii de Wike.
Convencio facta inter R. abbatem de Torr et R. de Bosco de quodam oratorio. [Dat. 1284.]

57 SHEBBEARE.

Confirmacio Johannis regis Anglie de ecclesia de Shebbeare. [See Rot. Cart. 9 Joh. m. 7.]
Confirmacio domini S. Exon. episcopi de ecclesia de Shebbeare. [In the reign of John.]
Confirmacio domini Willielmi episcopi de vicaria de Shebbeare.
Institucio facta nobis per archidiaconum Barnastapl de ecclesia de Shebbeare.
[It is a confirmation by R. archdeacon of Barnstaple of an institution by his predecessor J. archdeacon.]
Item alia institucio de eadem ecclesia.
Carta R. de Monte Sorel data Roberto Markeros.
Carta Rad. de Monte Sorel data Roberto Markeros.

58 SHEPWASSH.

Carta Leticie de Pirro concessa Roberto Markeros.
Carta Roberti de Markeros data domui de Torre.
Carta Sibille de Alta villa domui de Torre de molendino de Uppecote.

59 SCHEFTBERE.

Carta Mathei filii Roberti data Willielmo Carpentario.

60 BOKELONDE.

Carta W. Briwere senioris de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio Willielmi [Briwere] junioris de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio domini Willielmi episcopi Exon. de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio W. episcopi Exon. de vicaria de Bokelonde.
Renunciacio priorisse et conventus de Kinkiton de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Renunciacio priorisse et conventus de Kinkiton de ecclesia de Bokelande.
Finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Wilton.
[In the Curia Regis coram Justiciariis Itinerantibus, ap. Wilton. 12 Hen. III., respecting the right to the advowson of Bokeland.]
61 Carta Roberti Mile data Henrico clerico.
Quieta clamacio abbatis Johannis le Rous* abbati de Bokelonde de quadam pastura in Bokelonde.
[Dat. 35 Edw. I.]
Carta composicionis inter abbatem de Dunkeswill et abbatem de Torre de Bosco et communia pasture de Bokelonde. [Dat. 35 Edw. I.]

62 TOUNSTALLE.

Carta Willielmi filii Stephani de ecclesia de Tunstalle.
[Isabella, the donor's wife, is mentioned.]
Confirmacio Ricardi filii Willielmi filii Stephani.
Confirmacio S. Exon. episcopi.
Composicio edita inter abbatem et conventum de Torre et parochianos de Tounstalle.
[Dat. 1372. It is referred to, ante, p. 171.]
64 Confirmacio Willielmi Exon. episcopi.
Confirmacio [per regem] carte [libertatis] majoris et communitatis de Dertmouth.
[Dat. 25, Nov. 17, Ric. II., reciting the charter of his grandfather, 50 Ed. III.]

* This is the abbot called "John" in the list, ante, p. 171.

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65 Confirmacio W. Exon. episcopi de ecclesia de Tounstalle.
Confirmacio Ricardi Exon. episcopi de vicaria de Tounstalle. [Dat. 1247.]
Composicio facta inter abbatem et conventum de Torre et Gilbertum filium Stephani de Cantaria capelle de Norton. [Dat. 125].]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de ij acris et dimid. jacentibus in manerio de Norton.
[Dat. 16 Edw. I.?]
66 Carta Ricardi filii Stephani data Guidoni Crispin.
Carta Roberti Peysun data Guidoni Cryspin.
Carta Widonis Crispin.
67 Carta Thome Dewambe.
Carta Briani abbatis de Torre et conventus concessa Petro de Fissacre de terra de Lydewichiston.
Carta Gilberti filii Ricardi filii Stephani de advocacione ecclesie de Tounstalle. [Dat. 1294.]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de ij acris et dimid. jacentibus apud Tounstalle. [Dat. 16 Edw. I.?]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de quibusdam particulis terre jacentibus apud Tounstalle.
[Dat. 13 Edw. I.?]
68, b. Composicio inter majorem de Dertemouth et abbatem de Torre.
[Dat. 1395. It recites the obligation of the abbot, John de Berkedon, in 1372, to find a chaplain for the new chapel of Clifton, Dartmouth. See ante, p. 171.]
70 Carta Edmundi episcopi Exon. taxatio vicarie de Townstall.
[The taxation is at twenty marks. This entry is in a later hand.]

71 KYNGESWERE.

Carta Walteri de Vasci de terra de Kyngeswere data domui de Torre.
Carta Willielmi de Vasci data Roberto le Bastard.
Carta Michaelis de Restercumbe.
Quieta clamacio Guidonis de Restercumbe.
Carta prioris et conventus Totton.
Carta Alicie de Rotomago.
72 Carta Willielmi Finamor de iij ferlingis terre cum pertinenciis in Lidewigeston.
Carta Thome Finamor filii et heredis W. Finamor de ferlingis subscriptis.
Carta Thome de Cirecestre.
Carta Osberti le Fraunceys.
Carta magistri J. de Brixam.
73, b. Carta Ivonis de Fyschacre de Boway.
[Dat. 21 May, 18 Edw. III.]

74 AVETON.

Carta Petri filii Mathei de tota terra de Aveton cum pertinenciis.
Confirmacio J. filii Mathei de tota predicta terra de Aveton.
Confirmacio Mathei filii Johannis de tota terra in manerio de Blakeaveton cum omnibus pertinenciis ibidem.
75 Carta Simonis filii Roberti de donacione de Westhurtlegh in Aveton.
Confirmacio Johannis le Barun de donacione de Westhurthlegh in manerio de Aveton.
Confirmacio Henrici regis super donacionem terre de Aveton.
Quieta clamacio Isabelle comitisse Albemare et Devon. de tota terra de Aveton.
76 Finalis concordia inter S. abbatem de Torre et J. fil. Mathei super sectam castri de Plympton pro terra de Aveton.
[In curia regis ap. West. 43 Hen. III., in an action to enforce the suit of the villains of John FitzMatthew to the mill of the abbot at Aveton.]
Recognicio Hugonis de Treverbyn quod homines de Strete [et aliorum locorum] debent sectam.
Carta Willielmi le Spek de donacione totam terram suam [*sic*] domui de Torre.

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Carta relaxacionis predicti Willielmi le Speke de tota terra sua in Aveton.

77 De controversia inter Ric. abbatem et M. Andr. filium Martini de Yongeston.

Quieta clamacio Nicholai filii Martini de l. marcis annui redditus.

Item alia quieta clamacio ejusdem Nicholai de eodem annuo redditu. [Dat. 55 Hen. III.]

Carta Ricardi abbatis conventus de terra de Preston. concessa W° de Preston pro vij^{s}

78 Carta Ricardi abbatis de donacione bosci in manerio de Aveton.

[Reserving suit to the abbot's mill, "ita quod ipse (i. e. the grantee) et heredes sui vel assignati statim post adventum eorum possint molere post bladum illius quod tunc erit molens*."

Carta relaxacio Elie Tilye de terra in Westhurtlegh. in manerio de Aveton. [Dat. 9 Edw. IV.]

Glascumbe.

Carta Willielmi de Lestre de donacione terre de Glas cum bosco ibidem (in manerio de Langford).

[The land is described as lying between two waters, called Esterglas and Westerglas.]

Carta tradicionis de terra de Glas pro v^{s}

80, b

North Shillyngford.

Carta Drogonis de monte Giroun de terra de Shillyngford.

[The land is described as late in the tenure of William de Tracy.]

Carta Willielmi de Tracy de Shillyngford. [Dat. 10 Ric. I.?]

Quieta clamacio Everardi Cole de tenemento suo de Shillyngford.

81 Carta donacionis Osmundi de Shillyngford Everardo Cole de dimidia terre in Shillyngford.

Carta Drogonis de monte Gyron de terra de Shillyngford †.

Bradeneys.

Quieta clamacio Henrici filii comitis Reginaldi Cornubie de secta hundredi de Bradeneyse.

[The quit-claim is in respect of lands given by W. Briwere to the abbey. Dat. 32 Hen. III.]

Quieta clamacio Ricardi Comes [comitis] Cornubie de secta hundredi predicti.

82

Shillyngford.

Controversia inter abbatem de Torre et W. B. rectorem de Exmystre super decimam persone de Shillyngford.

[A composition respecting tithes of agistment. Dat. 1235.]

Litera testimonalis de eadem decima.

[The certificate is by the prior of S. Nicholas, by the commission of R. bishop of Sarum.]

Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torre et Drogonem de manerio de Shillyngford. [Dat. 10 Ric. .]

Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torre et W. de Tracy. [Dat. 10 Ric.]

Finalis concordia inter Adam filium Petri et abbatem de Torre. [Dat. 12 Hen. III.]

83 Convencio inter Ricardum abbatem de Torre et Henricum Pynde de Northshillyngford. [Dat. 1275.]

Convencio inter Ricardum abbatem de Torre et Henricum Pynde de Shillyngford. [Dat. 1288.]

* This will be recognized as the same privilege as that secured to the tenants of Tywarnhaile priory, ante, p. 180. Mr. Hunter, in his Hallamshire Glossary, mentions a class of tenants in that part of England called *hopper-frees*, who are entitled to preference as soon as the hopper is empty. See ibid. ad voc.—S.

† N. Shillingford seems to have been held by W. de Tracy under Dru de Montgirun, and to have been bought by W. Briwere, the real donor to the abbey. See Cart. Num. I., and Introd. to Rot. Scacc. Norman. vol. ii. p. 140.

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84 Recognicio Drogonis de Mongyron. de tribus ferlingis terre in Shillyngford.

Carta Ricardi de la Lege de feodo duorum ferlingorum terre in Shillyngford pro canonicis de Torre.

Licentia regis Edwardi tenendi terras in manu mortua.

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Cokyntone.

Donacio abbatis et conventus Sancti Domuelis [Dogmaelis] de terra de Kokynton.

[Described as originally the gift of Robert FitzMartin.]

Quieta clamacio magistri W. de Pembrok de capella de Kokynton. [Dat. 1203.]

Confirmacio domini W. Exon. episcopi de capella de Kokynton. [Dat. 1203.]

Item confirmacio Bartholomei episcopi de sanctuario pertinente ad capellam de Kokynton.

87 Carta Rogeri de Kokynton de escambio terre de Cokyntone.

Carta Rogeri de Cokyntone de cursu aque de Fuleforde.

88 Convencio facta inter R. de Cokyntone et R. abbatem de Torre de novo cursu aque.

Confirmacio H. de Cokynton de cursu aque de Scirewille.

Carta W. de Cokynton de Scirewille.

89 Cantaria de Cokynton pro cursu aque de Scirewille.

Carta Jacobi de Cokyntone de tractu sagene nostre apud Leverme ‡.

[The document, dated 10 Edw. II., is in French. It grants or confirms to the abbey the right to draw their nets in Livermead, ("trere of lour reys en Levermede,") as heretofore, and to dry them there, and wind the cords there; and also to have all easements in the lands of Cokynton "par desuth la faleise," to drag their nets, &c.]

90 Litera R. abbatis Sancti Domuelis [Dogmaelis] de quodam transcripto carte terre de Kokynton.

91

Welles.

Carta Roberti de Huppetone et Margarete uxoris eius de terra eorum de Welles.

Carta Margarete filie Sewardi de terra de Welles.

Carta Odeline filie Sewardi de terra de Welles.

Carta Sampsonis Foliot de tribus solidis annuatim solvendis de Welles.

Confirmacio Ricardi Foliot filii Sampsonis de uno ferlingo terre in Welles.

92 Carta Fulconis de Ferrariis de terris omnibus ad W. B. pertinentibus una cum eodem et tota sequela sua.

Carta Ricardi Foliot.

Confirmacio Ricardi Foliot, filii Sampsonis Foliot, adhuc alia.

93 Composicio de sex denariis annui redditus in Welles.

Seyntemarichurche.

Carta Avicie de Seyntemarichurche de uno ferlingo terre ibidem.

94 Carta Thome Burghchier, militis, domini manerii de Cokynton.

[An inspection of a prior grant to the abbey, dat. 12 Edw. IV., in a later hand than other entries.]

95

Daccumbe.

Carta Ricardi le Spek (de terra de Daccumbe et Wille).

Principalis carta Jordani de Daccumbe [canonicis de Torre].

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis

‡ See a suit by the abbot against Roger and Phil. de Cokington, respecting common of fishery, temp. Ed. II. Plac. abbrev. 326 b.

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Folio

inter abbatem Laurencium et Jordanum de Daccumbe.

[In curia regis ap. London, 23 Hen. III., of the manor of Daccombe.]

HARIGGE*, WELLES COFFYN.

96 Quieta clamacio Jordani de Daccumbe de Holrig.
Carta Jordani de Daccumbe de Welles Coffyn.
Carta Thome filii Jordani de terra de Daccumbe.
Carta principalis de terra de Holrigge.

97 Carta Agathe de Holrigge de uno mesuagio cum pertinenciis in Holrig.
Quieta clamacio Thome de Daccumbe de Holrigge.
Carta Stephani Bauceyn de duobus ferlingis terre in Welle C[offyn].
Carta Radulphi Budyn de Holeweyeslond.
Finalis concordia inter Symonem abbatem et Robertum Coffyn. [Dat. 1254.]

98 Carta Stephani Baucan de duobus ferlingis terre in Welles Coffyn.
Acquietancia abbatis et conventus Tavistochie de x. libris receptis ab abbate et conventu de Torre.
Quieta clamacio W. le Speke de duobus feudis militum in Daccumbe et Welle.
Convencio facta inter abbatem de Tavistok et abbatem de Torre. [Dat. 1277.]

99 Convencio facta inter abbatem de Torre et Robertum Coffyn.
Quieta clamacio inter Robertum de Scovchille et Rogerum de Lahulle et abbatem et conventum de Torre de terra de Welle Coffyn. [Dat. 2 Edw. II.]

100b Quid sit verum relevium heredis de Coffynwille.
[A few notes of the pedigree of the Coffyns occur here.]

101 Licencia domini regis [7 Edw. II.?] de terra de Coffynwille.

102 HOLRIGGE.

Licencia domini regis de terra de Holrigge. [Dat. 14 Edw. II.]
Carta Willielmi Russel de Porta de terra sua in Holrigge. [Printed ante, No. VIII.]
Item alia carta Willielmi Russel.
Carta Petronille de Holrigge de magno gardino suo in Holrigg.

103 Item alia carta Petronille de Holrigge de uno mesuagio cum curtillagio.
Carta Willielmi filii Willielmi de Chauleswey de tota terra sua in Holrigge.
Carta Okeline de Holrigg de tota terra sua de Holrigge.
Carta Susanne neptis Ricardi persone de Alfynton de terra sua de Holrigge.

104 Carta Willielmi de Chetelisbeare filii Rogeri de Baggatorre Ricardo persone de Alfynton de terra in Holrigg.
Carta Willielmi Russel "de la yete," Willielmo de Chavelesweye de terra in Holrigge. [Dat. 6 Edw. I.?]
Quieta clamacio Ricardi persone de Alfynton Willielmo Russel "de la gate," de terra ibidem.
Carta Petronille de Holrigge canonicis de Torre de terra in Holrigge.

105 Convencio, A.D. 1277, inter Willielmum Russel de la yete ex una parte, et Willielmum Chamberlayn et Willielmum Fullonem de Holrigge ex altera parte.
[This is a lease of the land.]
Convencio, A.D. 1277, inter Willielmum filium Willielmi et Matildam de Chaulewey ex una parte, et Rogerum de Axmue, fisicum, ex altera.
[This is a mortgage to secure a sum of money, of which the mortgagee is to be at liberty to compel payment, either by ecclesiastical censure or by distress, "sine strepitu et solemnitate judiciali, quocunque modo et qu[ando]cunque voluerit."]

* Sic; but seems a mistake for Holrigge.

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107 Carta abbatis de Dogmael in Kemys in comitatu Pembrok abbati et conventui de Torre de capella S. Georgii et S. Marie apud Cokyngton. [Dat. 1469, 9 Edw. IV.]
"Bulla indenture," testifying payment of the consideration or purchase-money, viz. £63. 6*s*. 8*d*., on July 18 of the above year.
A release, by the abbot of Dogmael, for the same.

108 A power of attorney given by the same abbot in 1467, for the purpose of the above sale.

NUM. XV.

Abstract of the Tor cartulary, at Trinity College, Dublin†.

Fo. 1.] A valuation of the temporal possessions of the abbey of Thorre, amongst which are assessed
A church and garden at Thorre,
Chief rents and a carucate of land in Asletha,
A chief rent in Coleton,
A chief rent and carucate in Ildecombe,
A chief rent, a carucate, and a mill in Ulleburgh, with the new town,
Chief rents, two carucates, and a mill, with other possessions, at Flode, in the parish of Hathanock,
Chief rents at Shillingford, Grendal, and Dunningeston.

Fo. 2.] Certain tithes in Brixham, Beri, Little Hempeston, Great Hempeston, Thor-bryan, Devenbury, Karswille, Ulleburgh, Thor-bruyere, Ipplepen, &c. Memorandum of William Beare having done homage to the abbot of Thorre for his (William's) possessions in Aysclist in 1408. Similar memorandum of homage done by Thomas Colbay, for his (Thomas's) possessions in Shillingford.

Fo. 3.] Accounts of disbursements by the administrator of the abbey, and, amongst these, of money granted to the king on his return from the Holy Land.

Particulars of a subsidy granted for a crusade at the council of Lyons in 1274, and of the apportionment thereof on the churches and chapels in the diocese of Exeter, amongst which occur the names of Thorre and Ulleburgh (Woolborough). An account is also given of contributions, on the same account, out of the tithes of the churches of Haccomb, Ulleburgh, Torre, with the chapel of Cokinton, Tunstal, Bokeland, Braworthi, and Weltberge (Shebbear?)

Fo. 4.] Appointments of procurators by the abbot of Thorre, executed in that monastery.

Fo. 5.] Another valuation of the tithes of Torre and its possessions, in which the several dependent churches, chapels, and manors, are fully enumerated. Other appointments of proxies.

Fo. 6.] Appointments of proxies by the abbot of Thorre in 1278.

† The learned author of the abstract, John D'Alton, esq., of Dublin, gives the following account of the MS.:—

"The manuscript classed in Trinity College Collection as E 5, 15, purports to be the chartulary of the monastery of Thorre in Devonshire. It is on vellum, extending over 170 leaves of two pages each, small quarto. It was not originally numbered by leaves, but has been so in a modern hand. Its records extend from the time of King John to 1409, which latter is believed to be the latest express date in the collection. The records copied are, it will be seen from the following epitome, exceedingly numerous, and are, as might be expected, in different hand-writings, and without chronological order, subsequent economy taking advantage of spaces left by former scribes; hence the latest date, as above-mentioned, occurs at fo. 2 in dorso. I have noted the dates, or such particulars as of abbots' names, parties, witnesses, &c., as might ascertain the dates, where such evidence was discoverable, but sometimes this was wholly unattainable. The character of the hand-writing is, in many instances, extremely obscure, and rendered more so by ill-conducted scourings of the vellum.

"The volume purports to have been presented by William Barry, A.M., to the college library. Stamped upon the first leaf is a seal exhibiting the crest of a stag's head, the whole stag appearing on the shield, with the motto 'Veritas vincit,' and the words 'Sig. Rich. . . . Co . . . Notar . . . 1668," in an outer circle. The document does not contain any regular list of the abbots of Torr, but their names, in the interval, sometimes appear in the deeds, as stated in these abstracts; nor is there any notice of obits or interments, except that of William Briewere, as noted by me."

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Fo. 7, 8, 9, 10.] A bull (very imperfect, half the folios having been cut off), purporting to confirm to the Premonstratenses all privileges theretofore granted by Popes Alexander, Lucius . . . . . and Innocent.

Fo. 11.] A bull of Pope Gregory in favour of the Premonstratenses, dated in the first year of his pontificate.

Fo. 12.] Bull of Pope Boniface, in the second year of his pontificate, in favour of the abbot of Thorre, with directions relative to ordinations by a bishop or archbishop at his instance, and other incidental forms. This document bears date in 1299.

Fo. 13.] Confirmations of the charters of Thorre abbey by King Edward the First. The dates appear to be 1303 and 1307 respectively.

Fo. 14.] A very indistinct document, which appears to relate to the right of the abbot to present a clerk to the parish churches of Thor-Brywere and Ulleburgh, in the diocese of Exeter, severally or jointly.

Fo. 15.] Memorial from the administrator of the abbot and convent of Thorre to Robert, archbishop of Canterbury, in relation to a proposed valuation of the temporalities of this abbey for the first-fruits. Dated 1307. Appointment of proxies by John de . . . . . abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 16.] Agreement between the abbot and convent of Langedon of the Premonstratensian order in the diocese of Canterbury of the one part, and the abbot and convent of Thorre of the other part. Executed at Langedon, A.D. 1318.

Undated assessment of the hundreds of Exminster, Coleton, &c.

Form for rendering homage and fealty.

Fo. 17, 18.] A bull, whereby the pope takes under his protection the monastery of S. Saviour of Thorre, and subjects it to the rules of S. Augustine. This record recites the possessions of the monastery in the towns of Ulleburg, Grendal, Coleton, North Sillingford, "unum ferlingum terræ" . . . . . of the gift of William de Vaci, the land of Kingswear; of the gift of Sampson Foliot the church of Braworthi, saving a certain pension; the churches of Diptford, Thunstal, Mohun, Bucland Brewer, Sheftsbear, Henoc, Scytbrock, Hannock, and Ulleburg. This bull also prescribes the manner of electing the successive abbots, and prohibits intrusions on their rights. It is without date, and, the commencement being lost, the pontiff's name does not appear.

Fo. 19, 20, 21, 22.] Bulls of Pope Urban, directed to Walter bishop of Exeter and to the several abbots of the Premonstratensian order in England, extending all the privileges, which had been previously conferred upon that order by Popes Alexander III., Lucius III., Urban III., Clement III., Innocent III., and Honorius III., to the monastery of Thorre. The last of these bulls has the date of the nineteenth year of the pontificate of Pope Innocent; but it has been altered, in a modern hand, to the first year of Pope Urban IV., the year of our Lord being also changed from 1210 to 1261.

Fo. 23, 24, 25, 26.] Enumeration of the various charters, bulls, and grants made in favour of this monastery; namely,

The charter granted by King John.
. . . . . William de Briewere.
. . . . . Beatrice his wife.
The release and quit-claim of William de Briewere, jun.
Three charters concerning Coleton.
Five . . . . . Thor.
Four . . . . . Kokinton.
Seven . . . . . Welles.
Two . . . . . S. Marie church.
Twelve . . . . . Daccombe.
Fourteen . . . . . Ulleburgh.
Six . . . . . Canebury.
Twenty-five . . . . . Hannock.
Eight . . . . . Nowllingestre [North Shillingford?]
Eight . . . . . houses in Exeter.
Twenty-two . . . . . Grendal.
Eight . . . . . Dunningeston.
Three . . . . . Haggele.
Three . . . . . Banctona.
Three charters concerning the prebend of Ashclist.
Seven . . . . . the church of Onchydbroke [Skidbroke?]
Fifteen relating to the church of Braworthi.
Eleven . . . . . Stetbrocke [Shebbeare?]
Seven . . . . . Bokeland.
Ten respecting houses, tolls, &c., in Colaton.
One respecting the land of Glas.
Eleven concerning the church of Tunstal.
Ten concerning King's Were.
Nine other general charters.

N. B. Some of the above documents, although their titles are thus classed, apply equally and sometimes more properly to other subjects.

Notes of the statute of King Edward, "pro religiosis."

Charter of Reginald de Mohun to Thor.

Grant of Hageleigh, by King Edward, dated at Westminster, Nov. 7, in the eighth year of his reign.

Fo. 27.] Grant of Holleerygge to Thorre by Agatha, the wife of William Chamberlain.

Account of the fees belonging to Thorre Abbey.

Grant of Cadeton to Thorre.

Fo. 28.] Confirmation of the possessions of this house by the Bishop of Exeter.

Glossary of terms used in charters, writs, &c.

Fo. 29.] Confirmation, by King John, of the possessions of Thorre Abbey in Thorre, Ulleburg, Coleton, Grendil, &c. (The same inserted in the Appendix, ante.)

Fo. 30, 31.] Confirmation of the above charter by King Edward I., on the 12th of June, in the 13th year of his reign, enumerating the possessions of the monastery as above, and adding the names of the respective donors.

Fo. 31-2.] Charter of William Briewere, temp. Richard I., granting the ground for building the abbey. (The same inserted in the Appendix, ante.)

Fo. 33.] Another and fuller transcript of the last-mentioned grant, which was witnessed by Henry, Bishop of Exeter, and others.

Fo. 34.] Charter of Beatrice, the wife of said William, also temp. Richard I., confirming her husband's said grant. (See Appendix, ante.)

Further confirmation thereof by William Briewere, junior.

Fo. 35.] Grant by William Briewere, junior, of the lands of Eylesham and Coleton to Thorre. (See Appendix, ante.)

Another grant, by the same, of the water of St. Peter's fountain to this monastery, with a watercourse therefrom.

Fo. 36.] Confirmation, by Reginald de Mohun, of all that his grandfather, William Briewere the elder, and his uncle, William Briewere the younger, had given to Thor.

Agreement entered into on the 1st of March in the 36th year of the reign of Henry III. (1251.) between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and his convent of the one part, and Reginald de Mohun of the other, whereby the abbot licensed Reginald to build a chapel "in suâ curiâ de Thorre," for the use of himself and his family, provided always that no sacraments were given therein, nor parochial rights exercised.

Fo. 37.] Confirmation of the grants of the Briweres by Henry [Marshall], then bishop of Exeter.

Inspeximus of the preceding grants by William Bre-[wer], Bishop of Exeter.

Release of half a knight's fee in Coleton from Henry de Nonant to William de Briewere.

Grant of [rent out of] Woggewille by Thomas, the lord thereof, to the abbot of Thorre Briewere.

Fo. 38.] Inquisition taken in the 20th year of Edward III., concerning the chauntry of the church of Bokelond and the rights of the abbot of Thorre therein.

Grant by the abbot and convent of S. Dogmael [in Wales], conveying their rights in Kokinton to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 39.] Grant to said abbot, by William de Briewere, of a certain portion of Coleton, defined by metes and bounds.

Another grant of Kokinton, by the aforesaid abbot and convent of S. Dogmael, of Kamasia [Camois], to the abbot, &c., of Thorre, at the yearly rent of 5*s*.

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Release, by Walter de Pembroke, of all his rights in the chapel of Kokynton. Dated October, 1238.

Confirmation of said chapelry by the Bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 40.] Confirmation of the sanctuary belonging to said chapel.

Grant, by Robert de Hureton and Margaret his wife, of the land of Welles, &c., to the abbot and convent of S. Saviour of Thorre.

Fo. 41.] Grant of Welles to this abbey, by Margaret, the daughter of Seward.

Further grant of Welles to the same, by Odeline, another daughter and co-heiress of Seward.

Grant, by Sampson Foliot, of a chief-rent issuing out of Welles, to said abbot.

Confirmation of Sampson's grant by Richard Foliot, his son, who also confirms all the grants of Margaret and Odeline in relation to this property.

Fo. 42.] Grant, by Fulco de Ferrars, of certain lands and messuages in Welles to the abbot of this house.

Confirmation of said Fulco's grant by Richard Foliot.

Fo. 43.] Grants of a furlong of ground in S. Marie church, with a watercourse, to the abbot of Thorre, by Amicia.

Grant, by the same, of three pounds of wax, to be annually paid to the abbot of Thorre, from the day of her death.

Fo. 44.] Grant, by Roger de Kokynton, to the church of the Holy Trinity of Thorre, giving thereto twenty-one acres upon the mountain called "la Windiete," as an appurtenance of the chapel of Kokynton, with clause of warranty, &c.*

Grant, by Edmund, son of Edward Foliot, of land in Welles, to the church of S. Saviour of Thorre.

Fo. 45.] Grant of possessions in Daccumb, by Richard d'Espec, to Robert and Michael Yber.

Grant, by Jordan of Daccomb, to Laurence, abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, conferring all his lands in Daccumb and all services rendered thereout with warranty.

Notes of a fine levied June 25, in the 23rd year of the reign of Henry III. [1239.] of the manor of Daccumb, with its appurtenances for better assurance.

Fo. 46.] Release, by said Jordan of Daccumb to the said abbot of S. Saviour's of Thor, of the lands of Holerigge and all services therefrom, with warranty.

Grant from said Jordan to Stephen Baucon, conveying to the grantee certain lands in the ville of Welles.

Fo. 47.] Assignment of the last-mentioned lands, by Stephen Baucon, to the house of Thorre, in consideration of twenty marks.

Grant of the lands of Holewressonde to the abbot of said monastery.

Agreement between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and Robert Coffyn, in relation to certain tenements in Welles-Coffyn, and releases confirmatory thereof.

Fo. 48.] Agreement, in 1276, between Robert, abbot of Tavistock, and Geoffrey, abbot of Thorre, whereby the former released to the latter all claims to two knight's fees in Welles-Coffyn.

Fo. 49.] Further releases confirming the possessions of the religious of Thor in Welles-Coffyn.

Royal confirmation thereof in the 14th year of the reign of King Edward.

Release of lands in Holerigge from William de Russel to said abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 50.] Further confirmations of the last-mentioned release from said William de Russel.

Fo. 51.] Grant from William de "Bruera," son of Anthony "Bruera," to William de "Briewere," in consideration of forty marks, conveying the town land of Willeburge, with the advowson, the fishery, &c., and authorizing said William de Briewere to alien same to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 52.] Grant, from Henry, son of Reginald, earl of Cornwall, to the abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, confirming the possessions of his house in Thorre, and exempting the religious from suit and service, &c.

Release and further indemnity in relation to said lands, suits, and services, in Thorre, from Robert de Courtenay to the abbot of the house of "the Holy Trinity" at Thorre, and exempting them especially from all scutage, relief, wardship, &c., in respect of the lands of Ulleburg.

Further confirmation, by Matilda de Courtney, to the church of "S. Saviour," of all her rights in Ulleburg.

Fo. 53.] Acknowledgement, by William de Bruera, of the right of the abbot of Thorre in Ulleburg, taken in open court, and so certified by W. de Raleigh, sheriff of Devonshire.

Confirmation, by Henry, bishop of Exeter, of the church of Ulleburgh, with its appurtenances, to "the religious of Thor."

Grant, by Geoffrey de Brueyere, to the abbot and convent of Thor of a right of free passage for horses, carriages, &c., through his lands of Teigne.

Grants, from Walter le Barber of Tavistock, to the church of the Holy Trinity of Thor, of certain messuages as particularly described, situate in the "New Town," with their appurtenances.

Fo. 54.] Grant, from Geoffrey Giffard, to the abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, of all his land in Mainbog, with the gardens appertaining.

Grant, by Luke Fitz-John, confirmatory of said gift of Geoffrey Giffard.

Fo. 55.] Grant, by Theobald de Anglica villa, confirming to the monastery of S. Saviour's the gifts of Geoffrey Giffard and Luke Fitz-John, and also confirming the possessions of the abbot, &c. of Thor in Teyngewyke.

Grant, by Osbert of Poitou to the church and canons of S. Saviour's, of a chief-rent issuing out of Woggaville.

Confirmation by King Henry to Thor.

Fo. 56.] Grant of William Briewere to Thor fuller than those before stated.

Fo. 57.] King Edward's charter, enumerating the possessions of Thor and confirming them.

Fo. 58.] Grant, from Robert, the son of Ralph Frelard, of the land of Kanebery, with its appurtenances, messuages, and gardens, to the monastery of S. Saviour's, at the yearly rent of ten marks sterling.

Grant, by Gervase Fitz-Odo to the church and canons of Thor, of a chief-rent issuing out of the land of Aulre.

Grant, by William de Boteraus and Aveline his wife, of another chief-rent out of Aulre to the said church of Thor.

Fo. 59.] Grant, from Ralph de Curiford, of another chief-rent out of Aulre to the church of Thor, and confirming a grant from Angram Fitz-Odo, his uncle, and Aveline, his mother, of rent-charges to the same religious establishment.

Confirmation thereof by Richard . . . . . .

Release and renunciation, by John Turill, of all claim to the meadow of Tamford and in the manor of Wolleburg, with certain exceptions.

Release from Ralph Freylard to Robert Tyrill of all his (Ralph's) claims on Hayahegge and Venaharigge.

Fo. 60.] Grant, from John de Canebyr to William Aborn of Pileford, of all his land in Caneberi.

Fo. 61.] Grant, from Philip de Salmonavilla, of the church of Hannock to Thorre.

Grant or confirmation of same by Beatrice, the daughter of William, the son of Roger.

Confirmation, by William de Clist, son of William Fitz-Guard of Clist, of the several grants of Philip de Salmonavilla, of Beatrice, and of the said William's father, in relation to the same church of Hannock.

Confirmation of said church by Simon de Apulia.

Acquittance and release from William, the son of Robert de Yppeham.

Fo. 62.] Grant, from Gerard de Hanock to Nicholas, vicar of Chuddelegge [Chudleigh], of half a furlong of land in Flode, in the manor of Hanoc, to hold subject to hommage and service, with clause of warranty, &c.

Grant, by William de Clist to N., chaplain of Chudelegge, of the custody and wardship of the heir of Richard de la Flode.

Fo. 63.] Release from the vicar of Chuddelegge [the documents exhibit these varieties in the spelling] to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of half a furlong in de la Flode, at a certain rent.

Grant, from Nicholas, vicar of Chuddeleg, to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of all his right to the aforesaid cus-

* I find the Monastery of Thorre described sometimes as dedicated to S. Saviour and at other times, as in the last instrument, to the Holy Trinity.—J. D'A.

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tody and wardship of Richard de la Flode, with a further assurance and confirmation of the grant of the half furlong in de la Flode.

Grant, from Richard, the son of Walter de la Flode, to William Parmentarius, of nine acres situate near the hill of Wellesmore, at an annual rent.

Fo. 64.] Grant, from Walter Parmentarius, with the assent of Alicia his wife, of all his inheritance in la Flode to the abbot of Thorre, at a certain rent.

Grant, from Mariota, daughter of Richard de la Flode, of one furlong of land in la Flode, as defined by metes to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 65.] Grant, from Alicia, daughter of Walter de la Flode, to her son Walter, of all her rights in la Flode, as given to her by her father "in liberum maritagium."

Grant, from Richard de la Flode, with the assent of Odeline his wife, to Gerard de Hannock, of half a furlong in Hannoc, with warranty.

Grant, from Richard de la Flode to Ayllard, chaplain of Beydon, of half a furlong of land, with a garden, in Hannoc, in exchange for a piece of land previously granted, each portion being therein specified by metes and bounds.

Fo. 66.] Grant, from Richard Treymenet to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of the custody and marriage of Richard de la Flode.

Grant, from Martin de Babbecumbe to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of all his claims in the free dower of Johanna, his wife, in la Flode, with warranty.

Release from said Johanna de Babbecumbe, the daughter of N., vicar of Chuddelegge, to said Adelard, of all her right, as of dower, in said land of la Flode.

Fo. 67.] Grant, by said Adelard to the church of S. Saviour's of Thor, of all his lands of de la Flode in the manor of Hanoc, as described by metes and bounds.

Confirmation thereof from Richard, the son of Walter de la Flode.

Fo. 68.] Further confirmation thereof by Richard de la Flode, junior.

Ditto, by Richard Tremenet.

Ditto, by Walter, the son and heir of Robert de la Clyn.

Fo. 69.] Grant, from Nicholas Burdun, of all the suits and services of Richard de la Flode due to said Nicholas out of the free hundred of Teygnebrigge, to hold to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Release, from Armelota, daughter of Reginald of Beydon, of all her possession "en la Cleye," to the house of Thorre.

Fo. 70.] Agreement between Adelard, vicar of Beydon, and the abbot and canons of Thorre.

Release, from Ralph de Nova villa, of all his rights and claims in the land of Cleye to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant, from John, abbot of Thorre, to the monks of Chapelworthi, of the annual corn-payments out of the manor of Wolleburgh and the prebend of S. Mary. [The MS. is here nearly effaced.]

Fo. 71.] Grant, from Drogo de Monte Gyrun, of all his land in North Sillingford to the abbey of S. Saviour's of Thorre.

Confirmation thereof by William Tracey, son of Gervase de Curtenaye, in the 10th year of King Richard's reign. Witnesses, G., bishop of Winchester, and others.

Release, from Everard Cole, of his tenement in Sillingford to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant, from Osmund de Sillingford to Everard de Cole, of half his (Osmund's) lands in Sillingford.

Fo. 72.] Grant, from Drogo de Monte Gerold, of all his lands in North Sillingford to the abbey of Thorre.

Grant, by Henry, son of Earl Reginald of Cornwall, to Thorre abbey, of all suits of court, &c., out of North Sillingford.

Confirmation of the last donation by Richard, Earl of Cornwall.

Fo. 73, 74.] Agreement between William de Bayonen, rector of Exminster, and the abbot, &c. of Thorre, in reference to the tithes of cattle grazing on North Sillingford, and which the abbot claimed as his right from time before the Council of Lateran.

Fines levied in the 10th year of King Richard, for further assurance of the possessions of the abbot, &c., of Thorre, in North Sillingford.

Fo. 76.] Release from Drogo de Moungeron.

Release, from Richard de la Leye, of two furlongs of land to Thorre.

Confirmation, by King Edward, of 91 acres in Coffynewelles, to the abbot. Dated 5th of Oct., in the 7th year of his reign.

Grant from same to same of chief-rents out of Sillingford.

Fo. 77.] Release from Edemeida, widow of Richard Kenet, with the consent of his three children, of all his rights in the pool (stagno) called Pondstoche, and in certain described tenements in Smith-street (in vico fabrorum), in Exeter, to Thorre abbey.

Release, from Eustace Pundestocke and Amicia his wife, of their rights in said street to the abbot.

Grant in fee, by Guido, son of Richard Keng, to Alured Oter, of all the lands and houses of said Richard in Smith-street aforesaid.

Fo. 78.] Release, from Baldwin, son of Osmund de Bers, to Alured Oter, of all his rights in the houses in Smith-street, as particularly specified.

Confirmation of this grant by Peter, son of Richard Keng.

Further confirmation thereof by Margaret, daughter of Richard Keng.

Deed of sale from Alured Oter, with the assent of Hodierna his wife, and in his very great necessity (pro maximâ necessitate) to Hugh Peveril, of all his aforesaid premises in Smith-street with clause of warranty, &c.

Confirmation thereof by said Hodierna, after the death of Alured.

Grant, by said Hugh Peveril, of all the premises so purchased by him, to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 79.] Three grants, by William de Aulre, son of Robert de Aulre, of chief-rents issuing from the houses in Smith-street, Exeter, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Fo. 80.] Other grants, to said abbot, of premises in the same street.

Confirmation by King Edward. Dated at Westminster, in the 21st year of his reign.

Fo. 81.] Grant, from Reginald de Albemarle, with the consent of Aveline his wife, of certain premises in the manor of Wodeberi to William Briewere, at the service of the 20th part of a knight's fee.

Grant, from William Briewere to William de la Brueria, of four librates of land in Wodeberi, with Engelesia his sister, "in liberum maritagium," the subject of which grant the said William had inherited from his uncle Reginald de Albemarle. The deed contains a clause for further assurance, and a covenant that if Engelesia should die without heirs, the land should revert to said William Briewere.

Grant, from said William de la Bruera, with the assent of Engelesia his wife, of all their land in Grendle to William Briewere, brother of said Engelesia, in recompense for the manor of Holboton granted for their support during their joint lives by said William Briewere.

Confirmation thereof by said Engelisia.

Fo. 82.] Confirmation and grant in frankalmoign, by Reginald, the son of Geoffrey de Albemarle, of all his rights in Grendil to the abbot, &c., of Thor.

Further confirmation thereof by Geoffrey de Albemarle.

Agreement for the exchange of other parts of Grendal, between said Reginald and the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 83.] Grant from Reginald de Albemarle, Lord of Wodeberi, of a certain meadow at the side of the road leading from Grendal to Wodeberi, and of certain other meadows and lands in exchange with the abbot of Thorre.

Grant, from said Reginald, of the wood of Foxley to the house of Thorre, with licence to enclose and empark.

Fo. 84.] Grant, from said Reginald, of certain right of pasture in the manor of Wodeberi, to the abbot of Thorre.

Grant, by William de Port, of a certain rent-charge out of Grendil to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 85.] Grant, by Reginald de Albemarle, of certain premises at Wudeton to the monastery and canons of Thorre.

Grant, by Robert Fitz-Walter, with the assent of Euphemia his wife, of one furlong of land in the manor of Ailenewde, at a certain rent, to Anger de Huntelea.

Assignment of said last premises from Alexander, son of said Anger, to the house of Thorre.

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Fo, 86.] Release from Johanna de Vall to the abbot of Thorre. The premises affected are not stated.

Three grants, from Walter Bredin to his brother Ralph, of all his lordship of Holeweithlonde, and of certain other defined premises.

Release, from Jordan Barnage to said Ralph, of his (Jordan's) claims in Holeweietlonde.

Fo. 87.] Grant, by said Ralph, of all his lands in the manor of Blachebrigge to the abbot of Thorre.

Conveyance from the said abbot, with the consent of his convent, of all their rights in the manor of Holeweietlonde to John, the son of Philip.

Agreement between said abbot and Reginald de Albemarle concerning the common of pasture in the manor of Woodberi.

Fo. 88.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Geoffrey, son of William de Albemarle, knight.

Another deed of agreement between said Geoffrey and the abbot of Thorre respecting Grendil.

Fo. 89.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Fulco, son of Reginald de Albemarle.

Fo. 90.] Description and valuation of the contents of the manor of Coffynswell.

Fo. 91, 92.] Confirmation of the possessions of the abbey of Thor by King Edward III., on the 8th of July, in the 17th year of his reign.

Full notes of a plea-roll regarding Thorre, and dated in the 10th year of the reign of Edward III.

Fo. 93.] King Edward's further confirmation to Thorre, dated 7th April, 22nd year of his reign.

Ditto, 6th Nov., 22nd year of his reign.

Fo. 94.] Release, by John de Mohun, Lord of Dunstorr, to the incumbents of Vatington, Stoke, Bradworth, and Alors [?].

Grant, from John de Bercadon and John de Pyn, to the abbot of Thorre. Dated in the 36th year of Edward III.

Confirmation by King Edward. Dated 7th Feb., in the 34th year of his reign.

Fo. 95.] Licence of alienation, from Hugh de Courtenay to John de Berkadon, of certain messuages and premises in Tor-Mohun, to enable him to grant the same to the abbey of Thor, with further assurances and releases of claims thereon. Dated 1st of August, 36th Edward III.

Notes of a fine levied for the further assurance of the last-mentioned premises.

Fo. 96.] Grant, from John Raleigh of Smallrigge, of certain chief-rents and lands in Daccombe to John Smith and others.

Grant, by Richard Penleen, chaplain, of certain premises in Kokyngton to Henry Blakeburne.

Fo. 97.] Inquiries concerning the stannaries taken in Devonshire in the 24th year of the reign of Edward III.

Grants, from John de Mohun, of all his manor of Tor-Mohun, with the rents, services, villeins, &c.

Fo. 98.] Particulars of the contents and value of Skedebroke.

Release and 'quit-claim,' from Payan de Mohun to the abbot of Thorre, &c.

Fo. 99.] Grant, from William de Briewere to Henry de Ferindon, of the manor of Dunningeston in exchange.

Grant of said premises by the said Henry to the house of Thorre in frankalmoigne.

Grant of Duningeston from William, the son of William Briewere, to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 100.] Fines levied for the further assurance of said premises to Thor, in the 12th and 22nd years of the reign of King Henry III.

Acknowledgment from William, minister of the church of Exeter, as to the right of the chapelry of Duningeston.

Fo. 101.] Confirmation, from William de Thornton, of the grants of his father John, of premises in the town of Haggele to the abbot, &c., of Thor.

Agreement between said abbot and the vicar of Milverton, concerning the tithes of their lordship of Hagele.

Confirmation from King Henry of the possessions of Thorre.

Fo. 102.] Grant, from Fulco Painel, of a burgage in Bampton to Robert Clerk of Bampton, at a certain yearly rent.

Grant by said Robert of all his houses, &c., near the church of S. Mary, Bampton, to Matildia Pamella.

Fo. 103.] Grant, from John de Oxton, of a messuage with its appurtenances near S. Mary's church in Bampton, to the abbot, &c., of Thor, subject to a chief-rent.

Grant, from Robert de Curtenai, of all his rights in the prebend of Asseclist to the abbot of Thorr. Dated in the 14th year of the consecration of Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter (1184)?

Confirmation thereof by William Brewere, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 104.] Fine levied in Easter term, 22nd Henry III., of the advowson of the church of Haggeley, by force whereof Laurence, abbot of Thor, released all claim thereto to Robert de Lexington, and said Robert in consideration thereof released all his right in the prebend of Asseclist to said abbot.

Grant of the abbot's rights in Asseclist to William de Yutheli. (Nearly illegible.)

Confirmation of the prebend of Asseclist from Hugh de Courtney to the abbot of Thor, in 1276.

Further confirmation thereof by the bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 105.] Further confirmation by Peter, bishop of Exeter. (The handwritiug in this part of the volume is extremely pale and illegible.)

Royal confirmation of this prebend in the 13th year of the reign of Edward III.

A pontifical confirmation thereof.

Fo. 106.] Account of fees held in Devonshire under the earl of Devon.

Fine levied by the abbot of Thorre, of the fourth part of the advowson of the church of Scetbrocke, in the 37th year of the reign of Henry III.

Mandate from King Henry to Robert, bishop of Lincoln, commanding his acquiescence in the abbot of Thorre's right in the advowson of Scetebrock as aforesaid.

Fo. 107.] Grant, from Richard de Parco, of the church of Schitebrock to the abbot of Thorre in frankalmoign.

Confirmation thereof by Beatrice, daughter of Roland Haket.

Further confirmation thereof by Walter, son of Richard de Parco.

Three confirmations of the same by Hugh, bishop of Lincoln.

Release, by the dean and chapter of Lincoln, of any their claim thereon.

Fo. 108.] Record of the admission of Roger to the church of Schitebroke, in the presentation of the abbot of Thorre.

Fine levied in the 18th year of the reign of Henry III., "of the advowson of a fourth part" of the church of Schitebrook.

Grant from William Bruewere of the church of Braworthi, with the chapel of Pankradeswicke and its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant from same to same of one ferling of land, in the manor of Brawothi, defined by metes and bounds.

Fo. 109.] Confirmation, by Henry de Porno, of the church of Braworthi, with the chapelry of Pancratiswicke and the appurtenances, to the house of Thorre.

Confirmation thereto of the church of Braworthi, with its tithes and appurtenances, by Henry, bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation by S., bishop of Exeter, of said rights, in a question on a controversy raised respecting them.

Full particulars of the adjustment of a difference between the church of the Blessed Virgin de Valle, in the diocese of Bayeux, and the church of Thorre, respecting the church of S. Peter of Braworthi, and a decree thereupon at a general chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

Releases further confirming the abbot's rights in Braworthi.

Fo. 110.] Assent of William, abbot of S. Mary de Valle, reciting the above controversy, and ratifying its adjustment.

Award of William (Briwere?), minister of the church of Exeter, concerning the rights of the vicar of Braworthi.

Fo. 111.] Release from Henry Tyril of all his claim to the premises in Braworthi, and to its dependent chapelry of Alfarsworthi, to the abbot of Thor.

Grant from Richard de Langford, knight, of the tithes of his mill in Braworthi, to the abbot of Thorre, specifying the quantity and quality of the tithes to be taken.

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Fo. 112.] Grant from Baldwyn de Wyka, son of Robert de Blachford, of two furlongs of land in Wyka, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of said gift by Edith, the sister of said Baldwin.

Confirmation, by William Talbot to the abbot of Thor, of two furlongs of land in Wyka and one in Blachford, with the reliefs and wardships, and all emoluments to the seignory belonging.

Fo. 113.] Attornment, by Henry de Parco, for the payment of a chief rent, issuing out of the land of Blachford, to the abbot and convent of Thorre.

Fine levied of said chief-rent by the abbot, in the 28th year of the reign of Henry III.

Fine levied by ditto, of the suits and services at the mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 114.] Grant by King John of the church of Sefbeare to the abbot of Thorre.

Confirmation thereof by S., bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation of the vicarage thereof to the same religious body, by William, bishop of Exeter.

Record of the admission of a clerk to Shefbert, on the presentation of the abbot of Thorre, and confirmation thereof.

Fo. 115.] Two grants from Ralph de Monte Sorrel to Robert de Markeros, of half a ferling of land in Nockrigge, with its appurtenances, as defined by metes and bounds, at a rent certain.

Confirmation thereof by Letitia de Perro, to said Robert de Markeros.

Fo. 116.] Grant of said half ferling, by said Robert de Markeros, to the abbot of Thorre, and to the church of S. Michael of Sefbarge, and to the chapel of S. Laurence of Sepwas, for the support of one chaplain to serve said chapel.

Confirmation, by Sibilla de Attavilla, of her mill at Uppecot, with an acre of land thereto adjoining, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 117.] Grant by Matthew the son of Robert, parson of the chapel of S. James of Toriton, of all his land in Toriton to William Carpenter in fee together with certain houses appertaining to said chapel subject to a certain rent for the parson of the chapel for the time being.

Grant from Robert, lord of Wyke, of certain specified lands within his lordship to the abbot, &c. of Thorre.

Acknowledgment, by Gervase de Norton, of suit and service due by him to the abbot of Thorre, at his mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 118.] Agreement, in 1284, between the abbot of Thorre and Robert de Bosco, relative to the rights of the parson of Braworthi.

Grant, by William Briewere, of the church of Bokelond, with its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of the last grant by William, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 119.] Confirmation of the vicarage of Bokelond by William, bishop of Exeter, to the house of Thorre.

Renunciation, by the prioress of Kington and her convent, of all their right in the church of Bokelond, to the said house.

Fine levied by said prioress to strengthen her renunciation, whereby it appears that she gave the same in consideration of a grant from the abbot of Thorre of his land in Hywenha, in Berkshire, to her convent.

Fo. 120.] Grant by Robert Mile of half a ferling in Mileford, to Henry Clerk, at a rent certain.

Agreement between the burgesses of Totton and the abbot of Thorre.

Grant by William de Cantelupe, lord of Totton, exempting the abbot and house of Thorre from all tolls payable in Totton.

Fo. 121.] Grant from William Tete, with the assent of his wife Isabella, of all their rights in the land, which the said William had previously purchased from Ralph Alan, to the monastery of Thorre, reserving the chief-rent due thereout to the lord of Totton.

Grant of a rent-charge issuing out of Cotton from Richard, the son of Adam Albus, to Thorre.

Similar grant of a rent-charge by Luke de Penill to Thorre.

Grant by Henry Pie of a pound of wax annually to said house.

Similar grant of wax by said Richard, son of Adam Albus.

Fo. 122.] Grant by Henry, son of Alan de Vere, of four pounds of wax annually to Thorre.

Grant, by William de Bokelond, of all his land of Radecliffe, in the manor of Bokelond, by metes and bounds, with common of pasture over said manor, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Two confirmations from Roger de Bokelond of the grant of his grandfather, William de Bokelond, to Thorre.

Fo. 123.] Confirmation from Edward de Spineto to the abbot of Thorre of one furlong of land in Scobetore, "which William de Bokelond had given to said abbot with his body," with a further grant of all reliefs, wardships, and other emoluments, occurring on said land.

Grant, by William de Lestre, of certain lands near the wood of Glascombe, to the monastery of Thorre, with common of pasture and turbary in the manor of Langford, reserving certain rights of way.

Fo. 124.] Releases and confirmations of premises in Totton to said abbot.

Fo. 125.] Grants of premises in Holerygge to said abbot.

Release of premises in Holerygge from William Russel to William de Chamberlaine.

Confirmations thereof.

Fo. 126.] Two fines levied of the premises in Holerygge, in 1277.

Fo. 127.] Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, with the consent of his convent, of all their lands in Holerygge, to Ralph, the son of Gilbert of Holerygge, together with the houses, gardens, &c., subject to certain rents and services.

Grant from said Richard, with similar assent, of all his land in Ellecumbe, in the manor of Ulleburgh, to Nicholas . . . . . .

Fo. 128.] Inquisition taken in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Edward III., concerning the rights of the abbot of Thorre in certain parcels of land as belonging to the sanctuary of Bokelond.

Plea roll concerning the rights of John de Mohun, and Johanna his wife, in the manors of Ulleburgh and Braworthi, in Devonshire, and in other manors in Berkshire, Dorsetshire, and Somersetshire; setting forth the several titles of said John and Johanna thereto respectively.

Fo. 129.] Announcement by Thomas (Brantingham) bishop of Exeter, to the abbot of Thor, of a subsidy ordered by King Richard II., reciting fully the king's writ for that purpose, which is in Norman French; the other parts of the document are in Latin, as are the bishop's directions for the due assessment and levying of the subsidy.

Fo. 130.] Confirmation of the possessions of Thor by the dean and chapter of Exeter.

Agreement between Gilbert Fitz-Stephen and the abbot of Thorre, relative to the advowson of the church of Tunstall. Dated in the 23rd year of the reign of Edward I. (1295.)

Fo. 131.] Appointment, by William Norton, abbot of Thorre, of proxies, in 1404.

Account of the denominations and acreable contents of the manor of Blackaveton.

Fo. 132.] Confirmation from Matthew, the son of John, of grants made by Peter, the son of Matthew, his uncle, within the manor of Aveton, to the church of Thorre.

Entry of the respective tenants of Aveton, and their rents.

Ditto of homages rendered to John, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 133.] Further grant from Peter, the son of Matthew, of all his rights in the manor of Aveton, to the religious of Thorre.

Grant to the same effect from John, the son of Matthew.

Agreement between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and John, son of Matthew, concerning suit and service at the mill of Aveton.

Fo. 134.] Confirmation, by King Henry, of the grant of Peter, the son of Matthew.

Release from Isabella de Fortibus, countess of Albe-

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marle and Devon, and lady of the Isle, of all her land in Aveton, to the monastery of Thorre, in Frankalmoigne.

Agreement between the abbot of Thorre and Master Andrew FitzMartin, respecting premises in Youneystone and Stanburg, and the villeins and the mill therein.

Fo. 135.] Further agreement concerning the same, between Nicholas FitzMartin, guardian of Matthew Fitz-John, the abbot of Thorre, and the tenants of said last-mentioned premises, in relation thereto.

Release and quit-claim from Nicholas FitzMartin of all demands in relation thereto, to the said abbot. Dated 55 Henry III.

Grant, from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to William de Prestaton, of lands in the manor of Aveton, at a rent certain.

Grants of other premises in said manor, by said abbot.

Fo. 136.] Grant, from the abbot to William le Archer, of Haggeford, of certain premises in the parish of Combe, a plot of meadow in the parish of Wolleburgh, with rights of commonage over a certain defined space, and for a prescribed period of the year.

Grant, by the abbot of Thorre, of premises in the manor of Aveton, to R., the son of H. de la Denne.

Fo. 137.] Grant, from Simon Fitz . . . . . to Henry de Fissacre, of a ferling of land in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from John le Baron, of all his land in Westhurtlegge, in the manor of Aveton, to the house of Thorre, to hold on frankalmoigne.

Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, to William de Prusteton, of a mansion in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from said Richard, of another mansion and land in Aveton, to Robert de la . . . . . .

Release to Simon, abbot of Thor, of all right of commonage of pasture in Wolleburgh, from John Perste, in the 16th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Notes of persons who had done homage to the abbot of Thor, on account of Aveton.

Enumeration of the various rents payable off certain specified town-lands to the abbots of Thor.

Fo. 138.] Further enumeration of the tithes of the several vills in the parishes of Scheftbeare and Bokelond.

Grant from John, abbot of Thorre, of a certain proportion of the tithes of the mill of Blackaveton, to John Smyth.

Fo. 139, 140.] A very obscure and illegible document, respecting, as it seems, the rights of the religious of the orders of Clugny, the Cistercians, and the Premonstratensians.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 141.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of certain premises in Tor-Mohun, in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Appointment of proxies by Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 142.] Accounts of the sheriff of Devonshire.

Ditto, relative to Bokelonde.

Ditto, relative to Aysclist.

Fo. 143.] Grant, from John de Mohun, of a chief-rent issuing out of Tor-Mohun, to John Tolbrock.

Fo. 144.] Assize taken at Exeter respecting some possessions of Thorre abbey.

Ditto concerning Clyfton, Teignemouth.

Fo. 145.] Three recognizances from John de Ferrariis, son of William de Ferrariis, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 146.] Appointment of proxies by the abbot.

Fo. 147.] Confirmation charter by King Edward.

Fo. 148—152.] King Henry's charter, "de libertatibus Anglie," dated at Westminster, on the 11th of February, in the ninth year of his reign, with the royal mandate for its observance, directed to all the officers of justice.

Fo. 152.] Inquiries ordered to be made in the several counties of England for the better government of the kingdom.

Fo. 153.] Agreement between Laurence, abbot of Thor, and William de Cantilupo, respecting the tolls of Kingsweir.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of a messuage, with its appurtenances.

Fo. 154.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, to Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of land called Sinteshey, in exchange for land called Gasehey. [Between 1246 and 1259.]

Grant, from said Simon, of specified premises in Kingsweir to Benedicta, the daughter of Walter de . . . .

Grant from said Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of a certain part of Haygele, to Henry de Reneyin.

Fo. 155.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian monks.

Grant by Robert, abbot of Thor; an inspeximus of a former conveyance from Adam, abbot of Thor, of one ferling of land in Kaneber at an annual rent.

Fo. 156.] Grant from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises near Wytemore, to Reginald de Albemarle.

Release, from the abbot of Thorre, of all the lands of Kokynton, to Roger de Kokynton, for ever.

Fo. 157.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of land in Kaneber, to John Tyril.

Fo. 158.] Release from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of a certain mansion or hall (aulæ) in Kings-weir, to Michael de Biddeford.

Grant from Brian, abbot of Thorre, to Peter de Fissacre and his wife, of certain premises in Lidwicheston.

Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of premises in North Sillingford, to Walter Fitzwilliam.

Fo. 159.] Memorandum of the death of William le Briewere without offspring of his body, further recording that he lay buried in the abbey of Thorre; with the addition of a short account of his relatives and kindred. The following is the purport of the entry:—

"William de Brewer, the elder, begat one son, and he was called William, and he died without heirs of his body, and he lies buried in the abbey of Thorre; whereupon the inheritance descended to all his sisters, viz. Margerie de Fernac, Grecie de Brewes, Isabelle de Dovere, Alicia de Moun, and Johanna de Percy.

"The said Margery was the first-born daughter of the said William, and she took husband and bore to him a certain daughter by name Gondreda, and she took to her husband Pagan Chawerth, and he had by her Patrick de Chawerth, who succeeded Pagan de Chawerth, and he died without heirs of his body, and his inheritance descended to his kinsman* Patrick, who married the daughter of Earl Warrenne.

"Grecie de Brewes, the second-born, took husband, and bore to him a son, William de Brewes by name, and this William had four daughters; viz. Agnes, who was married to . . . . . son of . . . . . Wallie, and died without issue; Matilda, who married Reginald de Mortuo Mari; Eva, who was the wife of . . . . . de Cantilupo, whose son was Gregory de Cantilupo; and Eleanor, who was the wife of Uffrid de Boney [Bovey?], whose son was Uffrid de Boney.

"Isabella de Dovere, the third-born, became the wife of Baldewyn Bath, whose son was Hugh Bath, who had a son by name Baldewyn Bath.

"Alicia de Moun, the fourth-born, was married to Reginald de Moun, who had a son by name John de Moun, which John had a son by name John, *now living*.

"Johanna de Percy, the fifth-born, was wife of William de Percy, which William de Percy had by said Johanna four daughters, viz. Johanna de Ferlington; Agnes, wife of Eustace de Bayllol; Alicia, wife of Ralph Bermingham, whose son was William Bermingham; and Anastasia."

Grant from William, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises in Braworthi, to William of Braworthi.

Fo. 160.] Record of a presentation, by the abbot of Thorre, to the vicarage of the church of Braworthi, with three confirmations thereof by several parties.

Fo. 161, 162.] Notes of proceedings at a chapter of the Premonstratenses. (Illegible.)

Fo. 163.] Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of two acres in Grendal, to Benedict le Yate.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of an acre and a burgage in Grendal.

Release by Peter Fitz-Matthew, lord of Stoke, in reference to Engleburne and Colrigge.

* The Latin word here used is "fratri," but it must bear another construction.—D'A.

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Fo. 164.] Confirmations by King Edward, in the ninth year of his reign, of the possessions of the house of Thorre.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of a certain rent-charge payable out of Sillingford, to the dean and chapter of the church of S. Peter of Exeter, with a clause of distress.

Fo. 165.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

An indulgence from Pope Innocent to the order.

Document regarding the rights of this abbey in the church of Scitebrock, in the diocese of Lincoln.

Fo. 166.] Notes (as it would seem) of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order, and the subordination of some churches of the order to others.

Fo. 167.] Agreement between Richard de Langford and Gervase de Norton, whereby the former grants to the latter all his lands, houses, villeins, markets, fairs, homages, services, &c., in Braworthi, subject to a certain rent, for better securing which a power of distress is reserved.

Grant from Richard, the abbot, &c., to William de Mountford, canon of Exeter, of a certain annuity, with power of distress.

Fo. 168.] Acknowledgment, from Gervase de Norton, knight, of a chief-rent due and payable by him to the abbot for premises in Braworthi.

Assignment from Richard, the abbot, of a seignory in Bradworthy.

Fine levied in Trinity term, in the 24th year of the reign of Henry III., of two carucates of land, and two mills, in Braworthi.

Fo. 169.] Release from the abbot of Thorre to the abbot and convent de Montisburgo of all suit and service due by the latter house out of or on account of certain premises in Aveton.

Appointment of proxies by the abbot of Thorre.

Recognizance of Brian, the abbot, to Thomas de Bokelond. Dated at Thorre, on S. Gregory's-day, in 1265.

Visitation and return in reference to the rights of the abbot of Thorre in Thor, Ulleburgh [Woolborough] and Hannock.

Valuation of the tithes of the respective churches belonging to Thorre.

Fo. 170.] Release from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to John de Clerkeston, of services in the manor of Aveton.

Priory of S. James, Exeter,

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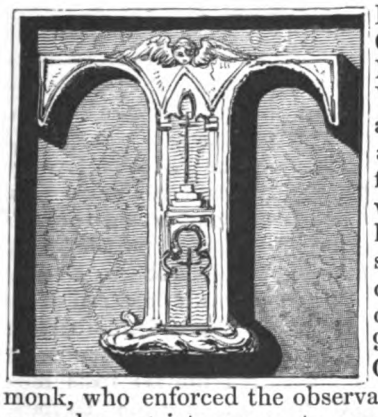

THE great monastery of Cluni in the diocese of Maçon was founded by William, count of Auvergne and duke of Aquitaine, about the year 910. Its first abbot was Bernon, who had distinguished himself by his zeal in restoring amongst his disciples the primitive rule of S. Benedict. Dying in 927, he was succeeded by Odo, a noble and learned monk, who enforced the observance of that rule with such exemplary strictness as to pass for the founder of the reformed order.

William, earl of Warren, a son-in-law to William the Conqueror, is said to have introduced this earliest branch of reformed Benedictines into England, and to have erected their first house (S. Pancras) at Lewes, in Sussex, about the year 1077. The prior of this house was the high chamberlain of the abbot of Cluni.

At the time of the general suppression of monasteries in England there were about twenty houses of the Cluniac order, whose total rental amounted to £4972. 9*s*. 9½*d*.

In the diocese of Exeter, to which we confine our researches, there existed but two houses of this order; viz. S. Mary Magdalen's at Barnstaple, an establishment which will be hereafter noticed, and that of S. James, Exeter. The mother house of these was the abbey of S. Martin-in-the-Fields, near Paris *.

The priory of S. James, of which we now treat, was founded by Baldwin de Redveriis or Rivers, earl of Devon †, before the year 1143. It is often called De Marisco, from its marshy situation. He granted to the community all his land of Cotelegh with its wood; half of the fishery at Topsham; two acres of the land through which their mill-leat flowed, and the right of erecting mills between Southbrooke and Topsham; and the church of Tiverton. Richard, the earl's son, confirmed and perhaps enlarged his father's grants. Stephen of S. Leonard's added six acres of land between their mill-leat and the king's high road (probably the land now opposite the artillery barracks) for the better support of the establishment. The founder's grant was approved by Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter, and by the primate Theobald.

The community was small, consisting of a prior and four monks. Being a priory in connexion with an alien house, it was often taken into the custody of the crown during the wars between England and France. The revenues were inconsiderable. In the taxation (1291) of Pope Nicholas IV., the annual rental at Crowlegh or Crealeigh, in Faringdon parish, is rated at . – 13 4

In Exeter	–	4	–
At S. James's	–	3	–
At Cotleigh	1	–	–
At Dunsford	3	–	–
At Holcombe	–	15	–
Total	£5	15	4

To this we must add the prior's share in Tiverton church, then rated at £4. 3*s*. 8¾*d*.

King Henry VI., with the assent of parliament, per-

* All the Cluniac priories in this country and elsewhere were originally subject to the great parent monastery of S. Peter at Cluni, and were chiefly supplied with superiors from France: hence they were regarded as alien, unless they obtained charters of denization from the crown. The first grants were often made directly to S. Peter of Cluni, as at Lewes, Linton, &c.; or to S. Martin of Paris; or to both jointly, of which instances will be found in the charters of this priory and of that at Barnstaple.

The name of S. Martin in Campis seems to have been introduced into some of these charters of donation, not because the donors were particularly connected with that house or with Paris, but because it early obtained a reputation little inferior to that of its great prototype at Cluni: hence the praises of Peter the Venerable:—"Est S. Martini monasterium summo Cluniacensi monasterio in ordinis, religionis, et fervoris proposito pro modo suo sic consimile et in tantum conforme, ut velut simulachrum ceræ impressum multis aliis ad Cluniacum pertinentibus monasteriis originalis sigilli imaginem familiariùs repræsentet." (Epistola ad Odonem, priorem, cited in the Monasticon of Renatus Choppinus, ed. 1709, p. 170.) The preponderance of foreigners in the Cluniac priories, and the large payments remitted by them abroad, were the subject of heavy complaints in the reign of Edward III. (See Reyneri Apostolatus, &c., p. 147; Rot. Parl., 20 Edw. III. vol. ii. p. 163.) It is stated in the last record that £2000 were annually sent to Cluni by the English houses.—S.

† Some account of this family will be found under Ford abbey.

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manently transferred this property to his royal foundation of King's College, Cambridge. The reversionary grant of the priory is thus recited in the parliament roll, 23 Hen. VI., A. D. 1444 (vol. v. p. 91):—

"Pro preposito et scolaribus collegii regalis beate Marie et Sancti Nicholai de Cantebrigg. . . . . .

"Necnon, cum Edmundus Hungerford miles, Johannes Langton clericus, Willielmus Walesby clericus, Johannes Waller armiger, Drugo Barentyne gentylman, et Johannes Skyrmot, gentylman, habeant et teneant, ad terminum vite Johannis Delaber clerici, magni elemosinarii nostri, ex concessione ejusdem Johannis, prioratum Sancti Jacobi juxta Exon. in comitatu Devon. cum pertinentiis, ita quod post mortem ipsius Johannis Delaber prioratus predictus cum pertinentiis nobis et heredibus nostris remaneret, ... nos, quinto decimo die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo predicto, per alias literas nostras patentes concesserimus prefatis preposito et scolaribus, quod prioratus predictus cum pertinentiis, quem prefati Edmundus, Johannes Langton, Willielmus, Johannes Waller, Drugo, et Johannes Skyrmot tenent ad terminum vite prefati Johannis Delaber in forma predicta, et qui post mortem ejusdem Johannis nobis et heredibus nostris remanere deberet, post mortem ejusdem Johannis prefatis preposito et scolaribus et successoribus suis remaneret imperpetuum; habendum et tenendum prioratum predictum cum pertinentiis post mortem prefati Johannis Delaber prefatis preposito et scolaribus et successoribus nostris in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosynam imperpetuum absque aliquo compoto seu aliquo alio nobis et heredibus nostris inde faciendo vel solvendo, prout in predictis literis patentibus plenius continetur."

Priors of S. James.

Richard was the first prior, and signed Bishop Robert Chichester's confirmation in 1146. (Post, Appendix.)

Alured was prior in 1157, and witnessed Richard de Redvers's grant to the convent. (Num. VI.)

Augustine occurs as witness of a grant of six acres of land by Stephen of S. Leonard's. (Appendix, Num. IX.)

Gwibertus. This prior released to Henry de Cirencestre, canon of Exeter, all claim to a tenement "in vico Sancti Martini Exonie." The deed, in the custody of the priests vicars of Exeter, was witnessed by Roger de Winkelegh, dean of Exeter; Ralph de Hyngeham, precentor; Martin Rof, then mayor of Exeter; Walter de Okyston, and Philip Dyer, bailiffs: consequently in the year 1249. (See Appendix, No. X.)

John de Gery. He leased to Alexander Wydecumbe certain premises in South-street, Exeter, near the archdeacon of Exeter's premises, at the yearly rent of 10*s.* The lease is dated during the mayoralty of Adam de Rifford; consequently about the year 1253.

Augerius attested a deed whilst Simon de Gurneye was prior of S. Mary Magdalene's at Barnstaple, and therefore between the years 1265 and 1270.

Theobald, a monk of S. Martin's, was admitted prior on Feb. 11, 1271.

John succeeded, Jan. 6, 1276.

Peter de Seynt Moys occurs in 1297: he died in the autumn of 1304.

Stephen succeeded Peter, Nov. 4, 1304. (Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 86.) About four years later, viz. Oct. 20, 1308, this bishop allowed him to visit the mother house; but the prior was to incur excommunication, *ipso facto*, if he neglected to return to his post early in December that year.

John de Natolio collated by Bishop Stapledon, Aug. 1, 1314.

William de Bytendene followed, who proved totally unfit for the office. Bishop Grandisson describes his government as "fatuum et incautum," and styles him "vagabundus" and "nullibi residens." On May 8, 1334, this bishop excommunicated him for neglecting to appear before his commissioners, but afterwards absolved him.

John de Pentelis was instituted Nov. 7, 1341; he died suddenly of the plague, "tempore pestilentie subito mortuus est." (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 27.)

John Lesper succeeded, Dec. 9, 1349. He found the priory in a state of lamentable destitution, "vastatus est quasi totaliter, et destructus in tantum quod prior iste non potest ibidem, propter defectum victualium, residere." (Ibid. fol. 27, ut supra.)

John de Worcester, sometimes called Vignerose, admitted June 10, 1363.

John Geayle, a religious of Montacute priory, was collated to the vacant priory, per lapsum, by Bishop Brantyngham, Oct. 12, 1370.

Ralph Legh succeeded, Feb. 20, 1374. Bishop Brantyngham, in his return to King Edward III.'s writ, says of this prior that he had one portion of Tiverton church valued at £10 per annum. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 7.)

John Thetford, a monk of Bermondsey house, was admitted Oct. 30, 1399.

Augustine followed.

Thomas Dene was certainly prior in 1428, and was, we believe, the last who filled that office. We give an impression of his beautiful seal found among some rubbish in Southernhay, Exeter, in March, 1822. The silver matrix is in the possession of John Carew, of Knightleys, esq. The patron, S. James, habited as a pilgrim, fills an elaborate niche. The following is the legend:—

S · FRIS · THOME · DENE · PRIOR · EXONIE.

Num. I.

Carta Baldwini Comitis Devoniæ* pro monachis S. Jacobi.

(Ex autographo apud Collegium Regale Cantab.)

Venerabili domino et patri Roberto Dei gratia Exonie episcopo omnibusque Sancte Dei ecclesie filiis Baldewinus comes Devonie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego, divine pietatis intuitu, assentiente Ricardo filio meo, totam terram que dicitur Cotelega cum toto bosco et omnibus pertinentiis suis monasterio beati Jacobi apostoli, quod extra muros civitatis Exonie devote constitui, et monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientibus, pro remedio anime mee et filiorum filiarumque mearum et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum, per manum domini Roberti Exonie episcopi, in die qua cimiterium ejusdem monasterii dedicavit, in perpetuam Dei elemosinam cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus manerium meum de Exeministre tenui et habui. Preterea donavi ipsis monachis medietatem decime de piscaria mea de Toppeshama. Ex donatione autem et rogatu Avicie de Sancto Leonardo confirmavi ipsis duas acras terre, in quibus conductus aque molendini eorum factus est, et occupationem aque redundantis in terram ipsius Avicie. Concessi etiam prefatis monachis ut nova molendina faciant in terra sua ubi voluerint, amotis molendinis meis de Toppesham; ita quod de cetero nec mihi, nec heredibus meis, nec alicui infra Scutebrocam et Toppesham aliquod molendinum facere licebit. Hoc quidem concessum est assensu et voluntate predicte Avicie de Sancto Leonardo. Hec itaque omnia ex intimi cordis affectu et ex voti debito ad predictorum monachorum sustentationem donavi, supplicans attentius heredibus meis ne super his aliquam molestiam fratribus inferre presumant, immo potius paterne devocionis memores quod pie actum est fovere et manutenere dignarentur. Quod ut ratum permaneat imposterum, sigilli mei impressione cum testium subnotacione corroboravi. Hiis testibus; Huberto de Vaus; Stephano de Mandevill; Radulpho Patrick; Ricardo filio Radulphi et Willielmo fratre ejus; Willielmo de Hilum; Galfrido de Furnell; Roberto Daco; Galfrido de Spineto; Johelo filio Nigelli; et duobus filiis meis, Willielmo et Henrico. [The seal is appended.]

* Six of the documents in this Appendix are reprinted from Dugdale's Monasticon, viz. Num. I. II. VI. VII. VIII. IX. Num. I. VI. and VIII. are set forth in hec verba among the memoranda of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer. 2 Hen. IV. Mich. rot. 15.

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Num. II.

Alia carta ejusdem comitis pro eodem monasterio et pro monasteriis S. Petri de Cluniaco et S. Martini de Campis.

(Ex analectis Andreæ du Chesne.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta comitis Baldwini. Sciant tam presentes quam supervenientes ad quorum notitiam hec carta pervenerit, quod ego Baldewinus de Reveriis, Exoniensis comes, filio meo Ricardo concedente, pro anima mea et uxoris mee Adelize et patris mei Ricardi et matris mee Adelize, necnon et nobilissimi Henrici regis, qui terram patri meo dedit, filiorumque et filiarum mearum ac predecessorum successorumque parentum meorum animabus, per manum Roberti, Exoniensis antistitis, rogatu Ricardi monachi cognati mei, ecclesiam de Tuivertona cum omnibus appendiciis suis tam in prebendis quam in decimis et ecclesiasticis beneficiis, salvo jure matricis ecclesie, monasterio Sancti Jacobi apostoli quod juxta civitatem contra austrum in elemosina mea situm est, Cluniacensibus monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pluribus astantibus et testantibus, dedi et hoc meo sigillo confirmavi*. Idem Baldwinus, rogante venerabili monacho Ricardo de Tottonia cognato suo, totam terram cum capella Sancti Jacobi et decima et omnibus pertinenciis suis, quas Walterus filius Walwardi de eo libere tenebat, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, herede sua Edith assentiente, Deo et monasterio Sancti Petri de Cluniaco, et Sancti Martini de Campis ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientium per manum domini Roberti, Exoniensis episcopi, donavit et irrevocabiliter confirmavit. Testibus Ricardo, Willielmo, et Henrico, filiis ejusdem.

Num. III.

Alia carta ejusdem comitis†.

(Monast. Ang. vol. v. p. 199.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta comitis Baldewini de Riveriis. Quilibet Christiani a Christi ecclesie rectoribus ammonentur religiosorum desideriis consentire, justisque ipsorum postulationibus clementer annuere. Quapropter ego Baldewinus, Exoniensis comes, universis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit notum fieri volo, quod venerabilis monachi Ricardi de Tottonia cognati mei ammonitionis frequentia divinitus inspiratus, filio meo Ricardo concedente et plenarium assensum prebente, pro remedio anime mee et precipue pro anima uxoris mee Adelize et patris mei Ricardi et matris mee Adelize, necnon et nobilissimi Henrici regis qui terram patri meo dedit, et filiorum filiarumque mearum et pro omnium parentum meorum animabus totam terram cum capella S. Jacobi et decima et omnibus pertinentiis suis quas Walterus filius Walwardi de me libere tenuit, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, et herede sua Edit assentiente, Deo et monasterio S. Petri Cluniaco et S. Martini de Campis, ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et S. Jacobo servientium, per manum domini Roberti Exoniensis episcopi donavi et irrevocabiliter confirmavi cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus terram de Toppesham tenui et habui. Insuper etiam concessi eis ut omnes terras suas et homines, possessiones et eleemosinas, quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre mee et feudi mei, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus hundredis placitis querelis et omni servitio et opere servili et teloneo et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Preterea pia devotione concessi, ut monachi prefati et homines eorum habeant in terra sua quamlibet mensuram et libertatem vendendi et emendi et res suas omnibus modis juste multiplicandi. In terra etiam mea concessi ut habeant absque omni impeditione liberum introitum et reditum cum rebus suis, et communes pascuas animalibus suis et juncos in marisco absque emptione, et omnem communitatem refugium et profectum in omni loco qui ad me spectare dignoscitur. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines meos et homines eorum quacunque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Hec omnia supradictis monachis donavi et jure proprietatis transactavi, ita quod in eos nec mihi nec alicui ex heredibus meis aliquid potestatis violenter exercere licebit nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavi, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam de Twivertona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, per manum predicti domini Roberti Exon. episcopi, donavi et presenti scripto confirmavi; volens ut ipsi ab omni vexatione liberi et immunes orationi vacent et Deum pro nobis indesinenter exorent. Preterea ex voto teneor predicte ecclesie S. Jacobi extra muros civitatis Exon. fundate tantum beneficii conferre, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee donationis paginam diabolica inspiratione ire presumat vel aliquam inferat molestiam, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Coram his testibus; Stephano de Mandevill, Huberto de Vaus, Radulpho Patrich, Roberto de Scotis, Rogero abbate, Willielmo filio Radulphi et fratre suo Roberto, Hugone clerico de Coleford, Roberto de Guierin, Guidone de Britevile, Willielmo de Musters, domino Roberto abbate de Tavistoch, Ri. filio Radulfi, Willielmo de Morevill, et filiis Willielmo et Henrico, Johello filio Nigelli, Galfrido de Lega, militibus.

* The change of person here indicates that the writer is stating the purport, rather than the tenor, of another deed.

† Whether this be a distinct charter, or another reading of one or both of the previous charters, is not clear. It is the one recited in the confirmation of Bishop Chichester (post, Num. VII.).

Num. IV.

Conventio inter abbatem S. Martini de Campis et capitulum S. Petri Exoniæ, de capella S. Jacobi.

(Penes Decanum et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exon.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, ammen. A principio usque ad finem, ab eternisque ad creata, singulis quibusque rebus diligenter examinatis, nichil inter omnia repperitur quod preter karitatis conciliationem alicui delectabiliter copuletur. Quam ob causam evidens est intelligi, si presens vita sola esset, karitati vel soli vel maxime attendendum, quam si de medio tollas, nichil est in universo quod placeat. Nec [hec?] autem, quandoquidem et primitie karitatis prelibatio sunt beatitudinis, et illius plenitudo incorruptionis erit consummatio, quanto magis servanda est? Ipsius igitur ratione ductus ego Theobaldus, humilis prior beati Martini de Campis cum ejusdem ecclesie universo conventu, presentis carthe eterna memoria ad modernorum et posterorum usque notitiam transmittere curavi, qualis inter nos et ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensis capitulum de capella Sancti Jachobi communi utriusque partis assensu facta fuerit conventio. Ecclesia itaque beati Martini capellam illam a prefate ecclesie canonicis imperpetuum tenebit, decimas illius duntaxat territorii eis annuatim reddet, de parrochianis eorum vel ad monachandum vel ad sepeliendum preter eorum consensum nullum recipiet. Concessum autem cimiterium, quod ab eisdem canonicis multis et magnis suis et estimabilium personarum precibus obtinere promeruit, absque refragatione apud eandem capellam in perpetuum possidebit. Quod ut ratum sit et immobile perseveret, sigilli nostri munimine et testibus subnotatis confirmavi. S. R. abbatis de Tavestoce et Eustachii abbatis de Bucfestre. S. archidiaconorum, Willelmi de Auco, Walterii, Hugonis, Radulfi. S. canonicorum, Roberti cantoris, Walterii filii Golcelini, Godefridi, Johannis, Rogerii. S. monachorum, Richardi, Willielmi, Arnulfi. Actum die Sancti Luce, anno ab incarnatione Domini $\overline{\text{M}}$. $\overline{\text{c}}$. xl^{o} iii^{o}. Innocentio papa ii^{o}. Henrico episcopo Wintonie, legato Anglie. Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuarie. Roberto episcopo Exonie. Stephano rege Anglie.

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Num. V.

Confirmatio ejusdem conventionis per Theobaldum Cantuariensem archiepiscopum.

(Penes eosdem.)

Theobaldus Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus Roberto eadem gracia Exoniensi episcopo et ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensis capitulo, salutem. Convencionem que inter vos et monachos Sancti Martini de Campis facta est, videlicet, quod ecclesia Sancti Martini capellam Sancti Jacobi a vobis imperpetuum teneat; decimas illius territorii capitulo ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensi reddat annuatim; de parrochianis eorum vel ad monachandum vel ad sepeliendum preter vestrum consensum nullum recipiat; concessum autem cimiterium quod a vobis multis et magnis suis et estimabilium personarum precibus obtinere promeruit, absque refragacione apud eandem capellam in perpetuum possideat, vobis et ecclesie vestre confirmavimus.

[The seal is lost.]

Num. VI.

Carta Ricardi Comitis Devonie.

(Ex autog. apud Coll. Regal. Cant.)

Reverendo domino et patri Roberto Dei gratia Exoniensi episcopo universisque sancte Dei ecclesie filiis Ricardus comes Devonie salutem in Domino. Que divine pietatis affectu sanctis locis beneficia tribuuntur, nimia debent stabilitate constitui, et nulla debent inposterum intentione revocari; quapropter ego Ricardus, Devonie comes, universitati vestre notum fieri volo quod pro remedio anime mee, et uxoris mee Dionisie, meorumque parentum defunctorum, videlicet, patris mei Baldwini comitis, et matris mee Adelicie*, necnon nobilissimi Henrici regis qui terram antecessoribus meis dedit, et pro animabus omnium predecessorum successorumque parentum meorum, donationem pie memorie patris mei Baldwini comitis Devonie de terris Walteri, cum capella Sancti Jacobi extra civitatem Exonie sita quam fecit monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientibus, ipso Waltero rogante et donante quicquid juris et dominii in ipsis terris habebat, herede sua assentiente Edith, et terram que est juxta Scutebrocam, et omnes terras que ad jus jam dicti Walterii pertinebant, concessi et irrevocabiliter confirmavi. Hanc itaque totam terram prefati Walteri cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sepedictis monachis donavi, et quicquid jure ac legaliter adquirere poterint infra fines totius terre mee et feodi mei habeant et teneant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et quietanciis in modiis et omnimodis mensuris, in villa et in via, in portu et mari, in bosco et plano et aliis locis et rebus, solutum liberum et quietum de hundredis, placitis, et querelis, et omni servicio et opere servili, et teloneo et omni exactione, et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et occasionibus. Si quid vero forisfacti vel querele de hominibus vel de terra eorum inciderit, monachi plenarie de omnibus curiam et justiciam suam propriam habeant. Preterea concessi sepedictis monachis Sancti Jacobi medietatem decime de piscaria mea de Toppeshamma quam Baldwinus pater meus dedit eis per manus Roberti episcopi in die quando cimiterium ecclesie Sancti Jacobi dedicavit. Concessi eciam eis duas acras terre quas Avicia de Sancto Leonardo dedit Sancto Jacobo in perpetuam elemosinam, in quibus conductus aque molendini eorum factus est, et aque redundantis occupacionem in terra sua. Concessi etiam ut ipsi monachi libere et quiete ex novo molendina faciant quotquot in terra sua facere voluerint. Hec itaque omnia concessi sepedictis monachis in perpetuam elemosinam in presentia domini Roberti episcopi, volens ut ipsi ab omni exactione libere et immunes orationi vacent, et pro nobis Deum incessanter exorent. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee devocionis paginam, diabolice inspirationis instinctu, aliquam molestiam inferat, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Testantibus et astantibus, magistro Bartholomeo; Hugone de Auco, archidiacono; Ricardo priore de Bardeney; Aluredo priore Sancti Jacobi; Sewardo monacho; Ricardo filio Renfredi, Philippo de Furnel, Waltero Longo, canonicis Sancti Petri; Alardo clerico comitis Baldwini; Ricardo de Dunstanvilla, clericis episcopi, Galfrido de Lega; Roberto Daco; Ricardo et Waltero, filiis Radulphi. Facta est confirmatio hec in presentia domini Roberti† episcopi Exoniensis, anno ab incarnatione Domini m. clvij. apud Exoniam.

* Adeline, in the Exchequer enrolment.

Num. VII.

Confirmacio donationum predictarum per Robertum Chichester, Exoniensem episcopum.

(Ibid.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Robertus Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod venerabilis Baldewinus de Reveriis, Exoniensis comes, filio suo Ricardo concedente et plenarium assensum prebente, pro remedio anime sue et precipue pro anima uxoris sue Adelize et patris sui Ricardi, et matris sue Adelize, et pro omnium predecessorum, successorumque suorum animabus, totam terram cum capella Sancti Jacobi extra Exoniam et cum decima et omnibus pertinentiis suis, quas Walterus filius Wolwardi ex eo libere et quiete tenuit, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, herede sua Edith assentiente, Deo et monasterio Sancti Petri de Cluniaco et Sancti Martini de campis, ad sustentacionem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientium per manuum mearum investituram donavit et irrevocabiliter confirmavit, cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus terram suam de Topesham tenuit et habuit. Insuper concessit jam dictis monachis ut omnes terras suas et homines, possessiones, et elemosinas, quas habent vel imposterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre sue et feodi sui, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus, subjectionibus, hundredis, placitis, querelis, et omni servicio, et opere servili, et theoloneo, et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Preterea vero pia devotione concessit ut prefati monachi et homines eorum habeant quamlibet mensuram et libertatem vendendi et emendi, et res suas modis omnibus juste multiplicandi. In terra etiam sua concessit ut habeant absque omni impeditione liberum introitum et redditum cum rebus suis, et communes pascuas animalibus suis, et juncos in marisco absque impetitione, et omnem communitatem profectum et refugium in omni loco qui ad se spectare dinoscitur. Si quid vero forisfacti vel querele inter homines ejus et homines monachorum quacunque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam ad justiciam suam habeant propriam et emendationem. Hec itaque omnia sepedictis monachis donavit et jure proprietatis transactavit, ita quod in eos nec sibi nec alicui ex heredibus suis aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavit, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam de Tuiverton cum capellis et omnibus pertinentiis suis, permissione et assensu meo, donavit et scripto autentico confirmavit, volens ut monachi ab omni vexatione liberi et immunes orationi vacent, et Deum pro se et suis indesinenter exorent. Preterea prefatus Baldwinus illustris comes Exonie eccle-

† Robert Warelwast, who succeeded Robert Chichester (the author of charter No. VII.) in 1155.

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sie Sancti Jacobi tantum beneficii ex voto conferre tenetur, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit. Quod ne tractu temporis vel malignantium versutiis in dubium revocetur, ego sicut diocesanus episcopus ad petitionem tam Baldwini comitis quam Ricardi ejusdem monasterii prioris, presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmavi, salva semper auctoritate nostra et successorum nostrorum episcoporum. Actum ab incarnatione Domini anno millesimo centesimo quadragesimo sexto apud Exoniam. Hiis testibus, Waltero de Piriton, Hugone de Auco, Radulpho filio Jocelini archidiacono, magistro Willielmo Cucufel, Philippo de Furnell, Johanne Paz, Stephano de Mandevilla, Huberto de Vaus, Radulfo Partrich, Roberto de Scocis, Rogero abbate, Willielmo filio Radulfi et fratre suo Roberto, Hugone clerico de Coleford, Roberto de Giverru, Guidone de Britevill, Willielmo de Musters, domino Rogero abbate de Tavistoke, Ricardo filio Radulfi, Willielmo de Morevilla, et filiis sepedicti Baldwini comitis, Ricardo, Willielmo, Henrico, Jocelino filio Nigelli, Gaufredo de Lega militibus; Ricardo et Edwardo monachis.

Num. VIII.

Carta Matildis imperatricis confirmans donationem capellæ S. Jacobi monachis S. Martini de Campis.

(Ibid.)

Matilda imperatrix, Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Martino apud Paris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus illam donationem quam Baldewinus comes Devonie eis fecit de capella Sancti Jacobi, et de terra et de omnibus illis rebus que ad eandem capellam adjacent et pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete de omnibus consuetudinibus et quietudinibus capellam predictam, cum omnibus que ad eandem capellam pertinent et adjacent, teneant, ne super hoc aliquis eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam aliquo modo faciat. Teste Milone comite Herefordie et Brientio filio comitis, et Roberto de Curce, dapifero, et Roberto de Oilli, et Johanne de Sancto Johanne, et Roberto filio Martini. Apud Oxon.

Num. IX.

Carta Stephani de Sancto Leonardo pro monachis S. Jacobi.

(Ibid.)

Noverint tam presentes, quam futuri, quod ego Stephanus de Sancto Leonardo, pro remedio anime mee et uxoris mee Christine, et heredis mei Ade, et patris mei Nigelli et matris mee Avicie, ecclesie Sancti Jacobi et monachis Cluniacensibus ibi Deo servientibus concessi et dedi sex acras terre, que est inter conductum aque molendini et viam regiam, in perpetuam elemosinam, exceptis tantum pro quatuor acris duabus marcis de caritate domus. Hanc donationem ego et heres meus Adam et uxor mea posuimus super altare Sancti Jacobi per librum sanctorum evangeliorum, etc. Testes, Augustinus prior Sancti Jacobi, etc.

Num. X.

Carta prioris S. Jacobi de tenemento in civitate Exoniæ*.

(Penes custodem et colleg. vicar. choral. ecclesiæ Exon.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Gwibertus prior de Sancto Jacobo juxta Exam extra civitatem Exonie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me de consensu et assensu sociorum et fratrum meorum monachorum de predicto loco remisisse et omnino quietum clamasse pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum domino Henrico de Cirencestre canonico Exonie et heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus et clamium quod nos et domus nostra de predicto loco de Sancto Jacobo habuimus in quodam tenemento cum pertinentiis suis in civitate Exonie in vico Sancti Martini; scilicet, tenemento illo quod fuit aliquando Rogeri Childenemaistr quod situm est inter tenementum quod fuit aliquando Pagani clerici ex una parte, et tenementum quod fuit Ricardi Prueth ex alia, et extendit se a predicto vico Sancti Martini usque ad tenementum quod fuit aliquando Dageneth Fabri, nichil juris vel clamium in predicto tenemento cum pertinenciis suis nobis vel successoribus nostris imposterum retinendo. Et ut hec nostra remissio et quieta clamancia robur firmitatis imperpetuum optineat, presentem cartam sigilli nostri apposicione roboravimus. Et pro hac nostra remissione et quieta clamancia et sigilli nostri impressione predictus Henricus dedit nobis pre manibus ad urgens negocium domus nostre expediendum unam marcam argenti. Hiis testibus, domino Rogero de Winkelegh tunc decano beati Petri Exonie; R. precentore et N. de Ivelcestr canonico Exonie; Martino Rof tunc majore Exonie; Waltero de Okyston et Philippo tinctore, prepositis; Johanne de Okyston, Baldwino Chil., Godefrido Longo, et multis aliis. [A. D. 1249.]

[The seal has been cut off.]

Num. XI.

Extenta bonorum prioratus S. Jacobi capta per commissionem regis anno regni Edw. tertii undecimo.

(Ex bundellis priorat. alienig. apud turrim London.)

[The transcript of an indenture made between John de Langeton, the commissioner, and Peter de Veel, recites the commission as to the priories of Totnes and S. James juxta Exoniam. Then follow the inventories of the personal property of both†.]

Prioratus Sancti Jacobi juxta Exoniam. In primis j. pelvis, pretium xij^{d}· Item j. tabula cum trescellis pretium vj^{d}· Item in coquina una olla enea, pretium ij^{s}· Item ix. disci de peautre, pretium iiij^{d}· Item una . . . . enea, pretium ij^{d}·

Ornamenta ecclesie.

Item j. calix pretium vj^{s}· viij^{d}· Item iij. paria vestimentorum debilium, pretium cujuslibet iij^{s}· Item j. missale, pretium v^{s}· Item ij. antiphonaria pretium cujuslibet iij^{s}· Item ij. . . . pretium cujuslibet ij^{s}· Item ij. legenda, pretium cujuslibet, v^{s}· Item sunt ibidem xx. acre frumenti crescentis in terra, pretium acre xij^{d}· Item iiij. acre avenarum, pretium acre xviij^{d}· Item una acra hordei, pretium vj^{d}·

Sunt ibidem xxij. acre avenarum, pretium acre xij^{d}· Item est ibidem fenum quod valet per estimationem xx^{s}.

Summa cxv^{s}· ij^{d}·

* The deed is indorsed, "Relaxacio facta per priorem et conventum de Sancto Jacobo de tenemento in vico Sancti Martini nunc vocato Lytyl Kalenderhay."

† This recital will be found at length, post, under Totnes Priory.

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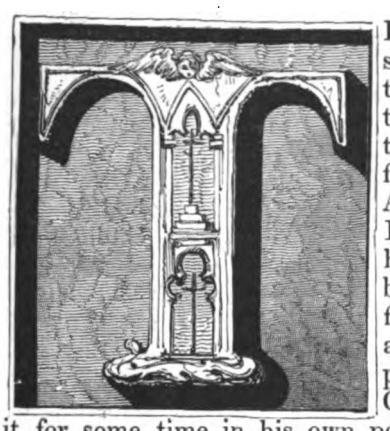
Priory of S. Mary Magdalen, Barnstaple.

IN THE DEANERY OF BARNSTAPLE.



HE borough of Barnstaple, situate on the north side of the river Taw, is one of those boroughs of which tradition ascribes the enfranchisement to King Athelstan. The record of Domesday shows that it had been held in demesne by King Edward the Confessor, and was regarded as a town of no little importance. William the Conqueror, after retaining it for some time in his own possession, bestowed it on Judhel, or Johel, of Totnes, the son of Alured. The bishop of Coutance, and Baldwin the sheriff, who, after the conquest, became extensive owners of lands and lordships in Devonshire, were also possessed of property in Barnstaple.

Here a Cluniac priory, dedicated to S. Mary Magdalen, was founded by the above-mentioned Judhel, and made dependent on the abbey of S. Martin's in the Fields at Paris. In his foundation deed he granted to the community an estate in Pilton, with its wood and marsh Pilland, together with the privileged mill of Barnstaple, the land between the north and east town-gates, and the waters, and right of fishery therein; the church of S. Peter at Barnstaple with its appurtenances, chapels, tithes, oblations, and fruits, as also the chapel of S. Sabinus with its emoluments; two parts of the tithes of Fremington, and the whole tithe of the fishery there. This foundation was confirmed by King William, who assigned the yearly payment of forty shillings from the endowment to the mother house of S. Martin; but this pension, in the sequel, was reduced to twenty shillings. Henry I., shortly after, confirmed the above donations. Henry de Traci, in 1146, and William de Braiosa, a grandson of the founder, added their approbation. William Briwere, bishop of Exeter, sanctioned the preceding gifts, and, on Aug. 3, 1233, fixed the portion of the vicar of the parish church of S. Peter*.

From a passage in Bishop Bronescombe's Register (fol. 33) it appears that the community consisted of thirteen members. Being, from its foundation, an alien priory, it was frequently seized and farmed by the crown during the wars between England and France, but was saved from permanent alienation by its conventual and independent character. From fol. 95 of Nevyll's Register we collect that the owner for the time being of the castle and town of Barum was the rightful patron of the priory; that is, the advowson was appendant to the castle and borough.

According to Leland (vol. iii. Itin. p. 131), the founder Johel, and Philip de Columbers, "the lord of the castle, town, and priory," and his wife, Alianora, were buried in the conventual church. The same Sir Philip obtained King Edward III.'s licence, dated York, 26th of January, 7th year of his reign (1333), to found therein a perpetual chantry and to endow it with forty shillings yearly rent. The castle of Barum was charged with this payment.

The following are the priors whose names have been recovered:—

Odo, mentioned in Henry de Tracy's grant, Appendix, Num. IV., was perhaps one of the priors of this cell.

Normannus is the second name that occurs to us. He witnessed the confirmation, by William de Braiosa, of the original grant of the property by his grandfather Johel. As William died in 1229 (see pag. 83 of Sir William Pole's Description of Devon), Normannus must have been superior in King John's reign. (Id. p. 14.)

Richard is mentioned, A.D. 1226, in an instrument printed in Prynne's Records, tom. iii. pag. 4.

Simon Gurneye was admitted prior at Chudleigh on Thursday after the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Mary, August, 1265. On this occasion he signed an instrument, preserved in fol. 33 of Bishop Branescombe's register, and promised on oath, "quod bona prioratus B. Marie Magdalene de Barum in ipsius monasterii utilitatem fideliter convertemus, et ibidem expendemus," saving always the ancient yearly pension of 20*s.* to the mother house of S. Martin's at Paris, and which on no account should be increased; and moreover, that he would never cede or resign his office of prior at the instance or command of any one whatsoever without the approbation and licence of the Bishop of Exeter.

Theobald de Curtipalatio succeeded June 29, 1275.

Paschasius occurs in 1297.

John occurs as prior in 1314.

John Parys, als. *de Sancta Gemma*. He scandalously neglected the duty of residence, and was obliged to tender his resignation to Bishop Grandisson, Sept. 29, 1332.

John Soyer succeeded on the 18th of the following March.

Imbertus de Gaumachiis, admitted on the death of Soyer, December 10, 1334.

Reginaldus Pirdoc followed, December 9, 1349.

* The Norman origin of the families of De Traci and Briouze, or Braiosa, can be ascertained, and their descent traced, with tolerable success. (See Dugd. Baronage, vol. i. p. 621, and Stapleton's observations on the Norman Exchequer Rolls, vol. ii. p. 240, &c.) But of Juhellus, Judhel, or Joel, the founder of this priory, no satisfactory account has yet been given. Lysons, in his Devonshire, part i. p. 50, can only conjecture that he was "a Norman." It is singular that so distinguished a person should have left no clue to enable us to refer his origin to any known continental family, though we may be sure that one who received from the Conqueror such extensive grants of land, and was entrusted by him with two of the most important fortresses in Devon, viz., Totnes and Barnstaple, was a retainer of no mean note. It is probable that he was a Breton. The names of Judicael, Judual, Judahel, Juhel, or Johel (apparently different forms of the same name), are of familiar recurrence among the princes, bishops, and noble families of Bretagne; yet, of the various adventurers from that country who followed Alan Fergent to the conquest of England, the Sire of Loheac is perhaps the only one recorded by historians to have borne this name. (Du Moulin, Hist. de Normandie, p. 175.) The founder of Barnstaple and Totnes priories calls himself the son of Aluredus, a name which occurs in Domesday as that of a Breton, and in connexion, too, with Judhel. (Exon. Domesd. f. 458, &c.) Indeed, the charter of Tracy, post, Num. V., represents both to have been joint benefactors. The foreign religious houses favoured by this founder might, perhaps, be expected to indicate the country from which he came; but the selection of S. Martin in Campis is explained by the remarks already made in a previous note (ante, p. 191), and the predilection shown for the Angevine monastery of SS. Sergius and Bacchus, by the same founder, at Totnes, is equally inconclusive; for that house was a favourite foundation of Armorican princes even after it had been transferred to the see of Angiers. (See Dom. Morice's Hist. de Bretagne, vol. i. p. 43, 56, &c.)

There are difficulties also about the date of the foundation of this priory, which have not been cleared up. The earliest endowment extant (post, Num. II.) refers to Bishop William, and was by him recited and confirmed by the instrument Num. III. William Warelwast was not a bishop before A.D. 1107; hence the charter, Num. I., whether made by King William I. or II., at all events preceded the deed Num. II; yet the latter refers to no previous dotation, and expressly states that the cell was constituted with the advice and assent of the same bishop William.

The grant of Johel, Num. II., appears to have been made in contemplation of retirement to a monastic life. It can hardly be doubted that the founder of Totnes and of Barnstaple is the same identical person, and, if so, that he is the Judhel of Domesday; for the founder of Totnes priory evidently describes himself as the immediate grantee of the Conqueror. (See Totnes Priory, post.)—S.

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Roger Kayn, on the resignation of Pirdoc, was admitted November 7, 1351, and presided for a short time.

Richard Carre, or *Cary*, succeeded, then

Roger Capys, on whose death

Ralph Chelfham succeeded December 27, 1376, and died early in 1392.

Henry Sutton succeeded May 28, 1392, and died six years later.

Simon Sele, alias *Ocle*, alias *Cole*, admitted in September, 1398, remained in office until his death, June 15, 1428. King Henry IV., by letters patent dated November 13, 1399, relinquished possession of this priory by an amoveas manus, and exempted it from seizure on condition that aliens should not thereafter be made members of it. This grant was extended to S. Michael's Mount, Modbury Priory, S. James's Priory, Totnes Priory, Cowick Priory, and Tywardreth Priory, all within the diocese of Exeter. (See Appendix, post, Num. X.)

Hugh Lyton succeeded, July 28, 1428, and died in office, December 16, 1462.

John Pylton was confirmed his successor on the 6th January following on the presentation of Anne, Duchess of Exeter. (See fol. 85 of Nevyll's Register.) We infer that he died in Sept. 1490, from the following memorandum furnished by J. B. Gribble, Esq., the historian of Barnstaple:—

"The accumpte of svch monish has hathe bene payde bye the conuent of St. Mary Magdalene of Barnestaple for fvnerale of . . . . . Pryor of the sayde conuent as upon . . . . . remayneth thyse xij dey of Seypt. 1490.

Imps.—We have payde ovt the sume of xiv viij vj fore byldynge hys seypultvre & fore markin yse tumb . . . yse xiv. viij. vj.

Item—mure wee have payede to the pryorey of Pyltone & to the munckes thir to pray for hys sole . . . . . yse v.

Item—mure wee have payede fore hys cuffyn &c the sume of iv*ld* & to the Chauntrye ofe Synt Anne, viij*s*. viij*d*. . . . . yse iv. viij. viij.

Item — mure wee have gyven away the pure of the Paroche of Barnestapoll yn the Chvrche of Synte Petrus ther on Svndey last . . . . . yse ij. iij iij."

John Ilfracombe followed, but resigned early in 1501.

John Pylton, admitted April 7, 1501, on the presentation of Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, and mother of King Henry VII. Perhaps he was nephew to the above-mentioned prior of the same name. He governed his brethren sixteen years, and then retired from the superiority on a pension of £20 per annum.

*Robert Thorn** succeeded, July 12, 1518. He surrendered his convent to the king's commissioners, February 4, 1536, 27 Hen. VIII. He was still living in 1555 on his annuity of £14. The parochial register of Barnstaple thus records his burial:—"February 1556, Robart Thorne was bured the xvith daie." The arms of the priory, with his name under them, were to be seen in the parish church before the civil wars†. The site of the priory, now known by the name of the rack or close, or Maudlyn Rack Close, was granted by King Henry VIII., March 9, 1538, to William Lord Howard and Margaret his wife, as may be seen in the Appendix, Num. XII.

Respecting the devolution of this property since the grant of Henry VIII., we are indebted for the following particulars to the kindness of J. R. Chanter, esq., of Barnstaple:—

"It appears that James I., by letters patent dated February 12, 1607, granted the reversion in fee to William Lord Howard, son and heir of Charles Howard, earl of Nottingham, and grandson of Lord Howard, the first grantee. In 1613, it was conveyed to Reginald Portree; but the statement made by Lysons in his Devonshire, and followed by others, that it descended through Reginald Portree's daughter to the Sydenhams, Northmores, and Incledons, appears to be incorrect; as, in point of fact, it is not and never was the property of any branch of the Incledon family.

"The mistake as to Incledon may probably have arisen from his having been the proprietor of the site of Pilton priory, the name of which still remains and is the only priory popularly known in the neighbourhood. Mr. Incledon was also the owner of the great tithes of Barnstaple and some of the priory estates; but never of the site.

"Prior to 1688, the site and ruins of Magdalen priory appear to have been the property of one Mary Feltham, the wife of Owen Feltham, as on June 14, 1 William and Mary, a decree was made, and enrolled in the high court of Chancery, in a cause wherein Anne Walter, on behalf of herself and the other creditors of Mary Feltham and Owen Feltham, deceased, was plaintiff, and Charles Pigeon and others defendants; and by a deed, dated April 2, 11 William III., the site and ruins of the priory were sold and conveyed, by the said Charles Pigeon and Mary Feltham, to Richard Barnes and Richard Cornish, both of Barnstaple. The sale was expressed by the deed to be made 'in obedience to a part performance of the said decree,' &c., the said Charles Pigeon being the survivor of the trustees in the said decree named, and Mary Feltham covenanted for title. The description in this deed is, 'All those closes of land called the Back Closes, and the site and ruins of the demolished priory-house and gardens, called S. Mary Magdalene, alias Maudlin,' &c. &c.

"The property has ever since been held by two owners. Richard Barnes's undivided moiety descended to his daughter, Mary Barnes, who married John Boyse, of Horwood, clerk; and by a settlement made previous to her marriage, and dated January 28, 1730, entailed the priory site and ground, with other estates, on the issue of the marriage, under which it descended to Christopher Boyse, their son, who, in August, 1767, married Jane Dene; and afterwards by deed, dated November 2, 1784, limited the moiety of the Back Close, or priory site, after his or his wife's decease, in default of issue, to Elizabeth Jane Dene, the present owner.

"Richard Cornish's undivided moiety descended to his grand-daughter Margaret, who, in 1728, married Alexander Hooper, when it was the subject of their marriage settlement, dated February 23, 1728. On September 29, 1747, Alexander Hooper, and Margaret his wife, conveyed their interest to John Boyse, and from him it passed, through his son Thomas, to his grandson, the present Rev. John Boyse, who, in 1831, sold the undivided moiety to T. P. Ackland, esq., deceased March 21, 1844."

The arms of the priory are gules, a bend, or, charged with a label of three points, argent.

Other ecclesiastical establishments may be conveniently noticed here.

The grant of an area, for the use of poor brethren, hermits of S. Augustine, "in villa Barum," by Sir James Audeley, knight, was approved and confirmed by Bishop Grandisson, on June 9, 1348. (Register, vol. i. fol. 154. See also Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 23.) In an inquisition ad quod damnum, 27 Edw. III., 1353, is mentioned the gift by Robert Bowie of five acres of land in Barnstaple to these hermits. The subsequent silence of the episcopal registers leads us to suppose that the community ceased to flourish after a very short period.

The parish church of Barnstaple and its dependent chapel of S. Sabinus have been already mentioned as part of the original foundation of the priory. It is clear, from No. VII. of the Appendix, that the house of the perpetual vicar was situate "juxta portam prioratus" The present parish church, with its high altar and three other altars, was dedicated by Bishop Stapeldon on Sept. 9, 1318. (See Register, fol. 129.) The same bishop had previously (Nov. 3, 1311) assigned towards the better support of the vicar the altarage and small tithes with the tithe of hay throughout the parish; but the demesnes of the priory, and the mills then existing, were exempted from paying him any tithes. Over the charnel-house in the parish cemetery is the chapel of S. Anne. To all sincere peni-

* In Risdon's Survey of Devon, p. 327, we read that "this prior bore for his device a rowbuck leaning on a hawthorne in an escutcheon, with the word BERT interposed with the legend, 'CAPRUM CUM SPINA PROTEGAT DIVINA POTESTAS.'" Westcote has it (View of Devon, MS. fol. 225), "CAPRAM CUM SPINA PROTEGAT POTESTAS DIVINA."

† Was James Thorne, parson of Stoke-Rivers, who made his will Nov. 8, 1551 (proved March 23 following) brother to the ex-Prior?

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tents who would contribute to its maintenance, Bishop Lacy, on July 18, 1444, granted an indulgence of forty days. (Register, vol. iii. fol. 272.) According to Leland, one Holman, a vicar of the parish church, was its founder. (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 131.) But this admits of doubt; for John Holman did not become vicar until December 2, 1461, and died a few months later; he may, however, have been a considerable benefactor. Perhaps this was one of the four chapels here mentioned by Leland. The most ancient of all was S. Thomas, which the episcopal registers frequently describe as being situated near the long bridge at Barnstaple *. Probably it was begun about the year 1319; for Bishop Stapeldon, on December 19, that year, (Reg. fol. 145.) admitted, on the presentation of Sir William Martyn, knight, Richard de Stottescombe, "ad perpetuam cantariam faciendam in capella beate Thome juxta pontem Bernastaple pro animabus Henrici Traci† progenitorum et successorum suorum." The site is now (1844) occupied by Mr. Roberts' house.

Another chapel was that of All Hallows, at the north gate. The one dedicated to the Blessed Mary and S. Nicholas was at the west gate, and is now a warehouse. It is mentioned in Bishop Grandisson's Register, (vol. iii. fol. 152.) May 24, 1332, as being near the Strand, "juxta littus maris Barum." It had a guild, or fraternity, attached to it. Another, "doune" when Leland wrote, had, we have ground to believe, been dedicated to S. Sabinus, the bishop‡.

License for performing divine service in S. Mary Magdalene's lazar-house at Barum was granted by Bishop Stafford, on October 27, 1410. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 108.)

Num. I.

Carta Willielmi regis Anglorum.

(Ex autogr. apud S. Mart. de Campis, Paris, Dugd. Mon. vol. v. p. 198.)

Ego Willielmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum concedo S. Petro de Cluniaco in obedientiam S. Martini de Campis que est Parisiis, scilicet, pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum et pro anima Juheli qui hujus dator est elemosine et parentum suorum, ecclesiam de Barnastapola cum omnibus rebus que eidem ecclesie pertinent, hoc solo excepto, quod ejus capellano attinet, et hoc est tantummodo domini sueque proprie familie oblatio. Quod autem superest plurimorum testimonio trium solidorum numerum non excedit per annum, preterea hoc, quod idem habet in Piltona, tam in terra, quam in hominibus. Terra quidem duabus carrucis sufficit que in dominio est; homines vero decem solidos per annum reddunt. Preter hec etiam quicquid ipse in Pillanda, videlicet, similiter terram in dominio que duabus carrucis sufficit, et homines qui per singulos annos quindecim solidos reddunt, et unum molendinum quod singulis annis viginti solidos reddit, et in Tauestoc quindecim solidatas redditus. Preter hec autem omnium dominicarum suarum duas partes tam animalium quam segetum, lane et caseorum seu ceterorum; et nominatim decimam molendini de Bovi §, et decim ampiscine Framinctorine et illius piscine que est apud Tauestoc; et decimam viginti solidorum quos ipse habet in Barnastapola, videlicet, duos solidos et unum burgensem apud Essecestram qui per annum reddit duos solidos. De hac itaque elemosina predicta ego Willielmus rex Anglorum concedo ut ecclesia prefata S. Martini de Campis quadraginta solidos singulis annis propriis usibus habeat. Quod autem superfuerit, fratres, qui loco predicto, id est ecclesie de Barnastapala, deservient, in suis necessariis habeant. Et ut hec largitio firma inconcussaque omni tempore permaneat, sigillo sancte crucis manu propria ego ipse confirmo. ✠ Huicque confirmationi fideles meos subscriptos testes adhibeo; Johelem; Robertum Balduini filium; Rog. de Nonant; Ra. episcopum de Frem. H. regis [?]; Henricum comitem de War.; Ro. Ricardi filium; Ra. Bigot.

* The bridge had sixteen arches when Leland visited the place. It has frequently been repaired, and in some measure rebuilt; but, we regret, without sufficient attention to its original character.

† We conceive this Henry Lord Tracy to have been the grandfather of Sir William Martyn, and certainly not the murderer of S. Thomas of Canterbury, who died a century before at Cosença in Calabria.

‡ There were three bishops of this name: the feast of one was kept Oct. 15; of another, Oct. 30; and of the third, martyred at Spoleto, Dec. 30. Another Sabinus was martyred at Palermo, Feb. 21, 303.

§ Bovey Tracy, parcel of the barony of Barnstaple, is probably intended.

Num. II.

Carta Joelis filii Aluredi.

(Carta 10 Edw. II. n. 39, per inspex.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta Joelis filii Aluredi. Reverendo patri et domino Willielmo Exoniensi episcopo et universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Joel filius Alueredi salutem in Domino. Cum nos omnes a Christo vocemur Christiani et illius, ut salvatoris, sequi debeamus vestigia, illos quos Christus ob seculi contemptum et religionis sue meritum filios specialiter vocat pia devotione venerari convenit, et eorum sancto proposito devote prestare subsidium. Eapropter ego, Johel filius Aluredi, universitati vestre notum fieri volo me pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum, constituisse quandam obedientiam monachorum Cluniacensium apud Barnestaple ad honorem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi Sancteque Marie et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancte Marie Magdalene, et ipsam obedientiam ecclesie Sancti Petri de Cluniaco, et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis subdidisse, ad quam, divina providente clementia, devotus confugiam habitum monastice religionis suscepturus, ibidemque, onere carnis deposito, et, anima ad Conditoris sui gloriam suspirante, misericordiam ipsius fiducialiter prestolabor. Et quia ex voto teneor ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene extra castellum meum fundate tantum beneficii conferre, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit, ad sustentationem ipsorum quasdam particulas terre mee donavi eis, scilicet, Piltonam cum bosco et marisco, et Pillandam, utrasque liberas et quietas cum omnibus appendiciis suis, sicut ego unquam eas liberius et quietius habui et tenui. Donavi etiam eis molendinum de Bardestaple liberum et quietum cum moltura totius ville et castelli, ita quod burgenses ad aliud molendinum, molendino monachorum integro existente, molere non poterunt; et totam terram extra muros que est inter portam de North et portam de Yest, simul cum fossa usque ad contiguam viam; et totam aquam prout terra eorum extenditur; et totum tractum piscium ipsius aque tam in terra ipsorum quam in terra mea proxima. Ipsis quoque monachis exclusam piscarie in terra mea firmare licebit, in quantum terra eorum extenditur ex altera parte aque. Insuper autem concessi eis ut omnes terras suas, et homines, possessiones, et elemosinas quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre mee et feudi mei, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus, hundredis, placitis, querelis, et omni servicio et opere servili, et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines meos et homines eorum quacumque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavi, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Bardestaple cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, capellis, decimis, obventionibus, et omnimodis fructibus, et cum capella Sancti Sabini et oblationibus suis, per manus venerabilis Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi, cujus consilio et assensu prefatam obedientiam constitui, in proprios usus suos habendam et in perpetuam elemosinam possidendam donavi; et duas partes decime mee de Fermingtun, et totam decimam piscium. Hec autem omnia sepedictis monachis donavi et jure proprietatis transactavi, ita quod in eos nec michi, nec alicui ex heredibus meis, aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit, nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee donationis paginam diabolica inspiratione ire presumat,

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vel aliquam inferat molestiam, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi, coram hiis testibus; Ascelino archidiacono, Osberto capellano episcopi, Herveio capellano episcopi, Ailtrio decano, Godwino sacerdote Exoniensi, Willielmo de Framtton; in armata manu, Willielmo de Raelega, Willielmo de Cuvert, Aluredo filio Nigelli, Radulpho de Cruna, Aluredo de Zoign, Malgerio de Sancto Albino, Walterio de Sancto Albino, Rogerio Porer.

Num. III.

Confirmatio concessionum eidem prioratui factarum per Willielmum Exoniensem episcopum *.

(Ex exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod nobilis vir Joel filius Aluredi pro salute anime sue, et patris sui et matris sue, et omnium parentum et amicorum suorum, constituit quandam obedientiam monachorum Cluniacensium apud Barnastaple ad honorem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi Sancteque Marie et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancte Marie Magdalene, et ipsam obedientiam ecclesie Sancti Petri de Cluniaco et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis subdidit, ad quam, divina providente clementia, devotus confugere et in ea habitum monastice religionis suscipere disposuit. Et quia ex voto tenetur ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene extra castellum suum de Barnastapla fundate tantum beneficii conferre, ut sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari possit, ad sustentationem ipsorum quasdam particulas terre sue donavit eis, scilicet Piltonam cum bosco et marisco, et Pillandam, utrasque liberas et quietas cum omnibus appenditiis suis, sicut ipse unquam eas liberius et quietius habuit et tenuit. Donavit etiam eis molendinum de Barnastapla liberum et quietum cum multura totius ville et castelli, ita quod burgenses ad aliud molendinum (molendino monachorum integro existente) molere non poterunt; et totam terram extra muros, que est juxta portam de North et portam de Yest simul cum fossa usque ad contiguam viam, et totam aquam prout terra eorum extenditur; et totum tractum piscium ipsius aque, tam in terra monachorum, quam in terra sua proxima. Ipsis quoque monachis concessit exclusam piscarie in terra sua firmare in quantum terra eorum extenditur ex altera parte aque. Insuper autem concessit ipsis monachis ut omnes terras suas et homines et possessiones et eleemosinas quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter acquirere poterunt, infra fines totius terre ipsius et feudi sui habeant et teneant solutas, liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus [hundredis] placitis querelis et omni servitio et opere servili et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines prefati Joelis et homines monachorum inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Et quia memoratus Joel hec predicta prefatorum monachorum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavit, divini amoris instinctu, totam ecclesiam Sancti Petri Barnastapla cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, capellis, decimis, obventionibus, et omnimodis fructibus, et cum capella S. Sabini et oblationibus suis per manum nostram et per assensum nostrum, in proprios usus monachorum habendam et in perpetuam eleemosinam possidendam donavit et jure proprietatis transactavit, et duas partes decime sue de Freminton, et totam decimam piscium. Que omnia supradictis monachis donavit et sigillo suo confirmavit, ita quod in eos nec sibi nec alicui ex heredibus suis aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit, nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Quod ne tractu temporis vel malignantium versutiis in dubium revocetur, ego sicut diocesanus episcopus ad petitionem jam dicti Joelis presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione ipsis monachis concessi et confirmavi. Hiis testibus, Ascelino archidiacono, Osberto capellano episcopi, et aliis.

* This and the charters Num. V. VI. and VII., are reprinted from Dugdale.

Num. IV.

Carta regis Henrici primi.

(Cart. 10 Edw. II. n. 39. per inspex.)

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie episcopo Exoniensi et vicecomiti et Alueredo de Totnes et omnibus baronibus, et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Devonshire salutem. Sciatis me donasse et firmiter concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro de Cluniaco et beatissimo Martino de Campis ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnestapla cum omnibus appendiciis suis, sicut venerabilis memorie Johel, et alii fideles Christi, donaverunt pro statu et incolumitate regni mei et pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee, et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Willielmi filii mei, et predecessorum et successorum meorum et volo, et firmiter precipio, quod bene, et in pace, et honorifice, et libere teneant unam virgatam terre de Piltona cum luco, et aquis, et pratis, et alteram virgatam de Pillanda cum loco, et molendinum de Barnestapla cum multura totius castelli, et alteram virgatam de Kunelanda†, et j. ferlingum terre de Cerchilla‡, et unum ferlingum terre de Cocosleg §, et unum ferlingum de Witefelda ||, cum luco; et quinque solidos de molendino de Almondesworde¶; et quinque solidos quos Henricus de Soratona dedit; et duos solidos de molendino de Langaricia**. Et sciatis me clamasse quietam totam supradictam terram de omnibus geldis, et dangeldis, et hidagiis, et placitis, et auxiliis, et omnibus consuetudinibus, cum socca et saca et toll et theam, et infanguenetes in bosco et plano, aquis, pratis, viis et semitis. Teste, Johanne episcopo Lexoviensi, Roberto de Sigillo, Roberto comite de Gloucestr., et comite de Auco, Baldwino de Redveriis, Willielmo filio Odonis, Willielmo de Vernun, Ilberto de Lacy, Roberto de Curcy. Apud Pirarios††.

Num. V.

Carta Henrici de Tracy.

(Ex exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana.)

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Amen. Ego Henricus de Traci divina providente gratia video et intelligo omnia, que hujus mundi sunt, vana esse et caduca; audio enim apostolum dicentem: Quicunque diligit mundum, vel ea que in mundo sunt, non est charitas Dei in eo. Scio enim impossibile esse sine charitate Deo placere. Ergo perfecta charitas, que foras mittit timorem, huc adduxit dominum Odonem Sancti Martini de Campis secundum priorem, qui me admonuit ut ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnstaple omnes donationes, quas Johel ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis dedit, etiam ex parte mea quantum ad me pertinet pro salute anime mee concederem. Tandem divina inspiratione admonitus, consilio baronum meorum ejus voluntati assensum dedi; et ego cupiens hereditatem habere cum sanctis et particeps fieri orationum sanctorum, et omnium monachorum Cluniacensium, pro salute anime mee, et patris mei, et matris mee, filiique mei Oliverii, et antecessorum et successorum meorum, hanc donationem, una cum filio meo Olivero, super altare Sancte Marie Magdalene coram baronibus meis optuli et carta mea confirmavi. Insuper coram Deo, et sanctis ejus promisi ut ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene diligerem, et omnes res et possessiones ejus ubique, secundum posse meum, manutenerem, ut proprius fundator, quia de rebus hereditatis antecessorum meorum eadem ecclesia facta est et fundata. Igitur quicquid Johel et Alueredus predicte ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene concesserunt et dederunt in villis, in pratis, in prediis, in aquis, in silvis, in campis, in omnibus possessionibus, et quicquid in tempore eorum predicta ecclesia tenuit, insuper et ecclesias de Barnstapla et ecclesias de Taustochia, et decimas quas predicta ecclesia in tempore eorum tenuit

† Called Keymeland in the grant, Num. XII. post.
‡ Churchill, in East Down parish.
§ Coxley, in Shirwell parish.
|| Whitfield, in Marwood.
¶ Ashmondsworthy, in Woolfardisworthy.
** Probably Langtree, where the priory certainly had property.
†† Probably one of the Périers in Normandy.

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et possedit, quantum ad me pertinet, ad honorem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et Sancte Marie virginis, Sancteque Marie Magdalene concedo, et confirmo. Hujus rei testes sunt, Jordanus de Campo-Ernulfi; Philippus de Cartrei, et Humfridus frater ejus; Stephanus Flandrencis, et Archembaldus filius ejus; Hugo de Ralega, et Willielmus le Desvet, et Robertus de Pleiston, et Thomas filius ejus; Robertus de Tapeleia, et Alix, et Robertus fratres ejus. Hec carta facta est anno ab incarnatione Domini M. CXLVJ. Datum per manum Ricardi capellani.

Num. VI.

Carta Willielmi de Braosa.

(Ibid.)

Willielmus de Braosa donationem bone memorie Johelis avi sui de terris, ecclesiis, quas ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium dedit in die quo ipsam ecclesiam fundavit, ut ibidem libere quiete et honorifice viverent, etc. ipsis etiam concessit, etc. Testibus, Normanno tunc priore, etc.

Num. VII.

Carta Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi qua confirmat priori S. M. Magdalenæ ecclesiam S. Petri Barnestapoli in proprios usus.

(Ibid.)

Universis fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus miseratione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos, divine charitatis intuitu, inspectis cartis Johelis de Toton et Henrici de Trasci, dedisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse de voluntate et consensu dilectorum filiorum nostrorum decani et capituli Exonien. ecclesiam matricem beati Petri de Barnastapolia cum capellis decimis et obventionibus ad eam pertinentibus priori S. Marie Magdalene de Barnastapl., quem pro tempore perpetuum esse decrevimus, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, habendam et tenendam inperpetuum ad usus proprios integre et plenarie, salva honesta sustentatione capellani ad presentationem dictorum prioris et monachorum a nobis et successoribus nostris instituendi, qui, quamdiu fideliter et honeste se habuerit, amoveri non poterit ab eisdem. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem fecimus salva jurisdictione nostra et successorum nostrorum et archidiaconorum loci in eadem ecclesia, salvo etiam jure et possessione omnium qui vel in eadem ecclesia vel ad eandem aliquid juris obtinere noscuntur. Habebit autem capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit honestam domum juxta portam prioratus et victualia, pannis et calciamentis exceptis, sicut unus de fratribus, et una cum illis. Duas etiam marcas ad quatuor anni terminos pro equis portionibus percipiet per manum prioris de oblationibus ejusdem ecclesie, et equum et servientem habebit de ipso prioratu ad omnes necessarias ecclesie profectiones. Et, his tantum contentus, nihil extra vel intra percipiet, sed de omnibus integre dicto priori respondebit. Et sustinebit idem prior omnia onera ecclesie, episcopalia et archidiaconalia, debita et consueta. Ut autem hec concessio et donatio nostra futuris temporibus stabilis perseverit, eam scripti presentis munimine et sigilli nostri fecimus impressione roborari. Actum anno Domini MCCXXXIIJ. in die inventionis S. Stephani prothomartyris, consecrationis nostre anno X. His testibus; magistris Philippo precentore et Ricardo cancellario, magistro Will. de Arundell, canonicis Exonien. Martino Prudue rectore ecclesie de Peinton; magistro W. de Molend.; Rogero, Eurardo, et multis aliis.

Num. VIII.

Forma institucionis prioris de Barum.

(Bronescombe's Reg. vol. i. fol. 12 b.)

Anno 1265 et die Jovis proxima post festum assumpcionis beate Marie, dominus episcopus admisit apud Chedeleg fratrem Symonem de Gurneye ad regimen prioratus Sancte Marie Magdalene Barnastapol in forma que sequitur.—Universis presentes litteras inspecturis frater Symon de Gurneye salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum per venerabilem patrem dominum W. Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum ad presentacionem religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus Sancti Martini de Campis ad regimen monasterii beate Marie Magdalene de Barum benigne essemus admissi et prior ipsius monasterii canonice instituti nos jura in quorum possessione dictus venerabilis pater et ecclesia sua Exoniensis temporibus predecessorum nostrorum extiterat recognoscentes, ut debuimus, canonicam obedienciam et reverenciam gratis prestitimus eidem in verbo sacerdocii ac eciam sacrosanctis evangeliis inspectis promittentes quod bona dicti prioratus in ipsius monasteri utilitatem fideliter convertemus et ibidem expendemus, salva antiqua pensione viginti solidorum dictis priori et conventui debita per nos in posterum nullatenus augmentanda. Ad hec promisimus eidem patri in forma predicta nos a dicti prioratus regimine ad cujuscunque suasionem vel mandatum absque ejusdem Domini voluntate et licencia speciali minime recessuros seu aliquid contra dictarum promissionum nostrarum fidelem observacionem futuris temporibus impetraturos seu eciam impetratis quibus ex nunc ex certa sciencia renunciamus. Quod si facere attentaverimus concedimus quod ipso facto dicto prioratu simus privati. In quorum testimonium litteras nostras patentes dominus episcopus fecit testimoniales, adjicientes quod sentenciam auctoritate domini Pape super integro conventu tresdecim monachorum in monasterio Barum antedicto habendo latam, quatenus in ipso est, ratificabit, in verbo sacerdocii promittentes dicte sentencie quamcicius ad hoc ydoneas personas invenerit pariturum cum effectu.

Num. IX.

Lis inter priorem de Barnstaple et personam de Hamme de decimis apud Cridenho *.

(Abbreviatio placitorum, 35 Ed. I. p. 300.)

Placita coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium de termino Sancti Hilarii anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici XXXV^to.

Edwardus persona ecclesie de Hamme et 17 alii implacitantur per Andream de Pearecombe et Reginaldum le Porter pro capcione bladi frumenti avene etc. ad valenciam viginti librarum apud Crydenho. Dicunt quod ipse predictus Andreas est persona de Hamme et quod ipse et predecessores sui persone ecclesie predicte a tempore quo, etc. decimas loci predicti habuerunt, et quod prior de Barnstaple clamavit decimas predictas ad se pertinere, ita quod decime ille decimate etc. per assensum predicti prioris et ipsius Edwardi in presencia predictorum Andree et Reginaldi et aliorum vicinorum etc. posite fuerunt in quodam certo loco quousque discussum fuisset inter eos per arbitrium quis eorum eas habere deberet. Et dicunt quod predictus prior postea predictum arbitrium infirmavit, per quod ipse Edwardus per servientes suos dictas decimas cepit et asportavit, etc. Set juratores dicunt quod predictus Edwardus et multi alii transgressiones fecerunt ad dampnum ipsorum Andree et Reginaldi decem librarum. Rot. 20.

Eodem rotulo aliud placitum contra plures alios qui ceperunt frumentum, etc. apud Cridenho que est hamlettum que pertinet ad ecclesiam ipsius Edwardi, in quo predicti Andreas et Reginaldus recuperant similiter decem libras pro dampno.

Num. X.

De restauratione prioratus de Barnestapel aliorumque prioratuum alienigenarum.

(Pat. 1 Hen. IV., apud Rymeri Fœdera, tom. viii. p. 101–6.)

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos, intime considerantes qualiter nonnulla prioratus, domos, et loca religiosa alienigenarum infra regnum nostrum

* This suit seems to relate to tithes in Creed, in the parish Ham S. George, or Georgeham.

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Anglie et Wallie existentia, per nobiles progenitores nostros, ac alios regni nostri proceres et magnates, ad divina officia ac hospitalitatis et elemosinarum aliarumque pietatis et devotionis onera facienda et supportanda laudabiliter fundata et constructa extiterunt:

Quodque eadem prioratus, domos et loca religiosa, tam per subitas et frequentes ammotiones et expulsiones priorum et occupatorum locorum predictorum quam per diversos seculares et alios firmarios eorundem, postquam in manum domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie avi nostri occasione guerre inter nos et illos de Francia mote primo seisita fuerunt, ita enormiter tam in domibus, quam in rebus et possessionibus, destruuntur, dilapidantur, et devastantur, quod divinus cultus regularesque observantie inibi cessant, ac hospitalitates et eleemosine, et alia insuper caritatis opera ibidem stabilita et fieri consueta subtrahuntur, necnon pia fundatorum vota multipliciter defraudantur et frustrantur ad Dei omnipotentis offensam et displicentiam non modicam ut speramus:

Et volentes proinde ad honorem Dei ac sancte Ecclesie, pro divini cultus augmentatione ac dictorum operum caritativorum et aliorum onerum incumbentium innovatione et continuatione, gratiosius providere:

De gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia nostra, et de assensu concilii nostri in presenti parliamento, manum nostram de prioratu Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnastapol Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu Simon Ocle prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis, institutionis, et inductionis hujusmodi, nobis in cancellaria nostra exhibitas et ostensas, plene liquet, qui quidem prioratus in manum dicti avi nostri, inter alias terras et tenementa religiosorum alienigenarum de dominio et potestate Francie existentium in regno nostro Anglie, et alibi infra dominium et potestatem nostram, nuper captus et seisitus extitit, et in manu nostra occasione predicta existit, penitus amovemus et eundem prioratum eidem Simoni priori concedimus et restituimus per presentes:

Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis prioribus loci predicti, una cum omnibus cellis maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis, feodis militum, advocationibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum et cantariarum, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, ac etiam cum omnibus pensionibus, portionibus, annuitatibus, decimis, obligationibus, eleemosynis, ac aliis emolumentis, proficuis, rebus, et possessionibus, tam spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, ad prioratum predictum pertinentibus,

Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris, durante guerra inter nos et illos de Francia antiquum apportum dumtaxat, quod ad capitalem domum prioratus predicti in partibus transmarinis, tempore pacis, de eodem prioratu reddi et solvi consuevit;

Ita tamen quod idem prior et successores sui monachos, capellanos, seculares et alios ministros Anglicos, in prioratu predicto ad numerum juxta primariam fundationem ejusdem debitum et consuetum, inveniant et sustentent:

Ac decimas, quintasdecimas, et alia subsidia quecumque, cum clero et communitate regni nostri Anglie, quotiens et quando concedi contigerint, nobis et heredibus nostris, pro spiritualibus et temporalibus suis, solvant;

Aliaque onera et pietatis opera eidem prioratui ab antiquo incumbentia faciant et sustentent juxta primariam fundationem supradictam; aliqua ordinatione in contrarium edita seu dicta seisina prioratus predicti, cum pertinentiis suis predictis, in manum dicti avi nostri aut aliqua alia seisina, in manum nostram, aut prefati avi nostri, seu Richardi nuper regis Anglie, occasione guerre predicte, inde facta, seu aliquibus concessionibus vel commissionibus, inde, ante hec tempora, per nos aut dictum avum nostrum, seu prefatum Richardum nuper regem Anglie, aliquibus personis ad firmam factis, non obstantibus:

Volentes insuper et concedentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis quod predictus prior et successores sui predicti, de quacumque alia firma et solutione annua nobis vel heredibus nostris pro prioratu predicto, occasione guerre predicte, preter dictum antiquum apportum annuum dumtaxit, in futurum solvendis, quieti sint et exonerati ac penitus absoluti,

Et eundem priorem et manucaptores suos, necnon alios quoscumque inde exoneramus et quietamus per presentes; proviso semper quod de aweragiis firme prioratus illius ante datam presentium debitis et nondum solutis, si que fuerint, nobis respondeatur et satisfiat, ut est justum.

In cujus etc.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo tertio die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Cornubia, Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Richardus Auncel, monachus abbatie de Tavystok, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo quinto die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Moddebury, Exoniensi diœcesi, in quo quidem prioratu frater Johannes Rogery monachus monasterii beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Divam, ordinis Sancti Benedicti Sagiensis diœcesis, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo tertio die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu Sancti Jacobi juxta civitatem Exon. Exoniensis diœcesis alienigena, in quo quidem prioratu Johannes Thetford prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, etc. ut supra,

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo sexto die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu Totton Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Thomas Swynford, nuper monachus monasterii Sancti Andre Norhampton, ordinis Cluniacensis, Lincoln. diœcesis, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, undecimo die Februarii.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Cowyk, Exon. diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu Johannes de Bourgeanvyll, monachus presbiter, ordinem Sancti Benedicti in monasterio beate Marie de Beccohellwyny, Rothomagensis diœcesis, expresse professus, prior institutus et inductus existit, sicut per literas institutionis et inductionis hujusmodi nobis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Februarii.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Trewerdrayth, Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Johannes Mastyn, monachus presbiter, ordinem Sancti Benedicti in monasterio beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Dyvam, Sagiensis diœcesis expresse professus prior institutus et inductus extitit, sicut per literas admissionis, institutionis, et inductionis hujusmodi, nobis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, xix. die Martii, anno primo.

Per ipsum regem.

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Num. XI.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII.

Verus et annuus valor possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium prioratus beate Marie Magdalene de Barnistapolia.

Manerium Barnistaple in decanatu de Toryton.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise liberorum tenencium	4	8	6 et 1 lib. cere.			
Custumariorum tenencium	52	19	10			
Firma terrarum dominicalium	6	13	4			
Firma molendinorum ibidem per annum	10	–	–	73	18	2 et 1 lib. cere.
Ultra 3*s.* solutos Henrico duci Richmundie et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu diversarum terrarum et tenementorum in Barnistapolia predicta annuatim imperpetuum						
Et 6*d.* solutos Johanni Chechester armigero et heredibus suis pro affirma sive attachiamento unius gurgitis super terram dicti Johannis annuatim imperpetuum						
Sic omnibus allocationibus deductis remanet clare						
Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis	4	10	1	78	8	3 et 1 lib. cere.
Sic nunc remanet clare						

Manerium de Pylton in decanatu predicto.

Valet in redditu assise liberorum tenencium	1	2	6			
Custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	25	7	8			
Ultra 2*s.* solutos abbati et conventui de Clyff infra diocesim predictam et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu terrarum et tenementorum in predicto annuatim imperpetuum				26	8	2
Allocationibus deductis remanet clare						
Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis	–	1	–	27	8	2
Sic nunc remanet clare						

Manerium de Stretton * in decanatu de Molton infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	2	1	10 et 1 lib. cere.			
Ultra 2*s.* solutos heredibus Willielmi Hutesfyld militi et heredibus suis domino hundredi de Wytherygge pro capitali redditu annuatim imperpetuum				1	19	10 et 1 lib. cere.
Sic allocationibus deductis remanet clare						

Diverse culture infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise per annum	4	3	4			
Ultra 1*s.* solutos Johanni Bourgchyer militi domino de Fitzwareyn et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu certarum terrarum et tenementorum infra parochiam de Yendstowe † annuatim imperpetuum				4	2	4
Sic allocationibus deductis remanet clare						
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium predicti prioratus				113	8	7 et 2 lib. cere.

Possessiones spirituales predicti prioratus infra diocesim et comitatum predictos.

Rectoria de Barnistapolia predicta.

Valet in exitibus decime garbarum ibidem per annum	4	10	–	9	10	–
Et in annuali et perpetua pencione recepta de vicario ibidem per annum	5	–	–			

Penciones.

In annuali pencione proveniente de rectoria de Georgeham infra decanatum de Shyrwyll Exoniensisque diocesis per annum	5	–	–			
Et in annuali pencione proveniente de rectoria de Fremyngton per annum	1	10	–	6	16	8
Et in annuali pencione proveniente de cantaria de Mounkelegh in decanatu de Hertlond Exoniensisque diocesis per annum	–	6	8			
Summa						
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti prioratus de Barnistapol				16	6	8
Summa totalis tam omnium temporalium quam spiritualium possessionum predicti prioratus				129	15	3 et 2 lib. cere.

Inde solutum Henrico duci Richmundie domino hundredi et manerii de Fremyngton et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim imperpetuum	–	2	–			
Et de feodo Hugonis Pollard armigeri capitalis senescalli manerii de Barnystaple pryor', annuatim imperpetuum	1	6	8			
Et in feodo Thome Haycche capitalis senescalli manerii de Stretton annuatim imperpetuum	1	6	8	6	8	8
Et in feodo Johannis Fawell ballivi manerii de Barnystaple pryor' predicti annuatim imperpetuum	2	–	–			
Et in feodo Richardi Stephyns ballivi manerii de Stretton predicti annuatim imperpetuum	–	13	4			
Et in feodo Nicholai Kyrkeham auditoris compotus ministrorum predicti monasterii de Barnistapolia predicta annuatim imperpetuum	1	–				

* In the parish of Washford Pyne.

† Instow, formerly Johannistow.

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	£.	s.	d.
Summa omnium allocationum	6	8	8
Et remanet clare	123 et 2 lib.	6	7 cere.
Inde pro decima	12 et 2 lib.	6	8 cere.

Sacrista prioratus Barnistapolie predicti.

Verus et annuus valor omnium messuagiorum terrarum et tenementorum ac decimarum et aliorum proficuum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes Barstaple sacrista domus sive prioratus beate Marie Magdalene de Barnistapolia predicti modo inde seisitus racione officii sui predicti prout postea patebit.

Barnistapolia et Pylton.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise	1	1	4			
Mete oblacionum infra ecclesiam parochialem Barnistapolie predictam in die Purificacionis beate Marie Virginis	–	5	–			
Decima diversorum ortorum in Barnistapolia predicta spectant predicto officio	–	1	8	1	9	8
Et in decima unius porcionis in parochia de Pylton predicta per annum	–	1	8			
Summa						
Inde pro decima				–	2	9¾

Num. XII.

Litteræ patentes per quas scitus et terræ prioratus S. Mariæ Magdalenæ Willielmo domino Howard et uxori ejus conceduntur.

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Salutem. Sciatis quod nos, in consideracione boni, fidelis et acceptabilis servicii, quod dilectus nobis Willelmus dominus Howard ante hec tempora nobis fecit, dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes damus et concedimus eidem Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, domum et scitum nuper prioratus monachorum Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnestapoll alias Barstaple, in comitatu nostro Devonie, auctoritate parliamenti suppressi et dissoluti, ac totam ecclesiam, campanile et cimiterium ejusdem nuper prioratus, necnon omnia messuagia, domos, edificia, grangias, orrea, stabula, columbaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terras et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum et precinctum dicti nuper prioratus existentia, eidem nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia ac parcellas inde existentia, aceciam omnia illa maneria nostra de Barnestapoll, Pylton, Strechton et Ingestowe alias Instowe cum eorum membris et pertinentiis universis in comitatu predicto, dicto nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon totam rectoriam nostram ecclesie parochialis de Barnestapoll cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis in comitatu predicto, dicto nuper prioratui appropriatam, spectantem et pertinentem, et advocacionem, donacionem et jus patronatus ejusdem ecclesie et vicarie ibidem, ac duo molendina nostra aquatica, vocata Port mylles cum pertinentiis in Barnestapoll predicta, et Pylton in comitatu predicto, eidem nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon totum boscum nostrum, vocatum Monkewode cum pertinentiis in Marwode, ac totum boscum nostrum vocatum Yernewode cum pertinentiis in Pylton, et omnia illa terras et tenementa nostra cum pertinentiis in Ingestowe in comitatu predicto dicto nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem centum solidorum exeuntem de vicaria sive ecclesia de Barnestapoll predicta in comitatu predicto, quam vicarius ibidem pro tempore existente annuatim solvere consuevit dicto nuper prioratui, et unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem centum solidorum exeuntem de ecclesia sive rectoria de Georgeham alias Ham Sancti Georgii in comitatu predicto, quam rector ibidem dicto nuper prioratui annuatim solvere consuevit, ac unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem triginta solidorum exeuntem de rectoria sive ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Fremyngton in comitatu predicto, quam rector ibidem dicto nuper prioratui annuatim solvere consuevit, ac unam annuitatem sive annualem redditum quadraginta solidorum exeuntem de castro, dominio vel manerio sive burgo de Barnestapoll in comitatu predicto, que dicto nuper prioratui de Barnestapoll solvi consuevit solvendam ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli per manus receptoris, ballivi, firmariorum sive aliorum occupatorum ibidem pro tempore existente, necnon omnia alia maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, annuitates, firmas, feodi firmas, wardas, maritagia, escaetas, relevia, aquas, stagna, vivaria, warennas, communias, piscarias, penciones, porciones, decimas, oblaciones, curias letas, visus franciplegii, ac omnia que ad visum franciplegii pertinent, et alia jura, jurisdictiones, libertates, possessiones et hereditamenta nostra quecunque, tam temporalia quam spiritualia, cujuscunque sint generis, nature vel speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus censeantur vel cognoscantur, cum suis juribus, membris, pertinentiis et commoditatibus quibuscunque, scituata, jacentia et existentia in villis campis, parochiis seu hamellettis de Barnestapoll, Pylton, Bradford, Strechton, Wetherige, Delbrige, Fullyngote, Nethercote, Instowe, Collecote, Marwode, Crede, Georgeham alias Sancti Georgii, West Ansty, Wolley Downe, Shyrewell, Heawnton Poncherdon, Est Hakenden, Berynarber, Chalocombe, Langtre, Kyntesbury, Keymelond, Stoke Ryvers, Potyngdon et Fremyngton, in comitatu predicto, seu alibi ubicunque, dicto nuper prioratui quovismodo pertinentia sive spectantia, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Robertus Thorne, nuper prior dicti nuper prioratus de Barnestapoll aut predecessores seu priores ejusdem loci in jure prioratus illius, quarto die Februarii, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo, aut unquam antea omnia et singula premissa cum pertinentiis habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, aut habere debuerunt vel debuit, ac adeo plene et integre et in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula premissa ad manus nostras ratione et pretextu cujusdam actus de quibus monasteriis, abbatiis, prioratibus et domibus religiosis dissolvendis, in parliamento nostro apud Londinum, tercio die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo inchoato, et deinde usque Westmonasterium adjornato, et per diversas prorogaciones usque ad et in quartum diem Februarii anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo continuato, et tunc ibidem tento, inter alia editi et provisi, devenerunt seu devenere debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt aut existere debent. Et ulterius.

[Then follows a further grant of the rectory and advowson of Tottenham, in Middlesex, and other property there and in Edmonton.]

Damus eciam et per presentes concedimus prefato Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, visum franciplegii, ac omnia que ad visum franciplegii pertinent, catalla felonum, fugitivorum, utlagatorum et dampnatorum, felonum de se et deodanda in omnibus et singulis predictis maneriis, terris, tenementis et ceteris premissis et in qualibet eorundem parcella, que quidem omnia et sin-

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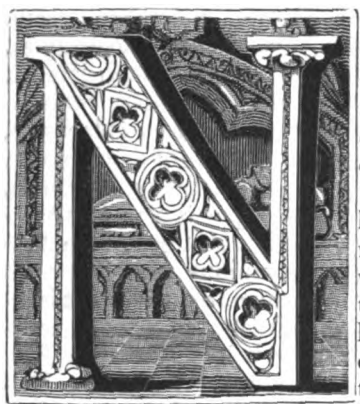
gula premissa superius per presentes concessa cum pertinentiis sunt clari valoris centum quinquaginta quinque librarum, quatuor solidorum et sex denariorum per annum, et non ultra, HABENDUM et tenendum domum et scitum predictum, ac maneria, mesuagia, terras ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius specificata cum pertinentiis, prefato Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, et heredibus de corporibus eorum inter eos legitime procreatis, et pro defectu hujusmodi exitus remanere inde heredibus de corpore dicti Willelmi domini Howard legitime procreatis, TENENDUM de nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, in capite per servicium militare, videlicet, per decimam partem servicii unius feodi militis, ac per redditum viginti unius librarum annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ad curiam augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre, ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli solvendum pro omnibus serviciis, exaccionibus et demandis quibuscunque, de, in, aut pro, premissis quovismodo faciendis, exigendis, solvendis, vel reddendis. Et ulterius, damus et per presentes concedimus prefato Willelmo domino Howard, exitus, revenciones et proficua premissorum a festo Annunciacionis beate Marie virginis, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo hucusque provenientes sive crescentes, habendum eidem Willelmo domino Howard ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris quovismodo reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo. Eo quod expressa mencio, etc. In cujus, etc. T. R. apud Westmonasterium ix. die Marcii. Per ipsum regem et de data predicta, etc. [29 Hen. VIII.]

Hartland Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF HARTLAND.



NECTAN, sometimes called called Nyghton, the patron saint of Hartland Abbey, is said, by Leland, to have been one of the numerous progeny of Brechan*, a regulus in Wales, by his wife Gladwisa; he describes Nectan as a martyr, whose place of burial was at Hartland. (Collectanea, vol. iv. p. 153.) William of Worcester's account of this saint, and of his martyrdom on the 17th of June, partakes more of fable than of history.

A community of secular canons was attached to the church of S. Nectan at a very early period†; but Gaufridus, the son of Oliver de Dynham‡, lord of the manor and hundred of Hartland, whose property was very extensive both in Devon and Cornwall, procured the licence of his sovereign, Henry II., to change these secular into regular canons of the order of S. Augustine, and to found a monastery for them. Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter between the years 1159 and 1184, confirmed this transfer, which the founder seems to have left to the management of his friend, Richard Toclive, of Ilchester, archdeacon of Poictiers and afterwards bishop of Winchester, who was also a considerable benefactor to the new establishment. King Richard I. granted to the abbey the right of a gallows within the manor of Stoke S. Nectan. (Placita de quo warranto, post, Appendix.) From Oliver de Tracy the canons received a grant of the church of Fremington; from William de Boterell, or Botereaux §, the church of S. Andrew at Knowstone, and of Molland and Forbury; from Hugh Peverell the church of Woolfardisworthy; and from Richard Peverell and his wife Margaret the church of Brushford. It is probable that the original monastery was very incomplete and of a rude style of architecture; for Bishop Stapeldon, who made his visitation of it in 1319, describes the dormitory as hastening to ruin; the choir of the conventual church as dark; the belfry ill-covered; the lavatory badly arranged; and a locutory parlour or conversation-room as absolutely wanting; and he requires these defects to be remedied as soon as possible, under a penalty of £10 applicable to the building fund of the cathedral church of Exeter. On May 29, 1261, Bishop Bronescombe, as we learn from his Register (fol. 19), after stating that the vicarage of the parish church of S. Nectan, which was appropriated to the convent, had, by the negligence of the abbot of Hartland and his brethren, lapsed to the see according to the statutes of the Council of Lateran, proceeds to collate Henry de Hertilond, in priest's orders, to the vicarage, and assigns to him for his support the sum of 100*s.* per annum to be paid by the abbot or his proxy, also meat and drink such as one of the canons was allowed, for himself, and sufficient meat and drink for his servant, and the keep of a horse. In the same Register the bishop records that he had reconciled the parish church of Hartland on Saturday after the feast of S. Mary Magdalene, 1272, which had been polluted by effusion of blood in an affray between Oliver de Dinham and the canons, and that he had established peace between the parties.

Bishop Brantyngham, September 11, 1374, granted an indulgence of forty days to all true penitents who should pray for the soul of the lady Muriel Dynham, "cujus corpus in monasterio de Hertylond requiescit humatum." (Register, vol. i. fol. 54.) This lady was of the Courtenay family.

This large parish abounded with chapels. Bishop Stafford, being at Hartland Abbey May 21, 1400, (Register, vol. i. fol. 38.) granted permission for the performance of divine service "in honestis capellis Sancte Crucis in Clyfforde et Southcote ac Sancte Marie de Fyrbykene (Firebeacon), Sancti Jacobi de Milforde ||, et Ashmandesworthi

* Ex Vita S. Nectani: "Brechanus, regulus Wallie, a quo Brocchanoc (Brecon) provincia nomen sumpsit, ex Gladwisa uxore viginti quatuor filios et filias genuit, quorum hec sunt nomina: Nectanus, Joannes, Endelient, Menfre, Dilic, Tedda, Maben, Wencu, Wensent, Merewenna, Wenna, Juliana, Yse, Morwenna, Wymp, Wenheder, Cleder, Keri, Jona, Kananc, Kerhender, Adwen, Helie, Tamalanc. Omnes isti filii et filie postea fuerunt sancti martyres vel confessores, in Devonia et Cornubia vitam heremiticam agentes."—"Nectanus martyr Hartlandiæ sepultus."

† Tanner (Notitia Monastica) and Risdon state it to have been founded by Githa, the sister of Sweyn and mother of King Harold.

‡ To his descendant, Oliver Dynham, King Edward I., by his charter dated Westminster, February 20, anno 14 regni, 1285, granted a fair to be holden November 29 and 30, and December 1, "apud manerium suum de Hertone in comitatu Devon.;" as also free warren, "in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Harpeford, Notewell, Elsington, Matford, and Suthbrok, in predicto comitatu Devon." (Rot. Cart. m. 37.) The family owed their origin to the lord, or viconte, of Dinan in Bretagne, who assisted William at the Conquest and was represented, down to a late period, by the Denhams. A curious letter from one of this family, dated Lifton, A.D. 1537, seems to impute inactivity to the reformers in his neighbourhood. (Cott MSS. Cleop. E. IV. p. 51.

§ The family of Bottereaux was perhaps of Norman origin, from *Les Botteraux* (Boterellæ), near Evreux. But the surname or sobriquet of Boterellus was also assumed by successive members of noble Breton families, especially that of Penthiévre and Lamballe. Morice, Table Genealogique, &c.—S.

|| On an inquisition post mortem of Henry, duke of Lancaster, in 1360, the jury found, inter alia, that the abbot of Hartland held of the duchy of Lancaster the fourth part of a fee in Melford and Hole.

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(Exmansworthy), Sancte Wenne de Cherstowe (Cheristowe), Sancti Martini de Weddon (Meddon), et Sancti Michaelis de Kynneston (Kirmstone)."

Until the dissolution of the abbey, the patronage of it was vested in the Dynham family as lords of the manor, castle, borough, and hundred of Hartland; or in the heads of the four families, who had married the four daughters and coheiresses of John Lord Dinham, by his lady, Jane daughter of Sir Richard Arches, knight; viz. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, married to Fulk Bourchier, Lord Fitzwarren; Jane, the second daughter, to John Lord Zouch; Margaret, the third, to Sir Nicholas Carew, called by Leland Sir William Carew, knight; and Katharine, the fourth, to Sir Thomas Arundell, of Lanherne, knight, incorrectly called by Leland, John Arundell.

The following is the best catalogue of the abbots that we are able to offer:—

Benedictus occurs in one of the Frithelstock charters. See post, p. 219, Num. I.

Hugo was abbot in the reign of King John, to whom Matilda, the widow of William Lancell, granted all her wood in Launcell manor; for which gift she received ten shillings.

John Westcott probably succeeded.

Ogerius de Kernit was confirmed abbot on April 3, 1261.

Thomas Wyddebir succeeded on October 4, 1281.

John of Exeter occurs as abbot April 17, 1308, when Bishop Stapeldon addressed him a letter or excuse for not having acceded to his wish and recommendation by appointing his cousin, Thomas de Karneynet, to Udno church, but promised not to lose sight of his friend's advancement. In consequence of the improvement of their finances by his zeal and industry, two canons more were added to the community; and he seems to have rebuilt the cloisters, as an inscription on them testifies*. This abbot tendered his resignation, on account of bodily infirmities, on September 18, 1329, and died shortly after.

Roger de Ralegh was elected on February 18, and blessed by Bishop Grandisson on March 11 following. He died very early in the year 1350 (see Appendix, Num. IX.)

David de Wynscote confirmed March 6 in that year. The vacancy of the abbey on his death was notified to the patron May 9, 1354 (see Appendix, Num. XII.)

William Beaumont, a relation of the patron of Sir John Dinham, was instituted February 4, 1355. Eleven days later the following acknowledgment was made at Hartland, under his seal:—

"Ceste endenture fait a Hertilaunde le demaynge procheyn apres la feste Seint Valentyn lan du reigne le Roi Edward terce apres la conqueste vienteosyme testmoigne les covenaunts fait parentre Monsieure Johan de Dynham de une part et Sire William Beaumond, abbe de Hertilaunde, de daultre part, ceo est a savoir, que le avaunt dist Monsieur Johan ad graunte au dist abbe par cause de cosenage de entrer en son abbeie de meisme le lieu saunz feaute ou aultre service a lui faire par la que touz abbes de ces predecessours ount fait a luy et a ces auncestres du temps dont memorie ne court: pour quel graunt faire le avaundist abbe meyntenaunt, apres son induction, installacion et sa messe chauntee, connust le dit Monsieur Jean estre seigneur et patroun de meisme labbeie, et lui fist feaulte en presence de plusours gentz. En testemoignance de quele chose les avauntdiste Monsieur Jean et l'abbe susdite entrechaungeablement ont mys leur seals. Par ces testemoignes Rolaund Pennoun, Johan Beaumond, Richard Tetisbȳ, Roberd Ffaitecotes, Johan Winescode, et aultres. Donn jour, an, et lieu susdites."

The seal of the abbot is oval bearing a graceful figure of Christ hanging on the cross between two rose-bushes. On the exergue is a canon, with uplifted hands, in prayer. The legend is,

✠ NOS : SALVA : REX : CRVCE : XTE : TVA.

* ISTVD : QVADRATVM : CLAVSTRM : DIVERSIFICATVM : MARMOREO : LAPIDE : PERFECTVM : SVMPTIBVS : ET : ANNIS : ABBATIS : AC : ARTE : IOHIS : SIT : EI : GRA :

We suspect this to be the abbot on whom one of his subjects, Robert Mercheman, a canon of Hartland, laid violent hands. The culprit, on manifesting sincere repentance, was absolved by Bishop Brantyngham, Nov. 26, 1390. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 213.)

Philip Tone occurs as abbot in 1399. He died on Dec. 7, 1427, as was notified by the prior and convent to the patron on 11th of the same month. After the death of this abbot, disputes arose respecting the right of patronage (see Appendix, post).

Gencianus Mattyngho was elected on the 20th of the same month and year. His agreement with the patron, dated April 13, 1428, may be seen in the Appendix. He died May 27, or, according to another account, June 5, 1442.

Richard Tawton, senior†, succeeded eight days later. He died June 1, 1462.

Richard Tawton, junior, succeeded, June 28, 1462. In the Appendix will be seen his agreement with the patron, dated July 1, 1478. On September 20, 1508, this abbot consented to provide a priest and curate to serve Welcombe chapel at stated periods.

John Prust followed, whose election is not recorded, but who died in the summer of 1529. On July 1, 1527, he leased to Thomas Hunt, clerk, and to Robert Dey, the rectory of Knowstone and Bottreaux Molland; viz. the tithe of sheaf and a cottage adjoining the rectory-house, during their several lives, at the yearly rent of £8.

John Prust, junior, whose election was notified on Aug. 18, 1529, "patronis et fundatoribus Johanni Fitzwarren, Johanni Zouche, et Johanni Arundell, militibus." (See Appendix, post.) Three days later, he made his profession of obedience to the see of Exeter, "in capella D. Virginis Marie infra ecclesiam conventualem monasterii Sancti Nectani." We have seen the deed, dated from the chapter-house, March 1, 1530, subscribed "per me Johannem abbatem de Hertlond—per me Willielmum Gybbe priorem," appointing Thomas Arundell, esq., head steward of all the abbey property in the counties of Devon and Cornwall "et ubique alibi infra regnum Anglie," with a salary of five marks. This abbot with five of his religious subscribed to the king's supremacy, Aug. 31, 1534, and resigned, early in 1536, on a pension of forty marks, "pro victu et vestitu."

Thomas Pope was the last abbot, in whose time his house was dissolved February 21, 1539. On 1 April following, Archbishop Cranmer released him from his religious vows; an indulgence which the king, in the plenitude of his supremacy, ratified, approved, and confirmed, under the great seal of England.

The yearly value of the abbey was returned by Bishop Vesey to the Exchequer, in 1536, at £306. 3*s*. 4*d*.

The following is the list of pensions preserved in the Augmentation Office (Mon. Angl. vol. vi. p. 437):—

"Hereafter ensuith the yerely penc̃ons assigned & appoynted to the late abbott & cōvent ther by John Tregonwell, Wiłłm Petre, & John Smythe esquyers commissiōns ther the xxij^{d}. day of February in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of our soũeigne Lord King Henry the VIIIth. that they & eũy of them to have one quart' of a yere penc̃on at the ffeaste of th'annũciac̃on of o^{r}. Lady next com̃ying & at

† After the institution of this abbot, litigation again arose respecting the right of presentation to the abbey. Sir John Dynham brought a quare impedit against the bishop of Exeter and Richard Tawton, alleging that Gencianus had been presented by his father. The plea of the bishop alleged that the abbot was immemorially elective by the prior and convent, and that Gencianus was instituted by the bishop on such election and on the presentation by the prior and convent, and not on the presentation of Dynham. A writ was sent to the archbishop of Canterbury to certify on whose presentation that abbot had been instituted. At a further stage of the cause the plaintiff was nonsuited, and no return to the writ appears. The case is reported in the Year Book, 22 Hen. VI. fo. 25; and the pleadings are in the Liber Intrationum, fo. 71, and Rastal's Entries, fo. 496 b. It may be interesting to a legal student to observe, that the pleadings, as printed in the two last works, must have been copies from the pleadings whilst *in fieri*, and before an amendment made after argument *in banc*, as appears by the report in the Year Book. The pleadings in court were therefore not merely *ore tenus* at this time, though the report itself might lead a reader to suppose that they were so.—S.

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Michaelmas folowing half yere penc̃on & so to be payd eũy half yere during their liffe.

that is to sey,

Ffirst to Thomas Pope abbott .	lx^{li}.		
It' to Thomas Hirwell p'or . .	vj^{li}.	xiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}.
It' to Henry Kyne		cxiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}.
It' to Nyghting Bere		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Roger Stone is appointed to serve the chapell of Bykington, and he to have therfor by yere vj^{li}. xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}.; and if shall happin to be impotent or otherwise not able to serve the cure, then he to have for his penc̃on yerly .		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Sum of the yerely penc̃ons	iiij^{xx}viij^{li}.	vj^{s}.	viij^{d}.

With the exception of Henry Kyne, the above-mentioned pensioners were living in 1553. (Willis's Hist. of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 61.)

The abbot's town house in Exeter appears to have been in High-street, opposite to S. Stephen's church.

In the Appendix, Num. XV., we give a copious extract of the crown grant of Hartland Abbey, dated January 30, 1546, to William Abbott, esq., sergeant of the cellar. The consideration money was paid into the Court of Augmentation, but the grant was under the great seal. It continued in his family till 1609, when it passed to the Luttrells; Prudence, the eldest daughter of William Abbott of Hartland, esq., the nephew of the grantee, whose will was made May 26, 1609, and proved at Exeter, June 26 following, having married Andrew Luttrell, esq. From the Luttrells it passed, by the marriage of Mary Luttrell (who was buried at Hartland, November 8, 1722), to Paul Orchard, esq., who dying intestate in 1740, it descended to his only son, Paul Orchard, esq. At his death, on March 1, 1812, it passed, by his will (dated May 16, 1794, and proved in the Prerogative Court, June 22, 1812), to his nephew, the Rev. Thomas Hooper Morrison, of Yeo Vale; on whose death without issue, December 19, 1824, it became the property of the last-named Mr. Orchard's great-nephew, Lewis William Buck, esq., the present M.P. for North Devon, and whose only son, George Stucley Buck, esq., now resides at the abbey.

The rectory * was leased, July 1, 1565, by Queen Elizabeth to William Abbott, esq., the nephew of the original grantee of the abbey, his executors and assigns for a term of twenty-one years at the yearly rent of £14. This William Abbott surrendered his lease to the Queen, who thereupon, in consideration of the said surrender and of a fine of £14, May 16, 1580, granted a renewal to him for the term of his life, with remainder to his sons, Justinian and William, at the same rent. King James I., March 24, 1612, granted the rectory church and tithes to Francis Morrice and Francis Phillips, esqs., subject to the annual payment of £20 to a chaplain who was to officiate for the whole parish, and 9*s.* 1*d.* to the archdeacon of Barnstaple for synodals. On February 24, 1615, they conveyed the same to Richard Sutton and John Wotton, together with the rectory of Langunnor, in Carmarthenshire, for the sum of £1350 2*s.*, to fulfil the benevolent views of Thomas Sutton, esq., the founder of "the Chartereux," now the Charter House, London, who had died on December 12, 1611, aged seventy-nine years†.

* In the parish church of S. Nectan, at Hartland, a considerable ordination was holden on May 25, 1499.

† The governors of the Charter House, since that period, have nominated the curates, or chaplains, of Hartland; but the only names of these clergymen that we have been able to discover are,—

Thomas Done, who was buried July 5, 1627, aged eighty.

William Churton, from 1627 till his death, January, 164⅞.

George Mountjoy succeeded, who was re-licensed August 29, 1662, and was buried October 26, 1676.

William Orchard was licensed October 13, 1677, and was buried December 10, 1707: he gave the sacramental plate.

Robert Forster was licensed April 20, 1708, but resigned: he was buried February 10, 1725.

James Harcourt was licensed July 6, 1721.

John Jenkins was licensed September 19, 1728.

Kenrick Prescot succeeded for a short time.

William Morris was buried March 14, 1755, after serving the parish eighteen years.

Francis Tuttie succeeded May 14, 1770.

William Chanter licensed August 28, 1797.

John Moreman, S.T.P., a very distinguished clergyman, was born at Southhole. in this parish, and educated at Exeter College, Oxford. Patronised by Bishop Vesey, he was admitted rector of the Holy Trinity, Exeter, on September 25, 1528, which preferment he resigned on his appointment to Menheniot, in Cornwall, February 25, 1529. On June 19, 1544, he was collated to a canonry in Exeter cathedral, and was also preferred to Colebroke on October 25, 1546. Some writers contend that he was promoted to the deanery of Exeter, but we think, without good ground; for Dr. James Haddon was installed dean on July 10, 1553, and William Pye was collated to the prebend in Exeter cathedral on January 16, 155⅝, void by the death of Dr. Haddon. Dr. Moreman certainly died a short time before his patron, Bishop Vesey; for Robert Yendall succeeded on October 27, 1554, to Menheniot, void by his death. Wood, in the 2nd book of his Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon. p. 346, says, that he was buried at Menheniot.

We engrave two common seals, both circular, bearing the head of the supposed patron saint. One is manifestly more ancient than the other; it has less hair, and is bare and shorter in the neck. The letters of the legend are of higher antiquity. They are,

+ SIGILLVM NEHTANVS

: ✠ : SIGILLVM : : NECTANVS :

To the Right Honourable Henry Benedict, Lord Arundell of Wardour, we are especially indebted for many valuable documents illustrating this history of Hartland Abbey.

The following are extracts from records in the Augmentation Office:—

Com. Devon. Stoke alias Hartland.

The premises underwritten, in Hartland, were granted to Ambrose Smith and Henry Smith, by letters patent, October 29, 19 Eliz., 1577, in fee, under the reserved yearly rent of £4 7*s.* 7*d.*

A tenement in Filham, alias West Filham, late in the tenure of Katherine Quance, annual value 12*s.*

A tenement in ditto, late in the tenure of Laur. Walden, annual rent 5*s.* 10*d.*

A tenement in Trelick, in the tenure of Jane Stapleton, 7*s.*

A tenement called Stowford, in the tenure of Stephen Corrie, 14*s.* 8*d.*

A tenement in Galkysham, in the tenure of John Burden, 9*s.* 4*d.*

A tenement in Frelick, in the tenure of William Blagden, 1*s.* 2*d.*

Two tenements in Heckworthy, in the tenure of Joan Herde, 14*s.* 9*d.*

A mill, called Blackpole mill, in the tenure of Christopher Priest, 10*s.*

Two tenements, or messuages, and divers lands in Hartland, late in the tenure of Henry Reade, were granted [amongst other things] to Edmund Frost, gentleman, and John Walker, their heirs and assigns, in fee farm, for ever, by letters patent, dated January 19, 24 Elizabeth, 1582.

The church house in Hartland, and divers messuages, cottages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in the several occupations of Henry Priest, Richard Cole, John Rene Taylor, John Brimryge, Alice Robins, Thomas Buse, and John Rene Glover, lying and being in Bury, in Stoke Saint Nectan, and other premises in S. Leonards, Leigh, Newton, Brigworth, and Kyrmiston, in the parish of Stoke S. Nectan, and fourteen tenements therewith, there being, together with six messuages lying in Mannesley, Tosbere, Titsbury, and Grendike, in the said parish; and also a small grove in Filham, in the said parish, and the woods called Shepe's Well grove, and Brand's wood, Prestlynch wood, Horse park, Pattyshole grove, Northwood, and Ashbere, containing twenty-nine acres, and a wood of two acres near the site of the said priory and near Stoney Style, all the above-mentioned premises being of the yearly value of £15 18*s.* 3*d.* [and, the site of the priory included, £22 6*s.* 8*d.*] were granted to William Abbott, esq., in fee, by letters patent, dated January 30, 37 Henry VIII., 1545, to hold by the service of a fortieth part of a knight's fee and the annual reserved rent of £3 7*s.* 4*d.*

What became of the other parts of the manor of Hartland does not appear, the ministers' accounts in the Augmentation Office being deficient from 12 Elizabeth, 1570, when it was last accounted for. The entry in the 12th of

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Elizabeth is for £21 - 1*d.*, for the rents of the customary tenants, and tenants by convention, as yet in the hands of the Queen unsold.

A chapel on the site of the old market-house of Hartland was licensed Nov. 26, 1838.

Num. I.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi concessionem ecclesiæ S. Nectani Ricardo Pictaviensi archidiacono confirmans.

(Cart. 38 Edw. III. n. 1, per Inspex.)

Henricus rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod Gaufridus filius Oliveri de Dynam in presentia mea pro Dei amore et mea petitione, concessit et, quantum ad eum spectabat, donavit Ricardo Pictavensi archidiacono ecclesiam S. Nectani de Hertilanda cum capellis et terris et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis nominatim cum Bechetona, ut ibi ordo canonicorum regularium in voluntate predicti archidiaconi instituatur, et lx. s. annuos, quos de clericis ejusdem ecclesie solebat habere, et relevamina et omnia alia servitia secularia Deo et ecclesie et archidiacono imperpetuum remisit et quietum clamavit, et nihil penitus sibi in eadem ecclesia retinuit preter orationes*. Testibus; Gaufrido archidiacono Cantuar., Gaufrido capellano regis, et magistro Stephano de Fulgeriis, et Nicholao capellano, magistro Johanne Cumin, et magistro presbitero comitis Hugonis de Norf., Manass. Biset dapifero, Willielmo Malet., Goscelino de Baliolo, Alano filio Jordani, Ricardo Pincerna. Apud Wintoniam.

Num. II.

Carta Regis Ricardi Primi donatorum concessiones recitans et confirmans.

(Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 13. Vide cart. 38 Edw. III. n. 1.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem, etc. Ricardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitannie, et comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Sciatis nos pro salute anime regis Henrici patris nostri et nostra et omnium antecessorum et successorum et heredum nostrorum, concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse permutationem quam fecit Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus assensu et voluntate illustris regis Henrici patris nostri de canonicis secularibus qui fuerunt olim in ecclesia S. Necthani de Hertilanda in canonicos regulares, auctoritate Bartholomei Exoniensis episcopi, in cujus episcopatu ecclesia ipsa sita est, et assensu et voluntate Gaufridi de Dinam senioris et Oliveri fratris sui et Gaufridi filii Oliveri, in quorum feudo et dominio eadem ecclesia est fundata, ita quidem quod, amotis de prefata ecclesia Necthani de Hertilanda imperpetuum canonicis secularibus, abbas ibi et canonici regulares substituantur, qui secundum regulam Augustini et rationabilia instituta fratrum S. Nicholai de Arroasia ibi Deo serviant et pro statu et tranquilitate et pace nostra et regni nostri, simul et pro salute anime regis Henrici patris nostri, et nostra, et prefati Ricardi Pictavensis archidiaconi et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, sedule Deum interpellent. Et concedimus et presenti carta confirmamus predictis canonicis regularibus prenominatam ecclesiam S. Necthani de Hertilanda cum omnibus prebendis et terris et decimis et omnimodis aliis pertinentiis suis; et quod liberam habeant potestatem excolendi omnes terras suas ad usus proprios aut ad censum locare, sicut eis viderint magis expedire, quas prefati canonici seculares tenebant antiquitus de prebendis ecclesie S. Necthani de Hertilanda; et quod nullus de posteris predictorum canonicorum secularium, vel qui se fecerint heredes, clamare possit sibi juris aliquid de terris, que prefatis canonicis regularibus sunt a prenominatis dominis date vel concesse; scilicet, ex dono Gaufridi de Dynam senioris fundatoris eorum duas hidas terre apud Nectanestoke, et terram de Bechatona†, cum ecclesia de Bechatona. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus predictis canonicis regularibus relaxationem et quietanciam sexaginta solidorum, quos prefatus Gaufridus de Dynam solebat habere annuatim de canonicis secularibus qui prius ibi fuerunt, et de relevaminibus et omnibus secularibus serviciis, que idem Gaufridus de eisdem habere consuevit; et ex dono ejusdem Gaufridi capellam de Welcuma cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et capellam de Hertitona ‡ cum tresdecim acris terre ad eam pertinentibus; et capellam Sancte Wenne de Chirestowe§ cum terra que antiquitus appellata est Acra Sancte Wenne, et cum duodecim aliis acris; et omnes capellas infra parochiam ejusdem ecclesie S. Nectani constructas cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Ex dono ejusdem Gaufridi de Dynam unam virgatam terre, scilicet, Gallecusham‖. Ex dono Oliveri fratris predicti Gaufridi, assensu et voluntate Gaufridi filii sui et heredis, terras de Marcadene¶, et Scepelwelle**, quas predictus Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus ad opus predictorum canonicorum regularium a prefato Olivero acquisivit, cum hominibus et omnibus aliis rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ad edificandum ibi predictis canonicis regularibus ecclesiam et officinas suas. Ex dono Oliveri de Traci ecclesiam de Fremintona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et communi pastura, et octo solidatas terre, quas idem Oliverus predictis canonicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dedit. Ex dono Willielmi de Boterell ecclesiam de Gunstane††, et ecclesiam de Molanda, et ecclesiam de Forbiri cum terris et decimis et piscariis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Concedimus et confirmamus predictis canonicis domum quandam in magno vico Exonie, quam predictus Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus a prefato Willielmo de Boterell emit et eis dedit. Ex dono Hugonis Peverell ecclesiam de Wlfareswrye‡‡, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi Peverell et Margarete uxoris sue, assensu Roberti de Spec heredis ejusdem Margarete, ecclesiam de Briggeford§§, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Hawisie de Ridvers unum ferlingum terre apud Beauford‖‖ cum quadam parte nemoris sui quod vocatur Warham. Ex dono Henrici de Parco, terram illam que vocatur mons Gocelini. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus predictis abbati et canonicis regularibus ecclesie S. Nectani de Hertilanda omnes terras, et decimas, et possessiones, et omnia beneficia, que eis data sunt, sicut carte donatorum rationabiliter facte testantur, vel in futuro sunt rationabiliter acquisituri. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod abbas prefati loci de Hertilanda, et canonici regulares ibidem Deo servientes, habeant et teneant omnes predictas ecclesias sive terras, etc. adeo libere et integre, etc. sicut aliqua abbacia vel domus religiosa de terra nostra liberius et melius tenent, cum soca et saca, et tol et tem, et infangenethef, et utfangenethef, et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et quietanciis, in ecclesiis et capellis, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, in stagnis et vivariis, in mariscis et piscariis, in vineis et virgultis, in viis et semitis, in grangiis et in portubus, in civitatibus et villis, infra burgum et extra, et in omnibus aliis locis et omnibus aliis rebus, liberas et solutas et quietas de sectis sirarum et hundredorum, et de lethe, et wapentache, et de placitis et querelis de murdro, et pecunia que ad murdrum pertinet, sive ad latrocinium, et de scutagio, et hidagio, et de assisis, et de geldis, et danegeldis et horngeldis et fotgeldis, et de blodwita et fitwita et flitwita et leirwita et heingwita et flemenefenda, et werdpeni et averpeni et hundredpeni et tolingpeni, et de operationibus castellorum, poncium, et parcorum et vivariorum et stagnorum et murorum et de clausuris omnimodis, et fumagio, et mareimo cariando, de armis portandis, et exercitibus et summonitionibus, et de thesauro ducendo et warda tenenda, de auxiliis seu donis vicecomitum et bailliorum suorum, et de omnibus aliis auxiliis, et de misericordia comitatus, et quietas ab omni theoloneo et passagio

* In the agreement made April 13, 1428, between the patron John Lord Dynham and the abbot and convent, the former claims nothing "tempore vacationis abbathie preter participationem suffragiorum canonicorum."

† Bickington.
‡ Harton in Hartland.
§ Cheristow in Hartland.
‖ Now Galsham in Hartland.
¶ Now Marcadon in Hartland.
** Called Shapwell, Shapeswell, or Sopwell, in the grant to Abbot, post.
†† Knowstone.
‡‡ Woolfardisworthy
§§ Brushford.
‖‖ Now Beaford.

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et pontagio et stallagio et lestagio et de omni servicio et exactione seculari et opere servili, et de omnibus occasionibus aliis et consuetudinibus secularibus, et quod, excepta justicia mortis et membrorum, habeant curiam suam de omnibus querelis que exorte fuerint in terris et possessionibus suis, et justiciam de eis, ita quod witas suas inde capere possint. Prohibemus eciam ne ipsi canonici ponantur in placitum de aliquo tenemento suo, nisi coram nobis ipsis, vel coram capitali justicia nostra. Hec omnia concessimus predictis canonicis nostris de Hertilanda in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pro amore Dei et beati martiris Nectani, cui jugiter et intente famulantur pro anima regis Henrici patris nostri. Testibus hiis,—H. Dunhelm., G. Wyntoniens. episcopis. Data primo anno regni nostri per manum W. de Longo Campo cancellarii nostri, Eliensis electi. Apud Westm. octavo die Novembris*.

Num. III.

Taxatio vicariæ de Hertilond.

(Bronescombe Reg. fol. 19.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus miseratione divina Exon. episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam tenore presencium volumus pervenire, quod cum taxanda vicaria ecclesie parochialis S. Nectani de Hertilond tanto tempore vacaverit, quod ipsius collatio per negligentiam abbatis et conventus Hertilondie, qui ecclesiam ipsam in proprios usus obtinent pleno jure concessam, secundum statuta Lateranensis Concilii ad nos extitit devoluta, nos, periculum animarum precavere et earum saluti prospicere cupientes, vicariam ipsam dilecto filio Henrico de Hertilond, presbytero, divine caritatis intuitu contulimus et ipsum in eadem canonice vicaria instituimus, ordinantes de expresso consensu partium, ordinacioni nostre in verbo veritatis et sacerdotii in scriptis sacrosanctis per omnia stare promittencium, quod idem vicarius per manus et liberacionem abbatis predicti vel ejus procuratoris centum solidos sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus annuatim, esculenta quoque et poculenta cotidiana sicut unus de canonicis loci predicti pro se et uno servitore sibi ministrante, ac pabulum pro uno equo, nomine vicarie tantumodo percipiat; reservata nobis cum expedire viderimus ad utriusque partis utilitatem hujusmodi assignationem mutandi potestate. Volumus et quod abbas et conventus predicti omnia onera ipsius ecclesie et capellarum ex ea dependencium debita et consueta totaliter agnoscant et per unum de eorum canonicis, quem ad hoc elegerint, de ipsarum fructibus ac proventibus universis disponant pro sue libito voluntatis. Idem vero vicarius, per se et unum clericum duntaxat, in ecclesia predicta personaliter continue ministrabit. Abbas vero et conventus predicti presbyteros idoneos quos ad hoc elegerint, in capellis ex dicta ecclesia dependentibus suis sumptibus ministraturos, per eorum procuratorem et vicarium predictum archidiacono loci, cum opus fuerit, presentabunt. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas eidem vicario concessimus patentes. Datum Londoni 4 kal. Junii, consecrationis nostre anno quarto. (May 29, A.D. 1261.)

Num. IV.

De libertatibus manerii et abbatiæ de Hertland.

(Excerpta ex Rotulis Hundredorum, 3 Edw. I., vol. i. p. 73, 93.)

Hertiland. Veredictum duodecim juratorum etc. Dicunt quod dominus Oliverus de Dineham tenet manerium de Hertiland in capite de domino rege pro duabus partibus feodi unius militis, faciendo inde servicium pro feodo hauberci†.

Dicunt quod insula de Londay est escæta domini regis per mortem Willielmi de Maresco felonis, et dominus Holverinus tenet dictam insulam per baỹiam (bayliam?) regis Henrici patris Edwardi regis qui nunc est: nesciunt quo warento‡.

Item dicunt quod abbas de Hertiland habet furcas et assisam panis et cervisie per cartam Johannis regis.

Hundredum de Nortauton. Jurati illius hundredi dicunt quod abbas de Hertilaund est de novo feoffatus de quodam tenemento apud Brigford§ quod solebat communicare ad regale servicium et ad alia gulda cum terra Willielmi de Spek apud Brigford; et dictus abbas non patitur nunc ballivos domini regis distringere pro servicio domini regis sicut solebant.

Num. V.

De libertatibus abbatis de Hertland in villa sua de Stoke S. Nectan.

(Rot. de Quo waranto, 10 Edw. I., printed ed. p. 166.)

Abbas de Hertilaund summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii, furcas, emendas, assise panis et cervisie fracte in Stoke Seneton (i. e. Stoke S. Nectan) sine licentia etc. Et abbas venit, et quoad furcas dicit quod ipse habet infangandthef et utfangandthef in manerio suo de Stoke Seneton ex dono et concessione domini Ricardi regis, et profert cartam etc. que hoc idem testatur. Ideo quoad hoc inde sine die.

Et quoad visum franci plegii et emendas assise panis et cervisie dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria usi sunt predictis libertatibus. Et quod ita sit, petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Ideo inquiratur. Et jurati, quoad emendas assise panis, dicunt quod predictus abbas nullas habuit emendas, eo quod nulli sunt ibidem pistores. Et quoad visum franci plegii dicunt quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria usi sunt predicto visu etc. Et quoad [emendas assise servisie] idem abbas capit redempcionem de tenentibus suis ibidem pro assisa servisie fracte . . . . predictis villis de Stoke Seneton . . . . . est coram domino rege a d . . . . . [cetera desunt‖].

Num. VI.

Commissio quo audiendo et terminando quasdam transgressiones Oliveri de Dinaunt in episcopum Exoniæ circa custodiam abbatiæ de Hertland¶.

(Pat. 3 Ed. I., printed Prynne's Exact History, &c. p. 170.)

Rex dilectis et fidelibus suis Henrico de Monteforti et S. de Roffa, salutem. Monstravit nobis venerabilis pater

* See a charter of King John for this abbey, transcribed in Harl. MSS. No. 6748, p. 19.

† See ante, p. 69.

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Num. III.

Taxatio vicariæ de Hertilond.

(Bronescombe Reg. fol. 19.)

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(Excerpta ex Rotulis Hundredorum, 3 Edw. I., vol. i. p. 73, 93.)

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(Rot. de Quo waranto, 10 Edw. I., printed ed. p. 166.)

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Three grants, from Walter Bredin to his brother Ralph, of all his lordship of Holeweithlonde, and of certain other defined premises.

Release, from Jordan Barnage to said Ralph, of his (Jordan's) claims in Holeweietlonde.

Fo. 87.] Grant, by said Ralph, of all his lands in the manor of Blachebrigge to the abbot of Thorre.

Conveyance from the said abbot, with the consent of his convent, of all their rights in the manor of Holeweietlonde to John, the son of Philip.

Agreement between said abbot and Reginald de Albemarle concerning the common of pasture in the manor of Woodberi.

Fo. 88.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Geoffrey, son of William de Albemarle, knight.

Another deed of agreement between said Geoffrey and the abbot of Thorre respecting Grendil.

Fo. 89.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Fulco, son of Reginald de Albemarle.

Fo. 90.] Description and valuation of the contents of the manor of Coffynswell.

Fo. 91, 92.] Confirmation of the possessions of the abbey of Thor by King Edward III., on the 8th of July, in the 17th year of his reign.

Full notes of a plea-roll regarding Thorre, and dated in the 10th year of the reign of Edward III.

Fo. 93.] King Edward's further confirmation to Thorre, dated 7th April, 22nd year of his reign.

Ditto, 6th Nov., 22nd year of his reign.

Fo. 94.] Release, by John de Mohun, Lord of Dunstorr, to the incumbents of Vatington, Stoke, Bradworth, and Alors [?].

Grant, from John de Bercadon and John de Pyn, to the abbot of Thorre. Dated in the 36th year of Edward III.

Confirmation by King Edward. Dated 7th Feb., in the 34th year of his reign.

Fo. 95.] Licence of alienation, from Hugh de Courtenay to John de Berkadon, of certain messuages and premises in Tor-Mohun, to enable him to grant the same to the abbey of Thor, with further assurances and releases of claims thereon. Dated 1st of August, 36th Edward III.

Notes of a fine levied for the further assurance of the last-mentioned premises.

Fo. 96.] Grant, from John Raleigh of Smallrigge, of certain chief-rents and lands in Daccombe to John Smith and others.

Grant, by Richard Penleen, chaplain, of certain premises in Kokyngton to Henry Blakeburne.

Fo. 97.] Inquiries concerning the stannaries taken in Devonshire in the 24th year of the reign of Edward III.

Grants, from John de Mohun, of all his manor of Tor-Mohun, with the rents, services, villeins, &c.

Fo. 98.] Particulars of the contents and value of Skedebroke.

Release and 'quit-claim,' from Payan de Mohun to the abbot of Thorre, &c.

Fo. 99.] Grant, from William de Briewere to Henry de Ferindon, of the manor of Dunningeston in exchange.

Grant of said premises by the said Henry to the house of Thorre in frankalmoigne.

Grant of Duningeston from William, the son of William Briewere, to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 100.] Fines levied for the further assurance of said premises to Thor, in the 12th and 22nd years of the reign of King Henry III.

Acknowledgment from William, minister of the church of Exeter, as to the right of the chapelry of Duningeston.

Fo. 101.] Confirmation, from William de Thornton, of the grants of his father John, of premises in the town of Haggele to the abbot, &c., of Thor.

Agreement between said abbot and the vicar of Milverton, concerning the tithes of their lordship of Hagele.

Confirmation from King Henry of the possessions of Thorre.

Fo. 102.] Grant, from Fulco Painel, of a burgage in Bampton to Robert Clerk of Bampton, at a certain yearly rent.

Grant by said Robert of all his houses, &c., near the church of S. Mary, Bampton, to Matildia Pamella.

Fo. 103.] Grant, from John de Oxton, of a messuage with its appurtenances near S. Mary's church in Bampton, to the abbot, &c., of Thor, subject to a chief-rent.

Grant, from Robert de Curtenai, of all his rights in the prebend of Asseclist to the abbot of Thorr. Dated in the 14th year of the consecration of Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter (1184)?

Confirmation thereof by William Brewere, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 104.] Fine levied in Easter term, 22nd Henry III., of the advowson of the church of Haggeley, by force whereof Laurence, abbot of Thor, released all claim thereto to Robert de Lexington, and said Robert in consideration thereof released all his right in the prebend of Asseclist to said abbot.

Grant of the abbot's rights in Asseclist to William de Yutheli. (Nearly illegible.)

Confirmation of the prebend of Asseclist from Hugh de Courtney to the abbot of Thor, in 1276.

Further confirmation thereof by the bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 105.] Further confirmation by Peter, bishop of Exeter. (The handwritiug in this part of the volume is extremely pale and illegible.)

Royal confirmation of this prebend in the 13th year of the reign of Edward III.

A pontifical confirmation thereof.

Fo. 106.] Account of fees held in Devonshire under the earl of Devon.

Fine levied by the abbot of Thorre, of the fourth part of the advowson of the church of Scetbrocke, in the 37th year of the reign of Henry III.

Mandate from King Henry to Robert, bishop of Lincoln, commanding his acquiescence in the abbot of Thorre's right in the advowson of Scetebrock as aforesaid.

Fo. 107.] Grant, from Richard de Parco, of the church of Schitebrock to the abbot of Thorre in frankalmoign.

Confirmation thereof by Beatrice, daughter of Roland Haket.

Further confirmation thereof by Walter, son of Richard de Parco.

Three confirmations of the same by Hugh, bishop of Lincoln.

Release, by the dean and chapter of Lincoln, of any their claim thereon.

Fo. 108.] Record of the admission of Roger to the church of Schitebroke, in the presentation of the abbot of Thorre.

Fine levied in the 18th year of the reign of Henry III., "of the advowson of a fourth part" of the church of Schitebrook.

Grant from William Bruewere of the church of Braworthi, with the chapel of Pankradeswicke and its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant from same to same of one ferling of land, in the manor of Brawothi, defined by metes and bounds.

Fo. 109.] Confirmation, by Henry de Porno, of the church of Braworthi, with the chapelry of Pancratiswicke and the appurtenances, to the house of Thorre.

Confirmation thereto of the church of Braworthi, with its tithes and appurtenances, by Henry, bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation by S., bishop of Exeter, of said rights, in a question on a controversy raised respecting them.

Full particulars of the adjustment of a difference between the church of the Blessed Virgin de Valle, in the diocese of Bayeux, and the church of Thorre, respecting the church of S. Peter of Braworthi, and a decree thereupon at a general chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

Releases further confirming the abbot's rights in Braworthi.

Fo. 110.] Assent of William, abbot of S. Mary de Valle, reciting the above controversy, and ratifying its adjustment.

Award of William (Briwere?), minister of the church of Exeter, concerning the rights of the vicar of Braworthi.

Fo. 111.] Release from Henry Tyril of all his claim to the premises in Braworthi, and to its dependent chapelry of Alfarsworthi, to the abbot of Thor.

Grant from Richard de Langford, knight, of the tithes of his mill in Braworthi, to the abbot of Thorre, specifying the quantity and quality of the tithes to be taken.

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Fo. 112.] Grant from Baldwyn de Wyka, son of Robert de Blachford, of two furlongs of land in Wyka, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of said gift by Edith, the sister of said Baldwin.

Confirmation, by William Talbot to the abbot of Thor, of two furlongs of land in Wyka and one in Blachford, with the reliefs and wardships, and all emoluments to the seignory belonging.

Fo. 113.] Attornment, by Henry de Parco, for the payment of a chief rent, issuing out of the land of Blachford, to the abbot and convent of Thorre.

Fine levied of said chief-rent by the abbot, in the 28th year of the reign of Henry III.

Fine levied by ditto, of the suits and services at the mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 114.] Grant by King John of the church of Sefbeare to the abbot of Thorre.

Confirmation thereof by S., bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation of the vicarage thereof to the same religious body, by William, bishop of Exeter.

Record of the admission of a clerk to Shefbert, on the presentation of the abbot of Thorre, and confirmation thereof.

Fo. 115.] Two grants from Ralph de Monte Sorrel to Robert de Markeros, of half a ferling of land in Nockrigge, with its appurtenances, as defined by metes and bounds, at a rent certain.

Confirmation thereof by Letitia de Perro, to said Robert de Markeros.

Fo. 116.] Grant of said half ferling, by said Robert de Markeros, to the abbot of Thorre, and to the church of S. Michael of Sefbarge, and to the chapel of S. Laurence of Sepwas, for the support of one chaplain to serve said chapel.

Confirmation, by Sibilla de Attavilla, of her mill at Uppecot, with an acre of land thereto adjoining, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 117.] Grant by Matthew the son of Robert, parson of the chapel of S. James of Toriton, of all his land in Toriton to William Carpenter in fee together with certain houses appertaining to said chapel subject to a certain rent for the parson of the chapel for the time being.

Grant from Robert, lord of Wyke, of certain specified lands within his lordship to the abbot, &c. of Thorre.

Acknowledgment, by Gervase de Norton, of suit and service due by him to the abbot of Thorre, at his mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 118.] Agreement, in 1284, between the abbot of Thorre and Robert de Bosco, relative to the rights of the parson of Braworthi.

Grant, by William Briewere, of the church of Bokelond, with its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of the last grant by William, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 119.] Confirmation of the vicarage of Bokelond by William, bishop of Exeter, to the house of Thorre.

Renunciation, by the prioress of Kington and her convent, of all their right in the church of Bokelond, to the said house.

Fine levied by said prioress to strengthen her renunciation, whereby it appears that she gave the same in consideration of a grant from the abbot of Thorre of his land in Hywenha, in Berkshire, to her convent.

Fo. 120.] Grant by Robert Mile of half a ferling in Mileford, to Henry Clerk, at a rent certain.

Agreement between the burgesses of Totton and the abbot of Thorre.

Grant by William de Cantelupe, lord of Totton, exempting the abbot and house of Thorre from all tolls payable in Totton.

Fo. 121.] Grant from William Tete, with the assent of his wife Isabella, of all their rights in the land, which the said William had previously purchased from Ralph Alan, to the monastery of Thorre, reserving the chief-rent due thereout to the lord of Totton.

Grant of a rent-charge issuing out of Cotton from Richard, the son of Adam Albus, to Thorre.

Similar grant of a rent-charge by Luke de Penill to Thorre.

Grant by Henry Pie of a pound of wax annually to said house.

Similar grant of wax by said Richard, son of Adam Albus.

Fo. 122.] Grant by Henry, son of Alan de Vere, of four pounds of wax annually to Thorre.

Grant, by William de Bokelond, of all his land of Radecliffe, in the manor of Bokelond, by metes and bounds, with common of pasture over said manor, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Two confirmations from Roger de Bokelond of the grant of his grandfather, William de Bokelond, to Thorre.

Fo. 123.] Confirmation from Edward de Spineto to the abbot of Thorre of one furlong of land in Scobetore, "which William de Bokelond had given to said abbot with his body," with a further grant of all reliefs, wardships, and other emoluments, occurring on said land.

Grant, by William de Lestre, of certain lands near the wood of Glascombe, to the monastery of Thorre, with common of pasture and turbary in the manor of Langford, reserving certain rights of way.

Fo. 124.] Releases and confirmations of premises in Totton to said abbot.

Fo. 125.] Grants of premises in Holerygge to said abbot.

Release of premises in Holerygge from William Russel to William de Chamberlaine.

Confirmations thereof.

Fo. 126.] Two fines levied of the premises in Holerygge, in 1277.

Fo. 127.] Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, with the consent of his convent, of all their lands in Holerygge, to Ralph, the son of Gilbert of Holerygge, together with the houses, gardens, &c., subject to certain rents and services.

Grant from said Richard, with similar assent, of all his land in Ellecumbe, in the manor of Ulleburgh, to Nicholas . . . . . .

Fo. 128.] Inquisition taken in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Edward III., concerning the rights of the abbot of Thorre in certain parcels of land as belonging to the sanctuary of Bokelond.

Plea roll concerning the rights of John de Mohun, and Johanna his wife, in the manors of Ulleburgh and Braworthi, in Devonshire, and in other manors in Berkshire, Dorsetshire, and Somersetshire; setting forth the several titles of said John and Johanna thereto respectively.

Fo. 129.] Announcement by Thomas (Brantingham) bishop of Exeter, to the abbot of Thor, of a subsidy ordered by King Richard II., reciting fully the king's writ for that purpose, which is in Norman French; the other parts of the document are in Latin, as are the bishop's directions for the due assessment and levying of the subsidy.

Fo. 130.] Confirmation of the possessions of Thor by the dean and chapter of Exeter.

Agreement between Gilbert Fitz-Stephen and the abbot of Thorre, relative to the advowson of the church of Tunstall. Dated in the 23rd year of the reign of Edward I. (1295.)

Fo. 131.] Appointment, by William Norton, abbot of Thorre, of proxies, in 1404.

Account of the denominations and acreable contents of the manor of Blackaveton.

Fo. 132.] Confirmation from Matthew, the son of John, of grants made by Peter, the son of Matthew, his uncle, within the manor of Aveton, to the church of Thorre.

Entry of the respective tenants of Aveton, and their rents.

Ditto of homages rendered to John, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 133.] Further grant from Peter, the son of Matthew, of all his rights in the manor of Aveton, to the religious of Thorre.

Grant to the same effect from John, the son of Matthew.

Agreement between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and John, son of Matthew, concerning suit and service at the mill of Aveton.

Fo. 134.] Confirmation, by King Henry, of the grant of Peter, the son of Matthew.

Release from Isabella de Fortibus, countess of Albe-

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marle and Devon, and lady of the Isle, of all her land in Aveton, to the monastery of Thorre, in Frankalmoigne.

Agreement between the abbot of Thorre and Master Andrew FitzMartin, respecting premises in Youneystone and Stanburg, and the villeins and the mill therein.

Fo. 135.] Further agreement concerning the same, between Nicholas FitzMartin, guardian of Matthew Fitz-John, the abbot of Thorre, and the tenants of said last-mentioned premises, in relation thereto.

Release and quit-claim from Nicholas FitzMartin of all demands in relation thereto, to the said abbot. Dated 55 Henry III.

Grant, from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to William de Prestaton, of lands in the manor of Aveton, at a rent certain.

Grants of other premises in said manor, by said abbot.

Fo. 136.] Grant, from the abbot to William le Archer, of Haggeford, of certain premises in the parish of Combe, a plot of meadow in the parish of Wolleburgh, with rights of commonage over a certain defined space, and for a prescribed period of the year.

Grant, by the abbot of Thorre, of premises in the manor of Aveton, to R., the son of H. de la Denne.

Fo. 137.] Grant, from Simon Fitz . . . . . to Henry de Fissacre, of a ferling of land in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from John le Baron, of all his land in Westhurtlegge, in the manor of Aveton, to the house of Thorre, to hold on frankalmoigne.

Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, to William de Prusteton, of a mansion in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from said Richard, of another mansion and land in Aveton, to Robert de la . . . . . .

Release to Simon, abbot of Thor, of all right of commonage of pasture in Wolleburgh, from John Perste, in the 16th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Notes of persons who had done homage to the abbot of Thor, on account of Aveton.

Enumeration of the various rents payable off certain specified town-lands to the abbots of Thor.

Fo. 138.] Further enumeration of the tithes of the several vills in the parishes of Scheftbeare and Bokelond.

Grant from John, abbot of Thorre, of a certain proportion of the tithes of the mill of Blackaveton, to John Smyth.

Fo. 139, 140.] A very obscure and illegible document, respecting, as it seems, the rights of the religious of the orders of Clugny, the Cistercians, and the Premonstratensians.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 141.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of certain premises in Tor-Mohun, in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Appointment of proxies by Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 142.] Accounts of the sheriff of Devonshire.

Ditto, relative to Bokelonde.

Ditto, relative to Aysclist.

Fo. 143.] Grant, from John de Mohun, of a chief-rent issuing out of Tor-Mohun, to John Tolbrock.

Fo. 144.] Assize taken at Exeter respecting some possessions of Thorre abbey.

Ditto concerning Clyfton, Teignemouth.

Fo. 145.] Three recognizances from John de Ferrariis, son of William de Ferrariis, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 146.] Appointment of proxies by the abbot.

Fo. 147.] Confirmation charter by King Edward.

Fo. 148—152.] King Henry's charter, "de libertatibus Anglie," dated at Westminster, on the 11th of February, in the ninth year of his reign, with the royal mandate for its observance, directed to all the officers of justice.

Fo. 152.] Inquiries ordered to be made in the several counties of England for the better government of the kingdom.

Fo. 153.] Agreement between Laurence, abbot of Thor, and William de Cantilupo, respecting the tolls of Kingsweir.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of a messuage, with its appurtenances.

Fo. 154.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, to Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of land called Sinteshey, in exchange for land called Gasehey. [Between 1246 and 1259.]

Grant, from said Simon, of specified premises in Kingsweir to Benedicta, the daughter of Walter de . . . .

Grant from said Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of a certain part of Haygele, to Henry de Reneyin.

Fo. 155.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian monks.

Grant by Robert, abbot of Thor; an inspeximus of a former conveyance from Adam, abbot of Thor, of one ferling of land in Kaneber at an annual rent.

Fo. 156.] Grant from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises near Wytemore, to Reginald de Albemarle.

Release, from the abbot of Thorre, of all the lands of Kokynton, to Roger de Kokynton, for ever.

Fo. 157.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of land in Kaneber, to John Tyril.

Fo. 158.] Release from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of a certain mansion or hall (aulæ) in Kings-weir, to Michael de Biddeford.

Grant from Brian, abbot of Thorre, to Peter de Fissacre and his wife, of certain premises in Lidwicheston.

Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of premises in North Sillingford, to Walter Fitzwilliam.

Fo. 159.] Memorandum of the death of William le Briewere without offspring of his body, further recording that he lay buried in the abbey of Thorre; with the addition of a short account of his relatives and kindred. The following is the purport of the entry:—

"William de Brewer, the elder, begat one son, and he was called William, and he died without heirs of his body, and he lies buried in the abbey of Thorre; whereupon the inheritance descended to all his sisters, viz. Margerie de Fernac, Grecie de Brewes, Isabelle de Dovere, Alicia de Moun, and Johanna de Percy.

"The said Margery was the first-born daughter of the said William, and she took husband and bore to him a certain daughter by name Gondreda, and she took to her husband Pagan Chawerth, and he had by her Patrick de Chawerth, who succeeded Pagan de Chawerth, and he died without heirs of his body, and his inheritance descended to his kinsman* Patrick, who married the daughter of Earl Warrenne.

"Grecie de Brewes, the second-born, took husband, and bore to him a son, William de Brewes by name, and this William had four daughters; viz. Agnes, who was married to . . . . . son of . . . . . Wallie, and died without issue; Matilda, who married Reginald de Mortuo Mari; Eva, who was the wife of . . . . . de Cantilupo, whose son was Gregory de Cantilupo; and Eleanor, who was the wife of Uffrid de Boney [Bovey?], whose son was Uffrid de Boney.

"Isabella de Dovere, the third-born, became the wife of Baldewyn Bath, whose son was Hugh Bath, who had a son by name Baldewyn Bath.

"Alicia de Moun, the fourth-born, was married to Reginald de Moun, who had a son by name John de Moun, which John had a son by name John, *now living*.

"Johanna de Percy, the fifth-born, was wife of William de Percy, which William de Percy had by said Johanna four daughters, viz. Johanna de Ferlington; Agnes, wife of Eustace de Bayllol; Alicia, wife of Ralph Bermingham, whose son was William Bermingham; and Anastasia."

Grant from William, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises in Braworthi, to William of Braworthi.

Fo. 160.] Record of a presentation, by the abbot of Thorre, to the vicarage of the church of Braworthi, with three confirmations thereof by several parties.

Fo. 161, 162.] Notes of proceedings at a chapter of the Premonstratenses. (Illegible.)

Fo. 163.] Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of two acres in Grendal, to Benedict le Yate.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of an acre and a burgage in Grendal.

Release by Peter Fitz-Matthew, lord of Stoke, in reference to Engleburne and Colrigge.

* The Latin word here used is "fratri," but it must bear another construction.—D'A.

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Fo. 164.] Confirmations by King Edward, in the ninth year of his reign, of the possessions of the house of Thorre.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of a certain rent-charge payable out of Sillingford, to the dean and chapter of the church of S. Peter of Exeter, with a clause of distress.

Fo. 165.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

An indulgence from Pope Innocent to the order.

Document regarding the rights of this abbey in the church of Scitebrock, in the diocese of Lincoln.

Fo. 166.] Notes (as it would seem) of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order, and the subordination of some churches of the order to others.

Fo. 167.] Agreement between Richard de Langford and Gervase de Norton, whereby the former grants to the latter all his lands, houses, villeins, markets, fairs, homages, services, &c., in Braworthi, subject to a certain rent, for better securing which a power of distress is reserved.

Grant from Richard, the abbot, &c., to William de Mountford, canon of Exeter, of a certain annuity, with power of distress.

Fo. 168.] Acknowledgment, from Gervase de Norton, knight, of a chief-rent due and payable by him to the abbot for premises in Braworthi.

Assignment from Richard, the abbot, of a seignory in Bradworthy.

Fine levied in Trinity term, in the 24th year of the reign of Henry III., of two carucates of land, and two mills, in Braworthi.

Fo. 169.] Release from the abbot of Thorre to the abbot and convent de Montisburgo of all suit and service due by the latter house out of or on account of certain premises in Aveton.

Appointment of proxies by the abbot of Thorre.

Recognizance of Brian, the abbot, to Thomas de Bokelond. Dated at Thorre, on S. Gregory's-day, in 1265.

Visitation and return in reference to the rights of the abbot of Thorre in Thor, Ulleburgh [Woolborough] and Hannock.

Valuation of the tithes of the respective churches belonging to Thorre.

Fo. 170.] Release from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to John de Clerkeston, of services in the manor of Aveton.

Priory of S. James, Exeter,

IN THE DEANERY OF EXETER.

THE great monastery of Cluni in the diocese of Maçon was founded by William, count of Auvergne and duke of Aquitaine, about the year 910. Its first abbot was Bernon, who had distinguished himself by his zeal in restoring amongst his disciples the primitive rule of S. Benedict. Dying in 927, he was succeeded by Odo, a noble and learned monk, who enforced the observance of that rule with such exemplary strictness as to pass for the founder of the reformed order.

William, earl of Warren, a son-in-law to William the Conqueror, is said to have introduced this earliest branch of reformed Benedictines into England, and to have erected their first house (S. Pancras) at Lewes, in Sussex, about the year 1077. The prior of this house was the high chamberlain of the abbot of Cluni.

At the time of the general suppression of monasteries in England there were about twenty houses of the Cluniac order, whose total rental amounted to £4972. 9*s*. 9½*d*.

In the diocese of Exeter, to which we confine our researches, there existed but two houses of this order; viz. S. Mary Magdalen's at Barnstaple, an establishment which will be hereafter noticed, and that of S. James, Exeter. The mother house of these was the abbey of S. Martin-in-the-Fields, near Paris*.

The priory of S. James, of which we now treat, was founded by Baldwin de Redveriis or Rivers, earl of Devon †, before the year 1143. It is often called De Marisco, from its marshy situation. He granted to the community all his land of Cotelegh with its wood; half of the fishery at Topsham; two acres of the land through which their mill-leat flowed, and the right of erecting mills between Southbrooke and Topsham; and the church of Tiverton. Richard, the earl's son, confirmed and perhaps enlarged his father's grants. Stephen of S. Leonard's added six acres of land between their mill-leat and the king's high road (probably the land now opposite the artillery barracks) for the better support of the establishment. The founder's grant was approved by Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter, and by the primate Theobald.

The community was small, consisting of a prior and four monks. Being a priory in connexion with an alien house, it was often taken into the custody of the crown during the wars between England and France. The revenues were inconsiderable. In the taxation (1291) of Pope Nicholas IV., the annual rental at Crowlegh or Crealeigh, in Faringdon parish, is rated at . – 13 4

In Exeter	–	4	–
At S. James's	–	3	–
At Cotleigh	1	–	–
At Dunsford	3	–	–
At Holcombe	–	15	–
Total	£5	15	4

To this we must add the prior's share in Tiverton church, then rated at £4. 3*s*. 8¾*d*.

King Henry VI., with the assent of parliament, per-

* All the Cluniac priories in this country and elsewhere were originally subject to the great parent monastery of S. Peter at Cluni, and were chiefly supplied with superiors from France: hence they were regarded as alien, unless they obtained charters of denization from the crown. The first grants were often made directly to S. Peter of Cluni, as at Lewes, Linton, &c.; or to S. Martin of Paris; or to both jointly, of which instances will be found in the charters of this priory and of that at Barnstaple.

The name of S. Martin in Campis seems to have been introduced into some of these charters of donation, not because the donors were particularly connected with that house or with Paris, but because it early obtained a reputation little inferior to that of its great prototype at Cluni: hence the praises of Peter the Venerable:—"Est S. Martini monasterium summo Cluniacensi monasterio in ordinis, religionis, et fervoris proposito pro modo suo sic consimile et in tantum conforme, ut velut simulachrum ceræ impressum multis aliis ad Cluniacum pertinentibus monasteriis originalis sigilli imaginem familiariùs repræsentet." (Epistola ad Odonem, priorem, cited in the Monasticon of Renatus Choppinus, ed. 1709, p. 170.) The preponderance of foreigners in the Cluniac priories, and the large payments remitted by them abroad, were the subject of heavy complaints in the reign of Edward III. (See Reyneri Apostolatus, &c., p. 147; Rot. Parl., 20 Edw. III. vol. ii. p. 163.) It is stated in the last record that £2000 were annually sent to Cluni by the English houses.—S.

† Some account of this family will be found under Ford abbey.

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56 Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torr et Rogerum de Parco de annuo redditu iij solidos.
[In the curia regis, ap. Exon., 28 Hen. III., in a suit for rent out of land in Blachcheford-wike and Harolesden.]
Carta domini Roberti le Deneis de terra quam concessit capelle Sancti Pancracii de Wike.
Convencio facta inter R. abbatem de Torr et R. de Bosco de quodam oratorio. [Dat. 1284.]

57 SHEBBEARE.

Confirmacio Johannis regis Anglie de ecclesia de Shebbeare. [See Rot. Cart. 9 Joh. m. 7.]
Confirmacio domini S. Exon. episcopi de ecclesia de Shebbeare. [In the reign of John.]
Confirmacio domini Willielmi episcopi de vicaria de Shebbeare.
Institucio facta nobis per archidiaconum Barnastapl de ecclesia de Shebbeare.
[It is a confirmation by R. archdeacon of Barnstaple of an institution by his predecessor J. archdeacon.]
Item alia institucio de eadem ecclesia.
Carta R. de Monte Sorel data Roberto Markeros.
Carta Rad. de Monte Sorel data Roberto Markeros.

58 SHEPWASSH.

Carta Leticie de Pirro concessa Roberto Markeros.
Carta Roberti de Markeros data domui de Torre.
Carta Sibille de Alta villa domui de Torre de molendino de Uppecote.

59 SCHEFTBERE.

Carta Mathei filii Roberti data Willielmo Carpentario.

60 BOKELONDE.

Carta W. Briwere senioris de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio Willielmi [Briwere] junioris de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio domini Willielmi episcopi Exon. de Bokelonde.
Confirmacio W. episcopi Exon. de vicaria de Bokelonde.
Renunciacio priorisse et conventus de Kinkiton de ecclesia de Bokelonde.
Renunciacio priorisse et conventus de Kinkiton de ecclesia de Bokelande.
Finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Wilton.
[In the Curia Regis coram Justiciariis Itinerantibus, ap. Wilton. 12 Hen. III., respecting the right to the advowson of Bokeland.]
61 Carta Roberti Mile data Henrico clerico.
Quieta clamacio abbatis Johannis le Rous* abbati de Bokelonde de quadam pastura in Bokelonde.
[Dat. 35 Edw. I.]
Carta composicionis inter abbatem de Dunkeswill et abbatem de Torre de Bosco et communia pasture de Bokelonde. [Dat. 35 Edw. I.]

62 TOUNSTALLE.

Carta Willielmi filii Stephani de ecclesia de Tunstalle.
[Isabella, the donor's wife, is mentioned.]
Confirmacio Ricardi filii Willielmi filii Stephani.
Confirmacio S. Exon. episcopi.
Composicio edita inter abbatem et conventum de Torre et parochianos de Tounstalle.
[Dat. 1372. It is referred to, ante, p. 171.]
64 Confirmacio Willielmi Exon. episcopi.
Confirmacio [per regem] carte [libertatis] majoris et communitatis de Dertmouth.
[Dat. 25, Nov. 17, Ric. II., reciting the charter of his grandfather, 50 Ed. III.]

* This is the abbot called "John" in the list, ante, p. 171.

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65 Confirmacio W. Exon. episcopi de ecclesia de Tounstalle.
Confirmacio Ricardi Exon. episcopi de vicaria de Tounstalle. [Dat. 1247.]
Composicio facta inter abbatem et conventum de Torre et Gilbertum filium Stephani de Cantaria capelle de Norton. [Dat. 1251.]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de ij acris et dimid. jacentibus in manerio de Norton.
[Dat. 16 Edw. I.?]
66 Carta Ricardi filii Stephani data Guidoni Crispin.
Carta Roberti Peysun data Guidoni Cryspin.
Carta Widonis Crispin.
67 Carta Thome Dewambe.
Carta Briani abbatis de Torre et conventus concessa Petro de Fissacre de terra de Lydewichiston.
Carta Gilberti filii Ricardi filii Stephani de advocacione ecclesie de Tounstalle. [Dat. 1294.]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de ij acris et dimid. jacentibus apud Tounstalle. [Dat. 16 Edw. I.?]
Carta Ricardi filii Stephani de quibusdam particulis terre jacentibus apud Tounstalle.
[Dat. 13 Edw. I.?]
68, b. Composicio inter majorem de Dertemouth et abbatem de Torre.
[Dat. 1395. It recites the obligation of the abbot, John de Berkedon, in 1372, to find a chaplain for the new chapel of Clifton, Dartmouth. See ante, p. 171.]
70 Carta Edmundi episcopi Exon. taxatio vicarie de Townstall.
[The taxation is at twenty marks. This entry is in a later hand.]

71 KYNGESWERE.

Carta Walteri de Vasci de terra de Kyngeswere data domui de Torre.
Carta Willielmi de Vasci data Roberto le Bastard.
Carta Michaelis de Restercumbe.
Quieta clamacio Guidonis de Restercumbe.
Carta prioris et conventus Totton.
Carta Alicie de Rotomago.
72 Carta Willielmi Finamor de iij ferlingis terre cum pertinenciis in Lidewigeston.
Carta Thome Finamor filii et heredis W. Finamor de ferlingis subscriptis.
Carta Thome de Cirecestre.
Carta Osberti le Fraunceys.
Carta magistri J. de Brixam.
73, b. Carta Ivonis de Fyschacre de Boway.
[Dat. 21 May, 18 Edw. III.]

74 AVETON.

Carta Petri filii Mathei de tota terra de Aveton cum pertinenciis.
Confirmacio J. filii Mathei de tota predicta terra de Aveton.
Confirmacio Mathei filii Johannis de tota terra in manerio de Blakeaveton cum omnibus pertinenciis ibidem.
75 Carta Simonis filii Roberti de donacione de Westhurtlegh in Aveton.
Confirmacio Johannis le Barun de donacione de Westhurthlegh in manerio de Aveton.
Confirmacio Henrici regis super donacionem terre de Aveton.
Quieta clamacio Isabelle comitisse Albemare et Devon. de tota terra de Aveton.
76 Finalis concordia inter S. abbatem de Torre et J. fil. Mathei super sectam castri de Plympton pro terra de Aveton.
[In curia regis ap. West. 43 Hen. III., in an action to enforce the suit of the villains of John FitzMatthew to the mill of the abbot at Aveton.]
Recognicio Hugonis de Treverbyn quod homines de Strete [et aliorum locorum] debent sectam.
Carta Willielmi le Spek de donacione totam terram suam [*sic*] domui de Torre.

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Carta relaxacionis predicti Willielmi le Speke de tota terra sua in Aveton.

77 De controversia inter Ric. abbatem et M. Andr. filium Martini de Yongeston.

Quieta clamacio Nicholai filii Martini de l. marcis annui redditus.

Item alia quieta clamacio ejusdem Nicholai de eodem annuo redditu. [Dat. 55 Hen. III.]

Carta Ricardi abbatis conventus de terra de Preston. concessa W° de Preston pro vij^{s}.

78 Carta Ricardi abbatis de donacione bosci in manerio de Aveton.

[Reserving suit to the abbot's mill, "ita quod ipse (i. e. the grantee) et heredes sui vel assignati statim post adventum eorum possint molere post bladum illius quod tunc erit molens*."

Carta relaxacio Elie Tilye de terra in Westhurtlegh. in manerio de Aveton. [Dat. 9 Edw. IV.]

Glascumbe.

Carta Willielmi de Lestre de donacione terre de Glas cum bosco ibidem (in manerio de Langford).

[The land is described as lying between two waters, called Esterglas and Westerglas.]

Carta tradicionis de terra de Glas pro v^{s}.

80, b North Shillyngford.

Carta Drogonis de monte Giroun de terra de Shillyngford.

[The land is described as late in the tenure of William de Tracy.]

Carta Willielmi de Tracy de Shillyngford. [Dat. 10 Ric. I.?]

Quieta clamacio Everardi Cole de tenemento suo de Shillyngford.

81 Carta donacionis Osmundi de Shillyngford Everardo Cole de dimidia terre in Shillyngford.

Carta Drogonis de monte Gyron de terra de Shillyngford †.

Bradeneys.

Quieta clamacio Henrici filii comitis Reginaldi Cornubie de secta hundredi de Bradeneyse.

[The quit-claim is in respect of lands given by W. Briwere to the abbey. Dat. 32 Hen. III.]

Quieta clamacio Ricardi Comes [comitis] Cornubie de secta hundredi predicti.

82 Shillyngford.

Controversia inter abbatem de Torre et W. B. rectorem de Exmystre super decimam persone de Shillyngford.

[A composition respecting tithes of agistment. Dat. 1235.]

Litera testimonalis de eadem decima.

[The certificate is by the prior of S. Nicholas, by the commission of R. bishop of Sarum.]

Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torre et Drogonem de manerio de Shillyngford. [Dat. 10 Ric. .]

Finalis concordia inter abbatem de Torre et W. de Tracy. [Dat. 10 Ric.]

Finalis concordia inter Adam filium Petri et abbatem de Torre. [Dat. 12 Hen. III.]

83 Convencio inter Ricardum abbatem de Torre et Henricum Pynde de Northshillyngford. [Dat. 1275.]

Convencio inter Ricardum abbatem de Torre et Henricum Pynde de Shillyngford. [Dat. 1288.]

* This will be recognized as the same privilege as that secured to the tenants of Tywarnhaile priory, ante, p. 180. Mr. Hunter, in his Hallamshire Glossary, mentions a class of tenants in that part of England called *hopper-frees*, who are entitled to preference as soon as the hopper is empty. See ibid. ad voc.—S.

† N. Shillingford seems to have been held by W. de Tracy under Dru de Montgirun, and to have been bought by W. Briwere, the real donor to the abbey. See Cart. Num. I., and Introd. to Rot. Scacc. Norman. vol. ii. p. 140.

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84 Recognicio Drogonis de Mongyron. de tribus ferlingis terre in Shillyngford.

Carta Ricardi de la Lege de feodo duorum ferlingorum terre in Shillyngford pro canonicis de Torre.

Licentia regis Edwardi tenendi terras in manu mortua.

86 Cokyntone.

Donacio abbatis et conventus Sancti Domuelis [Dogmaelis] de terra de Kokynton.

[Described as originally the gift of Robert FitzMartin.]

Quieta clamacio magistri W. de Pembrok de capella de Kokynton. [Dat. 1203.]

Confirmacio domini W. Exon. episcopi de capella de Kokynton. [Dat. 1203.]

Item confirmacio Bartholomei episcopi de sanctuario pertinente ad capellam de Kokynton.

87 Carta Rogeri de Kokynton de escambio terre de Cokyntone.

Carta Rogeri de Cokyntone de cursu aque de Fuleforde.

88 Convencio facta inter R. de Cokyntone et R. abbatem de Torre de novo cursu aque.

Confirmacio H. de Cokynton de cursu aque de Scirewille.

Carta W. de Cokynton de Scirewille.

89 Cantaria de Cokynton pro cursu aque de Scirewille.

Carta Jacobi de Cokyntone de tractu sagene nostre apud Leverme ‡.

[The document, dated 10 Edw. II., is in French. It grants or confirms to the abbey the right to draw their nets in Livermead, ("trere of lour reys en Levermede,") as heretofore, and to dry them there, and wind the cords there; and also to have all easements in the lands of Cokynton "par desuth la faleise," to drag their nets, &c.]

90 Litera R. abbatis Sancti Domuelis [Dogmaelis] de quodam transcripto carte terre de Kokynton.

91 Welles.

Carta Roberti de Huppetone et Margarete uxoris eius de terra eorum de Welles.

Carta Margarete filie Sewardi de terra de Welles.

Carta Odeline filie Sewardi de terra de Welles.

Carta Sampsonis Foliot de tribus solidis annuatim solvendis de Welles.

Confirmacio Ricardi Foliot filii Sampsonis de uno ferlingo terre in Welles.

92 Carta Fulconis de Ferrariis de terris omnibus ad W. B. pertinentibus una cum eodem et tota sequela sua.

Carta Ricardi Foliot.

Confirmacio Ricardi Foliot, filii Sampsonis Foliot, adhuc alia.

93 Composicio de sex denariis annui redditus in Welles.

Seyntemarichurche.

Carta Avicie de Seyntemarichurche de uno ferlingo terre ibidem.

94 Carta Thome Burghchier, militis, domini manerii de Cokynton.

[An inspection of a prior grant to the abbey, dat. 12 Edw. IV., in a later hand than other entries.]

95 Daccumbe.

Carta Ricardi le Spek (de terra de Daccumbe et Wille).

Principalis carta Jordani de Daccumbe [canonicis de Torre].

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis

‡ See a suit by the abbot against Roger and Phil. de Cokington, respecting common of fishery, temp. Ed. II. Plac. abbrev. 326 b.

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inter abbatem Laurencium et Jordanum de Daccumbe.

[In curia regis ap. London, 23 Hen. III., of the manor of Daccombe.]

HARIGGE*, WELLES COFFYN.

96 Quieta clamacio Jordani de Daccumbe de Holrig.
Carta Jordani de Daccumbe de Welles Coffyn.
Carta Thome filii Jordani de terra de Daccumbe.
Carta principalis de terra de Holrigge.

97 Carta Agathe de Holrigge de uno mesuagio cum pertinenciis in Holrig.
Quieta clamacio Thome de Daccumbe de Holrigge.
Carta Stephani Bauceyn de duobus ferlingis terre in Welle C[offyn].
Carta Radulphi Budyn de Holeweyeslond.
Finalis concordia inter Symonem abbatem et Robertum Coffyn. [Dat. 1254.]

98 Carta Stephani Baucan de duobus ferlingis terre in Welles Coffyn.
Acquietancia abbatis et conventus Tavistochie de x. libris receptis ab abbate et conventu de Torre.
Quieta clamacio W. le Speke de duobus feudis militum in Daccumbe et Welle.
Convencio facta inter abbatem de Tavistok et abbatem de Torre. [Dat. 1277.]

99 Convencio facta inter abbatem de Torre et Robertum Coffyn.
Quieta clamacio inter Robertum de Scovchille et Rogerum de Lahulle et abbatem et conventum de Torre de terra de Welle Coffyn. [Dat. 2 Edw. II.]

100b Quid sit verum relevium heredis de Coffynwille.
[A few notes of the pedigree of the Coffyns occur here.]

101 Licencia domini regis [7 Edw. II.?] de terra de Coffynwille.

102 HOLRIGGE.

Licencia domini regis de terra de Holrigge. [Dat. 14 Edw. II.]
Carta Willielmi Russel de Porta de terra sua in Holrigge. [Printed ante, No. VIII.]
Item alia carta Willielmi Russel.
Carta Petronille de Holrigge de magno gardino suo in Holrigg.

103 Item alia carta Petronille de Holrigge de uno mesuagio cum curtillagio.
Carta Willielmi filii Willielmi de Chauleswey de tota terra sua in Holrigge.
Carta Okeline de Holrigg de tota terra sua de Holrigge.
Carta Susanne neptis Ricardi persone de Alfynton de terra sua de Holrigge.

104 Carta Willielmi de Chetelisbeare filii Rogeri de Baggatorre Ricardo persone de Alfynton de terra in Holrigg.
Carta Willielmi Russel "de la yete," Willielmo de Chavelesweye de terra in Holrigge. [Dat. 6 Edw. I.?]
Quieta clamacio Ricardi persone de Alfynton Willielmo Russel "de la gate," de terra ibidem.
Carta Petronille de Holrigge canonicis de Torre de terra in Holrigge.

105 Convencio, A.D. 1277, inter Willielmum Russel de la yete ex una parte, et Willielmum Chamberlayn et Willielmum Fullonem de Holrigge ex altera parte.
[This is a lease of the land.]
Convencio, A.D. 1277, inter Willielmum filium Willielmi et Matildam de Chaulewey ex una parte, et Rogerum de Axmue, fisicum, ex altera.
[This is a mortgage to secure a sum of money, of which the mortgagee is to be at liberty to compel payment, either by ecclesiastical censure or by distress, "sine strepitu et solemnitate judiciali, quocunque modo et qu[ando]cunque voluerit."]

* Sic; but seems a mistake for Holrigge.

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107 Carta abbatis de Dogmael in Kemys in comitatu Pembrok abbati et conventui de Torre de capella S. Georgii et S. Marie apud Cokyngton. [Dat. 1469, 9 Edw. IV.]
"Bulla indenture," testifying payment of the consideration or purchase-money, viz. £63. 6*s.* 8*d.*, on July 18 of the above year.
A release, by the abbot of Dogmael, for the same.

108 A power of attorney given by the same abbot in 1467, for the purpose of the above sale.

NUM. XV.

Abstract of the Tor cartulary, at Trinity College, Dublin†.

Fo. 1.] A valuation of the temporal possessions of the abbey of Thorre, amongst which are assessed
A church and garden at Thorre,
Chief rents and a carucate of land in Asletha,
A chief rent in Coleton,
A chief rent and carucate in Ildecombe,
A chief rent, a carucate, and a mill in Ulleburgh, with the new town,
Chief rents, two carucates, and a mill, with other possessions, at Flode, in the parish of Hathanock,
Chief rents at Shillingford, Grendal, and Dunningeston.

Fo. 2.] Certain tithes in Brixham, Beri, Little Hempeston, Great Hempeston, Thor-bryan, Devenbury, Karswille, Ulleburgh, Thor-bruyere, Ipplepen, &c. Memorandum of William Beare having done homage to the abbot of Thorre for his (William's) possessions in Aysclist in 1408. Similar memorandum of homage done by Thomas Colbay, for his (Thomas's) possessions in Shillingford.

Fo. 3.] Accounts of disbursements by the administrator of the abbey, and, amongst these, of money granted to the king on his return from the Holy Land.

Particulars of a subsidy granted for a crusade at the council of Lyons in 1274, and of the apportionment thereof on the churches and chapels in the diocese of Exeter, amongst which occur the names of Thorre and Ulleburgh (Woolborough). An account is also given of contributions, on the same account, out of the tithes of the churches of Haccomb, Ulleburgh, Torre, with the chapel of Cokinton, Tunstal, Bokeland, Braworthi, and Weltberge (Shebbear?)

Fo. 4.] Appointments of procurators by the abbot of Thorre, executed in that monastery.

Fo. 5.] Another valuation of the tithes of Torre and its possessions, in which the several dependent churches, chapels, and manors, are fully enumerated. Other appointments of proxies.

Fo. 6.] Appointments of proxies by the abbot of Thorre in 1278.

† The learned author of the abstract, John D'Alton, esq., of Dublin, gives the following account of the MS.:—

"The manuscript classed in Trinity College Collection as E 5, 15, purports to be the chartulary of the monastery of Thorre in Devonshire. It is on vellum, extending over 170 leaves of two pages each, small quarto. It was not originally numbered by leaves, but has been so in a modern hand. Its records extend from the time of King John to 1409, which latter is believed to be the latest express date in the collection. The records copied are, it will be seen from the following epitome, exceedingly numerous, and are, as might be expected, in different hand-writings, and without chronological order, subsequent economy taking advantage of spaces left by former scribes; hence the latest date, as above-mentioned, occurs at fo. 2 in dorso. I have noted the dates, or such particulars as of abbots' names, parties, witnesses, &c., as might ascertain the dates, where such evidence was discoverable, but sometimes this was wholly unattainable. The character of the hand-writing is, in many instances, extremely obscure, and rendered more so by ill-conducted scourings of the vellum.

"The volume purports to have been presented by William Barry, A.M., to the college library. Stamped upon the first leaf is a seal exhibiting the crest of a stag's head, the whole stag appearing on the shield, with the motto 'Veritas vincit,' and the words 'Sig. Rich. . . . Co . . . Notar . . . 1668," in an outer circle. The document does not contain any regular list of the abbots of Torr, but their names, in the interval, sometimes appear in the deeds, as stated in these abstracts; nor is there any notice of obits or interments, except that of William Briewere, as noted by me."

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Fo. 7, 8, 9, 10.] A bull (very imperfect, half the folios having been cut off), purporting to confirm to the Premonstratenses all privileges theretofore granted by Popes Alexander, Lucius . . . . . and Innocent.

Fo. 11.] A bull of Pope Gregory in favour of the Premonstratenses, dated in the first year of his pontificate.

Fo. 12.] Bull of Pope Boniface, in the second year of his pontificate, in favour of the abbot of Thorre, with directions relative to ordinations by a bishop or archbishop at his instance, and other incidental forms. This document bears date in 1299.

Fo. 13.] Confirmations of the charters of Thorre abbey by King Edward the First. The dates appear to be 1303 and 1307 respectively.

Fo. 14.] A very indistinct document, which appears to relate to the right of the abbot to present a clerk to the parish churches of Thor-Brywere and Ulleburgh, in the diocese of Exeter, severally or jointly.

Fo. 15.] Memorial from the administrator of the abbot and convent of Thorre to Robert, archbishop of Canterbury, in relation to a proposed valuation of the temporalities of this abbey for the first-fruits. Dated 1307. Appointment of proxies by John de . . . . . abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 16.] Agreement between the abbot and convent of Langedon of the Premonstratensian order in the diocese of Canterbury of the one part, and the abbot and convent of Thorre of the other part. Executed at Langedon, A.D. 1318.

Undated assessment of the hundreds of Exminster, Coleton, &c.

Form for rendering homage and fealty.

Fo. 17, 18.] A bull, whereby the pope takes under his protection the monastery of S. Saviour of Thorre, and subjects it to the rules of S. Augustine. This record recites the possessions of the monastery in the towns of Ulleburg, Grendal, Coleton, North Sillingford, "unum ferlingum terræ" . . . . . of the gift of William de Vaci, the land of Kingswear; of the gift of Sampson Foliot the church of Braworthi, saving a certain pension; the churches of Diptford, Thunstal, Mohun, Bucland Brewer, Sheftsbear, Henoc, Scytbrock, Hannock, and Ulleburg. This bull also prescribes the manner of electing the successive abbots, and prohibits intrusions on their rights. It is without date, and, the commencement being lost, the pontiff's name does not appear.

Fo. 19, 20, 21, 22.] Bulls of Pope Urban, directed to Walter bishop of Exeter and to the several abbots of the Premonstratensian order in England, extending all the privileges, which had been previously conferred upon that order by Popes Alexander III., Lucius III., Urban III., Clement III., Innocent III., and Honorius III., to the monastery of Thorre. The last of these bulls has the date of the nineteenth year of the pontificate of Pope Innocent; but it has been altered, in a modern hand, to the first year of Pope Urban IV., the year of our Lord being also changed from 1210 to 1261.

Fo. 23, 24, 25, 26.] Enumeration of the various charters, bulls, and grants made in favour of this monastery; namely,

The charter granted by King John.
. . . . . William de Briewere.
. . . . . Beatrice his wife.
The release and quit-claim of William de Briewere, jun.
Three charters concerning Coleton.
Five . . . . . Thor.
Four . . . . . Kokinton.
Seven . . . . . Welles.
Two . . . . . S. Marie church.
Twelve . . . . . Daccombe.
Fourteen . . . . . Ulleburgh.
Six . . . . . Canebury.
Twenty-five . . . . . Hannock.
Eight . . . . . Nowllingestre [North Shillingford?]
Eight . . . . . houses in Exeter.
Twenty-two . . . . . Grendal.
Eight . . . . . Dunningeston.
Three . . . . . Haggele.
Three . . . . . Banctona.
Three charters concerning the prebend of Ashclist.
Seven . . . . . the church of Onchydbroke [Skidbroke?]
Fifteen relating to the church of Braworthi.
Eleven . . . . . Stetbrocke [Shebbeare?]
Seven . . . . . Bokeland.
Ten respecting houses, tolls, &c., in Colaton.
One respecting the land of Glas.
Eleven concerning the church of Tunstal.
Ten concerning King's Were.
Nine other general charters.

N. B. Some of the above documents, although their titles are thus classed, apply equally and sometimes more properly to other subjects.

Notes of the statute of King Edward, "pro religiosis."

Charter of Reginald de Mohun to Thor.

Grant of Hageleigh, by King Edward, dated at Westminster, Nov. 7, in the eighth year of his reign.

Fo. 27.] Grant of Holleerygge to Thorre by Agatha, the wife of William Chamberlain.

Account of the fees belonging to Thorre Abbey.

Grant of Cadeton to Thorre.

Fo. 28.] Confirmation of the possessions of this house by the Bishop of Exeter.

Glossary of terms used in charters, writs, &c.

Fo. 29.] Confirmation, by King John, of the possessions of Thorre Abbey in Thorre, Ulleburg, Coleton, Grendil, &c. (The same inserted in the Appendix, ante.)

Fo. 30, 31.] Confirmation of the above charter by King Edward I., on the 12th of June, in the 13th year of his reign, enumerating the possessions of the monastery as above, and adding the names of the respective donors.

Fo. 31-2.] Charter of William Briewere, temp. Richard I., granting the ground for building the abbey. (The same inserted in the Appendix, ante.)

Fo. 33.] Another and fuller transcript of the last-mentioned grant, which was witnessed by Henry, Bishop of Exeter, and others.

Fo. 34.] Charter of Beatrice, the wife of said William, also temp. Richard I., confirming her husband's said grant. (See Appendix, ante.)

Further confirmation thereof by William Briewere, junior.

Fo. 35.] Grant by William Briewere, junior, of the lands of Eylesham and Coleton to Thorre. (See Appendix, ante.)

Another grant, by the same, of the water of St. Peter's fountain to this monastery, with a watercourse therefrom.

Fo. 36.] Confirmation, by Reginald de Mohun, of all that his grandfather, William Briewere the elder, and his uncle, William Briewere the younger, had given to Thor.

Agreement entered into on the 1st of March in the 36th year of the reign of Henry III. (1251.) between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and his convent of the one part, and Reginald de Mohun of the other, whereby the abbot licensed Reginald to build a chapel "in suâ curiâ de Thorre," for the use of himself and his family, provided always that no sacraments were given therein, nor parochial rights exercised.

Fo. 37.] Confirmation of the grants of the Briweres by Henry [Marshall], then bishop of Exeter.

Inspeximus of the preceding grants by William Bre-[wer], Bishop of Exeter.

Release of half a knight's fee in Coleton from Henry de Nonant to William de Briewere.

Grant of [rent out of] Woggewille by Thomas, the lord thereof, to the abbot of Thorre Briewere.

Fo. 38.] Inquisition taken in the 20th year of Edward III., concerning the chauntry of the church of Bokelond and the rights of the abbot of Thorre therein.

Grant by the abbot and convent of S. Dogmael [in Wales], conveying their rights in Kokinton to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 39.] Grant to said abbot, by William de Briewere, of a certain portion of Coleton, defined by metes and bounds.

Another grant of Kokinton, by the aforesaid abbot and convent of S. Dogmael, of Kamasia [Camois], to the abbot, &c., of Thorre, at the yearly rent of 5*s*.

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Release, by Walter de Pembroke, of all his rights in the chapel of Kokynton. Dated October, 1238.

Confirmation of said chapelry by the Bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 40.] Confirmation of the sanctuary belonging to said chapel.

Grant, by Robert de Hureton and Margaret his wife, of the land of Welles, &c., to the abbot and convent of S. Saviour of Thorre.

Fo. 41.] Grant of Welles to this abbey, by Margaret, the daughter of Seward.

Further grant of Welles to the same, by Odeline, another daughter and co-heiress of Seward.

Grant, by Sampson Foliot, of a chief-rent issuing out of Welles, to said abbot.

Confirmation of Sampson's grant by Richard Foliot, his son, who also confirms all the grants of Margaret and Odeline in relation to this property.

Fo. 42.] Grant, by Fulco de Ferrars, of certain lands and messuages in Welles to the abbot of this house.

Confirmation of said Fulco's grant by Richard Foliot.

Fo. 43.] Grants of a furlong of ground in S. Marie church, with a watercourse, to the abbot of Thorre, by Amicia.

Grant, by the same, of three pounds of wax, to be annually paid to the abbot of Thorre, from the day of her death.

Fo. 44.] Grant, by Roger de Kokynton, to the church of the Holy Trinity of Thorre, giving thereto twenty-one acres upon the mountain called "la Windiete," as an appurtenance of the chapel of Kokynton, with clause of warranty, &c.*

Grant, by Edmund, son of Edward Foliot, of land in Welles, to the church of S. Saviour of Thorre.

Fo. 45.] Grant of possessions in Daccumb, by Richard d'Espec, to Robert and Michael Yber.

Grant, by Jordan of Daccomb, to Laurence, abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, conferring all his lands in Daccumb and all services rendered thereout with warranty.

Notes of a fine levied June 25, in the 23rd year of the reign of Henry III. [1239.] of the manor of Daccumb, with its appurtenances for better assurance.

Fo. 46.] Release, by said Jordan of Daccumb to the said abbot of S. Saviour's of Thor, of the lands of Holerigge and all services therefrom, with warranty.

Grant from said Jordan to Stephen Baucon, conveying to the grantee certain lands in the ville of Welles.

Fo. 47.] Assignment of the last-mentioned lands, by Stephen Baucon, to the house of Thorre, in consideration of twenty marks.

Grant of the lands of Holewressonde to the abbot of said monastery.

Agreement between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and Robert Coffyn, in relation to certain tenements in Welles-Coffyn, and releases confirmatory thereof.

Fo. 48.] Agreement, in 1276, between Robert, abbot of Tavistock, and Geoffrey, abbot of Thorre, whereby the former released to the latter all claims to two knight's fees in Welles-Coffyn.

Fo. 49.] Further releases confirming the possessions of the religious of Thor in Welles-Coffyn.

Royal confirmation thereof in the 14th year of the reign of King Edward.

Release of lands in Holerigge from William de Russel to said abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 50.] Further confirmations of the last-mentioned release from said William de Russel.

Fo. 51.] Grant from William de "Bruera," son of Anthony "Bruera," to William de "Briewere," in consideration of forty marks, conveying the town land of Willeburge, with the advowson, the fishery, &c., and authorizing said William de Briewere to alien same to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 52.] Grant, from Henry, son of Reginald, earl of Cornwall, to the abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, confirming the possessions of his house in Thorre, and exempting the religious from suit and service, &c.

Release and further indemnity in relation to said lands, suits, and services, in Thorre, from Robert de Courtenay to the abbot of the house of "the Holy Trinity" at Thorre, and exempting them especially from all scutage, relief, wardship, &c., in respect of the lands of Ulleburg.

Further confirmation, by Matilda de Courtney, to the church of "S. Saviour," of all her rights in Ulleburg.

Fo. 53.] Acknowledgement, by William de Bruera, of the right of the abbot of Thorre in Ulleburg, taken in open court, and so certified by W. de Raleigh, sheriff of Devonshire.

Confirmation, by Henry, bishop of Exeter, of the church of Ulleburgh, with its appurtenances, to "the religious of Thor."

Grant, by Geoffrey de Brueyere, to the abbot and convent of Thor of a right of free passage for horses, carriages, &c., through his lands of Teigne.

Grants, from Walter le Barber of Tavistock, to the church of the Holy Trinity of Thor, of certain messuages as particularly described, situate in the "New Town," with their appurtenances.

Fo. 54.] Grant, from Geoffrey Giffard, to the abbot of S. Saviour's of Thorre, of all his land in Mainbog, with the gardens appertaining.

Grant, by Luke Fitz-John, confirmatory of said gift of Geoffrey Giffard.

Fo. 55.] Grant, by Theobald de Anglica villa, confirming to the monastery of S. Saviour's the gifts of Geoffrey Giffard and Luke Fitz-John, and also confirming the possessions of the abbot, &c. of Thor in Teyngewyke.

Grant, by Osbert of Poitou to the church and canons of S. Saviour's, of a chief-rent issuing out of Woggaville.

Confirmation by King Henry to Thor.

Fo. 56.] Grant of William Briewere to Thor fuller than those before stated.

Fo. 57.] King Edward's charter, enumerating the possessions of Thor and confirming them.

Fo. 58.] Grant, from Robert, the son of Ralph Frelard, of the land of Kanebery, with its appurtenances, messuages, and gardens, to the monastery of S. Saviour's, at the yearly rent of ten marks sterling.

Grant, by Gervase Fitz-Odo to the church and canons of Thor, of a chief-rent issuing out of the land of Aulre.

Grant, by William de Boteraus and Aveline his wife, of another chief-rent out of Aulre to the said church of Thor.

Fo. 59.] Grant, from Ralph de Curiford, of another chief-rent out of Aulre to the church of Thor, and confirming a grant from Angram Fitz-Odo, his uncle, and Aveline, his mother, of rent-charges to the same religious establishment.

Confirmation thereof by Richard . . . . . .

Release and renunciation, by John Turill, of all claim to the meadow of Tamford and in the manor of Wolleburg, with certain exceptions.

Release from Ralph Freylard to Robert Tyrill of all his (Ralph's) claims on Hayahegge and Venaharigge.

Fo. 60.] Grant, from John de Canebyr to William Aborn of Pileford, of all his land in Caneberi.

Fo. 61.] Grant, from Philip de Salmonavilla, of the church of Hannock to Thorre.

Grant or confirmation of same by Beatrice, the daughter of William, the son of Roger.

Confirmation, by William de Clist, son of William Fitz-Guard of Clist, of the several grants of Philip de Salmonavilla, of Beatrice, and of the said William's father, in relation to the same church of Hannock.

Confirmation of said church by Simon de Apulia.

Acquittance and release from William, the son of Robert de Yppeham.

Fo. 62.] Grant, from Gerard de Hanock to Nicholas, vicar of Chuddelegge [Chudleigh], of half a furlong of land in Flode, in the manor of Hanoc, to hold subject to hommage and service, with clause of warranty, &c.

Grant, by William de Clist to N., chaplain of Chudelegge, of the custody and wardship of the heir of Richard de la Flode.

Fo. 63.] Release from the vicar of Chuddelegge [the documents exhibit these varieties in the spelling] to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of half a furlong in de la Flode, at a certain rent.

Grant, from Nicholas, vicar of Chuddeleg, to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of all his right to the aforesaid cus-

* I find the Monastery of Thorre described sometimes as dedicated to S. Saviour and at other times, as in the last instrument, to the Holy Trinity.—J. D'A.

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tody and wardship of Richard de la Flode, with a further assurance and confirmation of the grant of the half furlong in de la Flode.

Grant, from Richard, the son of Walter de la Flode, to William Parmentarius, of nine acres situate near the hill of Wellesmore, at an annual rent.

Fo. 64.] Grant, from Walter Parmentarius, with the assent of Alicia his wife, of all his inheritance in la Flode to the abbot of Thorre, at a certain rent.

Grant, from Mariota, daughter of Richard de la Flode, of one furlong of land in la Flode, as defined by metes to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 65.] Grant, from Alicia, daughter of Walter de la Flode, to her son Walter, of all her rights in la Flode, as given to her by her father "in liberum maritagium."

Grant, from Richard de la Flode, with the assent of Odeline his wife, to Gerard de Hannock, of half a furlong in Hannoc, with warranty.

Grant, from Richard de la Flode to Ayllard, chaplain of Beydon, of half a furlong of land, with a garden, in Hannoc, in exchange for a piece of land previously granted, each portion being therein specified by metes and bounds.

Fo. 66.] Grant, from Richard Treymenet to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of the custody and marriage of Richard de la Flode.

Grant, from Martin de Babbecumbe to Adelard, chaplain of Beydon, of all his claims in the free dower of Johanna, his wife, in la Flode, with warranty.

Release from said Johanna de Babbecumbe, the daughter of N., vicar of Chuddelegge, to said Adelard, of all her right, as of dower, in said land of la Flode.

Fo. 67.] Grant, by said Adelard to the church of S. Saviour's of Thor, of all his lands of de la Flode in the manor of Hanoc, as described by metes and bounds.

Confirmation thereof from Richard, the son of Walter de la Flode.

Fo. 68.] Further confirmation thereof by Richard de la Flode, junior.

Ditto, by Richard Tremenet.

Ditto, by Walter, the son and heir of Robert de la Clyn.

Fo. 69.] Grant, from Nicholas Burdun, of all the suits and services of Richard de la Flode due to said Nicholas out of the free hundred of Teygnebrigge, to hold to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Release, from Armelota, daughter of Reginald of Beydon, of all her possession "en la Cleye," to the house of Thorre.

Fo. 70.] Agreement between Adelard, vicar of Beydon, and the abbot and canons of Thorre.

Release, from Ralph de Nova villa, of all his rights and claims in the land of Cleye to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant, from John, abbot of Thorre, to the monks of Chapelworthi, of the annual corn-payments out of the manor of Wolleburgh and the prebend of S. Mary. [The MS. is here nearly effaced.]

Fo. 71.] Grant, from Drogo de Monte Gyrun, of all his land in North Sillingford to the abbey of S. Saviour's of Thorre.

Confirmation thereof by William Tracey, son of Gervase de Curtenaye, in the 10th year of King Richard's reign. Witnesses, G., bishop of Winchester, and others.

Release, from Everard Cole, of his tenement in Sillingford to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant, from Osmund de Sillingford to Everard de Cole, of half his (Osmund's) lands in Sillingford.

Fo. 72.] Grant, from Drogo de Monte Gerold, of all his lands in North Sillingford to the abbey of Thorre.

Grant, by Henry, son of Earl Reginald of Cornwall, to Thorre abbey, of all suits of court, &c., out of North Sillingford.

Confirmation of the last donation by Richard, Earl of Cornwall.

Fo. 73, 74.] Agreement between William de Bayonen, rector of Exminster, and the abbot, &c. of Thorre, in reference to the tithes of cattle grazing on North Sillingford, and which the abbot claimed as his right from time before the Council of Lateran.

Fines levied in the 10th year of King Richard, for further assurance of the possessions of the abbot, &c., of Thorre, in North Sillingford.

Fo. 76.] Release from Drogo de Moungeron.

Release, from Richard de la Leye, of two furlongs of land to Thorre.

Confirmation, by King Edward, of 91 acres in Coffynewelles, to the abbot. Dated 5th of Oct., in the 7th year of his reign.

Grant from same to same of chief-rents out of Sillingford.

Fo. 77.] Release from Edemeida, widow of Richard Kenet, with the consent of his three children, of all his rights in the pool (stagno) called Pondstoche, and in certain described tenements in Smith-street (in vico fabrorum), in Exeter, to Thorre abbey.

Release, from Eustace Pundestocke and Amicia his wife, of their rights in said street to the abbot.

Grant in fee, by Guido, son of Richard Keng, to Alured Oter, of all the lands and houses of said Richard in Smith-street aforesaid.

Fo. 78.] Release, from Baldwin, son of Osmund de Bers, to Alured Oter, of all his rights in the houses in Smith-street, as particularly specified.

Confirmation of this grant by Peter, son of Richard Keng.

Further confirmation thereof by Margaret, daughter of Richard Keng.

Deed of sale from Alured Oter, with the assent of Hodierna his wife, and in his very great necessity (pro maximâ necessitate) to Hugh Peveril, of all his aforesaid premises in Smith-street with clause of warranty, &c.

Confirmation thereof by said Hodierna, after the death of Alured.

Grant, by said Hugh Peveril, of all the premises so purchased by him, to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 79.] Three grants, by William de Aulre, son of Robert de Aulre, of chief-rents issuing from the houses in Smith-street, Exeter, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Fo. 80.] Other grants, to said abbot, of premises in the same street.

Confirmation by King Edward. Dated at Westminster, in the 21st year of his reign.

Fo. 81.] Grant, from Reginald de Albemarle, with the consent of Aveline his wife, of certain premises in the manor of Wodeberi to William Briewere, at the service of the 20th part of a knight's fee.

Grant, from William Briewere to William de la Brueria, of four librates of land in Wodeberi, with Engelesia his sister, "in liberum maritagium," the subject of which grant the said William had inherited from his uncle Reginald de Albemarle. The deed contains a clause for further assurance, and a covenant that if Engelesia should die without heirs, the land should revert to said William Briewere.

Grant, from said William de la Bruera, with the assent of Engelesia his wife, of all their land in Grendle to William Briewere, brother of said Engelesia, in recompense for the manor of Holboton granted for their support during their joint lives by said William Briewere.

Confirmation thereof by said Engelisia.

Fo. 82.] Confirmation and grant in frankalmoign, by Reginald, the son of Geoffrey de Albemarle, of all his rights in Grendil to the abbot, &c., of Thor.

Further confirmation thereof by Geoffrey de Albemarle.

Agreement for the exchange of other parts of Grendal, between said Reginald and the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 83.] Grant from Reginald de Albemarle, Lord of Wodeberi, of a certain meadow at the side of the road leading from Grendal to Wodeberi, and of certain other meadows and lands in exchange with the abbot of Thorre.

Grant, from said Reginald, of the wood of Foxley to the house of Thorre, with licence to enclose and empark.

Fo. 84.] Grant, from said Reginald, of certain right of pasture in the manor of Wodeberi, to the abbot of Thorre.

Grant, by William de Port, of a certain rent-charge out of Grendil to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 85.] Grant, by Reginald de Albemarle, of certain premises at Wudeton to the monastery and canons of Thorre.

Grant, by Robert Fitz-Walter, with the assent of Euphemia his wife, of one furlong of land in the manor of Ailenewde, at a certain rent, to Anger de Huntelea.

Assignment of said last premises from Alexander, son of said Anger, to the house of Thorre.

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Fo, 86.] Release from Johanna de Vall to the abbot of Thorre. The premises affected are not stated.

Three grants, from Walter Bredin to his brother Ralph, of all his lordship of Holeweithlonde, and of certain other defined premises.

Release, from Jordan Barnage to said Ralph, of his (Jordan's) claims in Holeweietlonde.

Fo. 87.] Grant, by said Ralph, of all his lands in the manor of Blachebrigge to the abbot of Thorre.

Conveyance from the said abbot, with the consent of his convent, of all their rights in the manor of Holeweietlonde to John, the son of Philip.

Agreement between said abbot and Reginald de Albemarle concerning the common of pasture in the manor of Woodberi.

Fo. 88.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Geoffrey, son of William de Albemarle, knight.

Another deed of agreement between said Geoffrey and the abbot of Thorre respecting Grendil.

Fo. 89.] Confirmation to Thorre, by Fulco, son of Reginald de Albemarle.

Fo. 90.] Description and valuation of the contents of the manor of Coffynswell.

Fo. 91, 92.] Confirmation of the possessions of the abbey of Thor by King Edward III., on the 8th of July, in the 17th year of his reign.

Full notes of a plea-roll regarding Thorre, and dated in the 10th year of the reign of Edward III.

Fo. 93.] King Edward's further confirmation to Thorre, dated 7th April, 22nd year of his reign.

Ditto, 6th Nov., 22nd year of his reign.

Fo. 94.] Release, by John de Mohun, Lord of Dunstorr, to the incumbents of Vatington, Stoke, Bradworth, and Alors [?].

Grant, from John de Bercadon and John de Pyn, to the abbot of Thorre. Dated in the 36th year of Edward III.

Confirmation by King Edward. Dated 7th Feb., in the 34th year of his reign.

Fo. 95.] Licence of alienation, from Hugh de Courtenay to John de Berkadon, of certain messuages and premises in Tor-Mohun, to enable him to grant the same to the abbey of Thor, with further assurances and releases of claims thereon. Dated 1st of August, 36th Edward III.

Notes of a fine levied for the further assurance of the last-mentioned premises.

Fo. 96.] Grant, from John Raleigh of Smallrigge, of certain chief-rents and lands in Daccombe to John Smith and others.

Grant, by Richard Penleen, chaplain, of certain premises in Kokyngton to Henry Blakeburne.

Fo. 97.] Inquiries concerning the stannaries taken in Devonshire in the 24th year of the reign of Edward III.

Grants, from John de Mohun, of all his manor of Tor-Mohun, with the rents, services, villeins, &c.

Fo. 98.] Particulars of the contents and value of Skedebroke.

Release and 'quit-claim,' from Payan de Mohun to the abbot of Thorre, &c.

Fo. 99.] Grant, from William de Briewere to Henry de Ferindon, of the manor of Dunningeston in exchange.

Grant of said premises by the said Henry to the house of Thorre in frankalmoigne.

Grant of Duningeston from William, the son of William Briewere, to the abbot of Thorre.

Fo. 100.] Fines levied for the further assurance of said premises to Thor, in the 12th and 22nd years of the reign of King Henry III.

Acknowledgment from William, minister of the church of Exeter, as to the right of the chapelry of Duningeston.

Fo. 101.] Confirmation, from William de Thornton, of the grants of his father John, of premises in the town of Haggele to the abbot, &c., of Thor.

Agreement between said abbot and the vicar of Milverton, concerning the tithes of their lordship of Hagele.

Confirmation from King Henry of the possessions of Thorre.

Fo. 102.] Grant, from Fulco Painel, of a burgage in Bampton to Robert Clerk of Bampton, at a certain yearly rent.

Grant by said Robert of all his houses, &c., near the church of S. Mary, Bampton, to Matildia Pamella.

Fo. 103.] Grant, from John de Oxton, of a messuage with its appurtenances near S. Mary's church in Bampton, to the abbot, &c., of Thor, subject to a chief-rent.

Grant, from Robert de Curtenai, of all his rights in the prebend of Asseclist to the abbot of Thorr. Dated in the 14th year of the consecration of Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter (1184)?

Confirmation thereof by William Brewere, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 104.] Fine levied in Easter term, 22nd Henry III., of the advowson of the church of Haggeley, by force whereof Laurence, abbot of Thor, released all claim thereto to Robert de Lexington, and said Robert in consideration thereof released all his right in the prebend of Asseclist to said abbot.

Grant of the abbot's rights in Asseclist to William de Yutheli. (Nearly illegible.)

Confirmation of the prebend of Asseclist from Hugh de Courtney to the abbot of Thor, in 1276.

Further confirmation thereof by the bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 105.] Further confirmation by Peter, bishop of Exeter. (The handwritiug in this part of the volume is extremely pale and illegible.)

Royal confirmation of this prebend in the 13th year of the reign of Edward III.

A pontifical confirmation thereof.

Fo. 106.] Account of fees held in Devonshire under the earl of Devon.

Fine levied by the abbot of Thorre, of the fourth part of the advowson of the church of Scetbrocke, in the 37th year of the reign of Henry III.

Mandate from King Henry to Robert, bishop of Lincoln, commanding his acquiescence in the abbot of Thorre's right in the advowson of Scetebrock as aforesaid.

Fo. 107.] Grant, from Richard de Parco, of the church of Schitebrock to the abbot of Thorre in frankalmoign.

Confirmation thereof by Beatrice, daughter of Roland Haket.

Further confirmation thereof by Walter, son of Richard de Parco.

Three confirmations of the same by Hugh, bishop of Lincoln.

Release, by the dean and chapter of Lincoln, of any their claim thereon.

Fo. 108.] Record of the admission of Roger to the church of Schitebroke, in the presentation of the abbot of Thorre.

Fine levied in the 18th year of the reign of Henry III., "of the advowson of a fourth part" of the church of Schitebrook.

Grant from William Bruewere of the church of Braworthi, with the chapel of Pankradeswicke and its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Grant from same to same of one ferling of land, in the manor of Brawothi, defined by metes and bounds.

Fo. 109.] Confirmation, by Henry de Porno, of the church of Braworthi, with the chapelry of Pancratiswicke and the appurtenances, to the house of Thorre.

Confirmation thereto of the church of Braworthi, with its tithes and appurtenances, by Henry, bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation by S., bishop of Exeter, of said rights, in a question on a controversy raised respecting them.

Full particulars of the adjustment of a difference between the church of the Blessed Virgin de Valle, in the diocese of Bayeux, and the church of Thorre, respecting the church of S. Peter of Braworthi, and a decree thereupon at a general chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

Releases further confirming the abbot's rights in Braworthi.

Fo. 110.] Assent of William, abbot of S. Mary de Valle, reciting the above controversy, and ratifying its adjustment.

Award of William (Briwere?), minister of the church of Exeter, concerning the rights of the vicar of Braworthi.

Fo. 111.] Release from Henry Tyril of all his claim to the premises in Braworthi, and to its dependent chapelry of Alfarsworthi, to the abbot of Thor.

Grant from Richard de Langford, knight, of the tithes of his mill in Braworthi, to the abbot of Thorre, specifying the quantity and quality of the tithes to be taken.

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Fo. 112.] Grant from Baldwyn de Wyka, son of Robert de Blachford, of two furlongs of land in Wyka, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of said gift by Edith, the sister of said Baldwin.

Confirmation, by William Talbot to the abbot of Thor, of two furlongs of land in Wyka and one in Blachford, with the reliefs and wardships, and all emoluments to the seignory belonging.

Fo. 113.] Attornment, by Henry de Parco, for the payment of a chief rent, issuing out of the land of Blachford, to the abbot and convent of Thorre.

Fine levied of said chief-rent by the abbot, in the 28th year of the reign of Henry III.

Fine levied by ditto, of the suits and services at the mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 114.] Grant by King John of the church of Sefbeare to the abbot of Thorre.

Confirmation thereof by S., bishop of Exeter.

Confirmation of the vicarage thereof to the same religious body, by William, bishop of Exeter.

Record of the admission of a clerk to Shefbert, on the presentation of the abbot of Thorre, and confirmation thereof.

Fo. 115.] Two grants from Ralph de Monte Sorrel to Robert de Markeros, of half a ferling of land in Nockrigge, with its appurtenances, as defined by metes and bounds, at a rent certain.

Confirmation thereof by Letitia de Perro, to said Robert de Markeros.

Fo. 116.] Grant of said half ferling, by said Robert de Markeros, to the abbot of Thorre, and to the church of S. Michael of Sefbarge, and to the chapel of S. Laurence of Sepwas, for the support of one chaplain to serve said chapel.

Confirmation, by Sibilla de Attavilla, of her mill at Uppecot, with an acre of land thereto adjoining, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 117.] Grant by Matthew the son of Robert, parson of the chapel of S. James of Toriton, of all his land in Toriton to William Carpenter in fee together with certain houses appertaining to said chapel subject to a certain rent for the parson of the chapel for the time being.

Grant from Robert, lord of Wyke, of certain specified lands within his lordship to the abbot, &c. of Thorre.

Acknowledgment, by Gervase de Norton, of suit and service due by him to the abbot of Thorre, at his mill of Braworthi.

Fo. 118.] Agreement, in 1284, between the abbot of Thorre and Robert de Bosco, relative to the rights of the parson of Braworthi.

Grant, by William Briewere, of the church of Bokelond, with its appurtenances, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Confirmation of the last grant by William, bishop of Exeter.

Fo. 119.] Confirmation of the vicarage of Bokelond by William, bishop of Exeter, to the house of Thorre.

Renunciation, by the prioress of Kington and her convent, of all their right in the church of Bokelond, to the said house.

Fine levied by said prioress to strengthen her renunciation, whereby it appears that she gave the same in consideration of a grant from the abbot of Thorre of his land in Hywenha, in Berkshire, to her convent.

Fo. 120.] Grant by Robert Mile of half a ferling in Mileford, to Henry Clerk, at a rent certain.

Agreement between the burgesses of Totton and the abbot of Thorre.

Grant by William de Cantelupe, lord of Totton, exempting the abbot and house of Thorre from all tolls payable in Totton.

Fo. 121.] Grant from William Tete, with the assent of his wife Isabella, of all their rights in the land, which the said William had previously purchased from Ralph Alan, to the monastery of Thorre, reserving the chief-rent due thereout to the lord of Totton.

Grant of a rent-charge issuing out of Cotton from Richard, the son of Adam Albus, to Thorre.

Similar grant of a rent-charge by Luke de Penill to Thorre.

Grant by Henry Pie of a pound of wax annually to said house.

Similar grant of wax by said Richard, son of Adam Albus.

Fo. 122.] Grant by Henry, son of Alan de Vere, of four pounds of wax annually to Thorre.

Grant, by William de Bokelond, of all his land of Radecliffe, in the manor of Bokelond, by metes and bounds, with common of pasture over said manor, to the abbot, &c., of Thorre.

Two confirmations from Roger de Bokelond of the grant of his grandfather, William de Bokelond, to Thorre.

Fo. 123.] Confirmation from Edward de Spineto to the abbot of Thorre of one furlong of land in Scobetore, "which William de Bokelond had given to said abbot with his body," with a further grant of all reliefs, wardships, and other emoluments, occurring on said land.

Grant, by William de Lestre, of certain lands near the wood of Glascombe, to the monastery of Thorre, with common of pasture and turbary in the manor of Langford, reserving certain rights of way.

Fo. 124.] Releases and confirmations of premises in Totton to said abbot.

Fo. 125.] Grants of premises in Holerygge to said abbot.

Release of premises in Holerygge from William Russel to William de Chamberlaine.

Confirmations thereof.

Fo. 126.] Two fines levied of the premises in Holerygge, in 1277.

Fo. 127.] Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, with the consent of his convent, of all their lands in Holerygge, to Ralph, the son of Gilbert of Holerygge, together with the houses, gardens, &c., subject to certain rents and services.

Grant from said Richard, with similar assent, of all his land in Ellecumbe, in the manor of Ulleburgh, to Nicholas . . . . . .

Fo. 128.] Inquisition taken in the twenty-fifth year of the reign of Edward III., concerning the rights of the abbot of Thorre in certain parcels of land as belonging to the sanctuary of Bokelond.

Plea roll concerning the rights of John de Mohun, and Johanna his wife, in the manors of Ulleburgh and Braworthi, in Devonshire, and in other manors in Berkshire, Dorsetshire, and Somersetshire; setting forth the several titles of said John and Johanna thereto respectively.

Fo. 129.] Announcement by Thomas (Brantingham) bishop of Exeter, to the abbot of Thor, of a subsidy ordered by King Richard II., reciting fully the king's writ for that purpose, which is in Norman French; the other parts of the document are in Latin, as are the bishop's directions for the due assessment and levying of the subsidy.

Fo. 130.] Confirmation of the possessions of Thor by the dean and chapter of Exeter.

Agreement between Gilbert Fitz-Stephen and the abbot of Thorre, relative to the advowson of the church of Tunstall. Dated in the 23rd year of the reign of Edward I. (1295.)

Fo. 131.] Appointment, by William Norton, abbot of Thorre, of proxies, in 1404.

Account of the denominations and acreable contents of the manor of Blackaveton.

Fo. 132.] Confirmation from Matthew, the son of John, of grants made by Peter, the son of Matthew, his uncle, within the manor of Aveton, to the church of Thorre.

Entry of the respective tenants of Aveton, and their rents.

Ditto of homages rendered to John, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 133.] Further grant from Peter, the son of Matthew, of all his rights in the manor of Aveton, to the religious of Thorre.

Grant to the same effect from John, the son of Matthew.

Agreement between Simon, abbot of Thorre, and John, son of Matthew, concerning suit and service at the mill of Aveton.

Fo. 134.] Confirmation, by King Henry, of the grant of Peter, the son of Matthew.

Release from Isabella de Fortibus, countess of Albe-

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marle and Devon, and lady of the Isle, of all her land in Aveton, to the monastery of Thorre, in Frankalmoigne.

Agreement between the abbot of Thorre and Master Andrew FitzMartin, respecting premises in Youneystone and Stanburg, and the villeins and the mill therein.

Fo. 135.] Further agreement concerning the same, between Nicholas FitzMartin, guardian of Matthew Fitz-John, the abbot of Thorre, and the tenants of said last-mentioned premises, in relation thereto.

Release and quit-claim from Nicholas FitzMartin of all demands in relation thereto, to the said abbot. Dated 55 Henry III.

Grant, from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to William de Prestaton, of lands in the manor of Aveton, at a rent certain.

Grants of other premises in said manor, by said abbot.

Fo. 136.] Grant, from the abbot to William le Archer, of Haggeford, of certain premises in the parish of Combe, a plot of meadow in the parish of Wolleburgh, with rights of commonage over a certain defined space, and for a prescribed period of the year.

Grant, by the abbot of Thorre, of premises in the manor of Aveton, to R., the son of H. de la Denne.

Fo. 137.] Grant, from Simon Fitz . . . . . to Henry de Fissacre, of a ferling of land in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from John le Baron, of all his land in Westhurtlegge, in the manor of Aveton, to the house of Thorre, to hold on frankalmoigne.

Grant from Richard, abbot of Thor, to William de Prusteton, of a mansion in the manor of Aveton.

Grant, from said Richard, of another mansion and land in Aveton, to Robert de la . . . . . .

Release to Simon, abbot of Thor, of all right of commonage of pasture in Wolleburgh, from John Perste, in the 16th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Notes of persons who had done homage to the abbot of Thor, on account of Aveton.

Enumeration of the various rents payable off certain specified town-lands to the abbots of Thor.

Fo. 138.] Further enumeration of the tithes of the several vills in the parishes of Scheftbeare and Bokelond.

Grant from John, abbot of Thorre, of a certain proportion of the tithes of the mill of Blackaveton, to John Smyth.

Fo. 139, 140.] A very obscure and illegible document, respecting, as it seems, the rights of the religious of the orders of Clugny, the Cistercians, and the Premonstratensians.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 141.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of certain premises in Tor-Mohun, in the 12th year of the reign of King Edward III.

Appointment of proxies by Simon, abbot of Thor.

Fo. 142.] Accounts of the sheriff of Devonshire.

Ditto, relative to Bokelonde.

Ditto, relative to Aysclist.

Fo. 143.] Grant, from John de Mohun, of a chief-rent issuing out of Tor-Mohun, to John Tolbrock.

Fo. 144.] Assize taken at Exeter respecting some possessions of Thorre abbey.

Ditto concerning Clyfton, Teignemouth.

Fo. 145.] Three recognizances from John de Ferrariis, son of William de Ferrariis, to the abbot of Thor.

Fo. 146.] Appointment of proxies by the abbot.

Fo. 147.] Confirmation charter by King Edward.

Fo. 148—152.] King Henry's charter, "de libertatibus Anglie," dated at Westminster, on the 11th of February, in the ninth year of his reign, with the royal mandate for its observance, directed to all the officers of justice.

Fo. 152.] Inquiries ordered to be made in the several counties of England for the better government of the kingdom.

Fo. 153.] Agreement between Laurence, abbot of Thor, and William de Cantilupo, respecting the tolls of Kingsweir.

Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of a messuage, with its appurtenances.

Fo. 154.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, to Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of land called Sinteshey, in exchange for land called Gasehey. [Between 1246 and 1259.]

Grant, from said Simon, of specified premises in Kingsweir to Benedicta, the daughter of Walter de . . . .

Grant from said Laurence, abbot of Sireborn, of a certain part of Haygele, to Henry de Reneyin.

Fo. 155.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian monks.

Grant by Robert, abbot of Thor; an inspeximus of a former conveyance from Adam, abbot of Thor, of one ferling of land in Kaneber at an annual rent.

Fo. 156.] Grant from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises near Wytemore, to Reginald de Albemarle.

Release, from the abbot of Thorre, of all the lands of Kokynton, to Roger de Kokynton, for ever.

Fo. 157.] Grant from Simon, abbot of Thor, of land in Kaneber, to John Tyril.

Fo. 158.] Release from Laurence, abbot of Thorre, of a certain mansion or hall (aulæ) in Kings-weir, to Michael de Biddeford.

Grant from Brian, abbot of Thorre, to Peter de Fissacre and his wife, of certain premises in Lidwicheston.

Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of premises in North Sillingford, to Walter Fitzwilliam.

Fo. 159.] Memorandum of the death of William le Briewere without offspring of his body, further recording that he lay buried in the abbey of Thorre; with the addition of a short account of his relatives and kindred. The following is the purport of the entry:—

"William de Brewer, the elder, begat one son, and he was called William, and he died without heirs of his body, and he lies buried in the abbey of Thorre; whereupon the inheritance descended to all his sisters, viz. Margerie de Fernac, Grecie de Brewes, Isabelle de Dovere, Alicia de Moun, and Johanna de Percy.

"The said Margery was the first-born daughter of the said William, and she took husband and bore to him a certain daughter by name Gondreda, and she took to her husband Pagan Chawerth, and he had by her Patrick de Chawerth, who succeeded Pagan de Chawerth, and he died without heirs of his body, and his inheritance descended to his kinsman* Patrick, who married the daughter of Earl Warrenne.

"Grecie de Brewes, the second-born, took husband, and bore to him a son, William de Brewes by name, and this William had four daughters; viz. Agnes, who was married to . . . . . son of . . . . . Wallie, and died without issue; Matilda, who married Reginald de Mortuo Mari; Eva, who was the wife of . . . . . de Cantilupo, whose son was Gregory de Cantilupo; and Eleanor, who was the wife of Uffrid de Boney [Bovey?], whose son was Uffrid de Boney.

"Isabella de Dovere, the third-born, became the wife of Baldewyn Bath, whose son was Hugh Bath, who had a son by name Baldewyn Bath.

"Alicia de Moun, the fourth-born, was married to Reginald de Moun, who had a son by name John de Moun, which John had a son by name John, *now living*.

"Johanna de Percy, the fifth-born, was wife of William de Percy, which William de Percy had by said Johanna four daughters, viz. Johanna de Ferlington; Agnes, wife of Eustace de Bayllol; Alicia, wife of Ralph Bermingham, whose son was William Bermingham; and Anastasia."

Grant from William, abbot of Thorre, of certain premises in Braworthi, to William of Braworthi.

Fo. 160.] Record of a presentation, by the abbot of Thorre, to the vicarage of the church of Braworthi, with three confirmations thereof by several parties.

Fo. 161, 162.] Notes of proceedings at a chapter of the Premonstratenses. (Illegible.)

Fo. 163.] Grant, from the abbot of Thorre, of two acres in Grendal, to Benedict le Yate.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of an acre and a burgage in Grendal.

Release by Peter Fitz-Matthew, lord of Stoke, in reference to Engleburne and Colrigge.

* The Latin word here used is "fratri," but it must bear another construction.—D'A.

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Fo. 164.] Confirmations by King Edward, in the ninth year of his reign, of the possessions of the house of Thorre.

Grant, from Richard, the abbot, of a certain rent-charge payable out of Sillingford, to the dean and chapter of the church of S. Peter of Exeter, with a clause of distress.

Fo. 165.] Notes of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order.

An indulgence from Pope Innocent to the order.

Document regarding the rights of this abbey in the church of Scitebrock, in the diocese of Lincoln.

Fo. 166.] Notes (as it would seem) of a chapter of the Premonstratensian order, and the subordination of some churches of the order to others.

Fo. 167.] Agreement between Richard de Langford and Gervase de Norton, whereby the former grants to the latter all his lands, houses, villeins, markets, fairs, homages, services, &c., in Braworthi, subject to a certain rent, for better securing which a power of distress is reserved.

Grant from Richard, the abbot, &c., to William de Mountford, canon of Exeter, of a certain annuity, with power of distress.

Fo. 168.] Acknowledgment, from Gervase de Norton, knight, of a chief-rent due and payable by him to the abbot for premises in Braworthi.

Assignment from Richard, the abbot, of a seignory in Bradworthy.

Fine levied in Trinity term, in the 24th year of the reign of Henry III., of two carucates of land, and two mills, in Braworthi.

Fo. 169.] Release from the abbot of Thorre to the abbot and convent de Montisburgo of all suit and service due by the latter house out of or on account of certain premises in Aveton.

Appointment of proxies by the abbot of Thorre.

Recognizance of Brian, the abbot, to Thomas de Bokelond. Dated at Thorre, on S. Gregory's-day, in 1265.

Visitation and return in reference to the rights of the abbot of Thorre in Thor, Ulleburgh [Woolborough] and Hannock.

Valuation of the tithes of the respective churches belonging to Thorre.

Fo. 170.] Release from Richard, abbot of Thorre, to John de Clerkeston, of services in the manor of Aveton.

Priory of S. James, Exeter,

IN THE DEANERY OF EXETER.

THE great monastery of Cluni in the diocese of Maçon was founded by William, count of Auvergne and duke of Aquitaine, about the year 910. Its first abbot was Bernon, who had distinguished himself by his zeal in restoring amongst his disciples the primitive rule of S. Benedict. Dying in 927, he was succeeded by Odo, a noble and learned monk, who enforced the observance of that rule with such exemplary strictness as to pass for the founder of the reformed order.

William, earl of Warren, a son-in-law to William the Conqueror, is said to have introduced this earliest branch of reformed Benedictines into England, and to have erected their first house (S. Pancras) at Lewes, in Sussex, about the year 1077. The prior of this house was the high chamberlain of the abbot of Cluni.

At the time of the general suppression of monasteries in England there were about twenty houses of the Cluniac order, whose total rental amounted to £4972. 9*s*. 9½*d*.

In the diocese of Exeter, to which we confine our researches, there existed but two houses of this order; viz. S. Mary Magdalen's at Barnstaple, an establishment which will be hereafter noticed, and that of S. James, Exeter. The mother house of these was the abbey of S. Martin-in-the-Fields, near Paris *.

The priory of S. James, of which we now treat, was founded by Baldwin de Redveriis or Rivers, earl of Devon †, before the year 1143. It is often called De Marisco, from its marshy situation. He granted to the community all his land of Cotelegh with its wood; half of the fishery at Topsham; two acres of the land through which their mill-leat flowed, and the right of erecting mills between Southbrooke and Topsham; and the church of Tiverton. Richard, the earl's son, confirmed and perhaps enlarged his father's grants. Stephen of S. Leonard's added six acres of land between their mill-leat and the king's high road (probably the land now opposite the artillery barracks) for the better support of the establishment. The founder's grant was approved by Robert Chichester, bishop of Exeter, and by the primate Theobald.

The community was small, consisting of a prior and four monks. Being a priory in connexion with an alien house, it was often taken into the custody of the crown during the wars between England and France. The revenues were inconsiderable. In the taxation (1291) of Pope Nicholas IV., the annual rental at Crowlegh or Crealeigh, in Faringdon parish, is rated at . – 13 4

In Exeter	–	4	–
At S. James's	–	3	–
At Cotleigh	1	–	–
At Dunsford	3	–	–
At Holcombe	–	15	–
Total	£5	15	4

To this we must add the prior's share in Tiverton church, then rated at £4. 3*s*. 8¾*d*.

King Henry VI., with the assent of parliament, per-

* All the Cluniac priories in this country and elsewhere were originally subject to the great parent monastery of S. Peter at Cluni, and were chiefly supplied with superiors from France: hence they were regarded as alien, unless they obtained charters of denization from the crown. The first grants were often made directly to S. Peter of Cluni, as at Lewes, Linton, &c.; or to S. Martin of Paris; or to both jointly, of which instances will be found in the charters of this priory and of that at Barnstaple.

The name of S. Martin in Campis seems to have been introduced into some of these charters of donation, not because the donors were particularly connected with that house or with Paris, but because it early obtained a reputation little inferior to that of its great prototype at Cluni: hence the praises of Peter the Venerable:—"Est S. Martini monasterium summo Cluniacensi monasterio in ordinis, religionis, et fervoris proposito pro modo suo sic consimile et in tantum conforme, ut velut simulachrum ceræ impressum multis aliis ad Cluniacum pertinentibus monasteriis originalis sigilli imaginem familiariùs repræsentet." (Epistola ad Odonem, priorem, cited in the Monasticon of Renatus Choppinus, ed. 1709, p. 170.) The preponderance of foreigners in the Cluniac priories, and the large payments remitted by them abroad, were the subject of heavy complaints in the reign of Edward III. (See Reyneri Apostolatus, &c., p. 147; Rot. Parl., 20 Edw. III. vol. ii. p. 163.) It is stated in the last record that £2000 were annually sent to Cluni by the English houses.—S.

† Some account of this family will be found under Ford abbey.

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manently transferred this property to his royal foundation of King's College, Cambridge. The reversionary grant of the priory is thus recited in the parliament roll, 23 Hen. VI., A. D. 1444 (vol. v. p. 91):—

"Pro preposito et scolaribus collegii regalis beate Marie et Sancti Nicholai de Cantebrigg. . . . . .

"Necnon, cum Edmundus Hungerford miles, Johannes Langton clericus, Willielmus Walesby clericus, Johannes Waller armiger, Drugo Barentyne gentylman, et Johannes Skyrmot, gentylman, habeant et teneant, ad terminum vite Johannis Delaber clerici, magni elemosinarii nostri, ex concessione ejusdem Johannis, prioratum Sancti Jacobi juxta Exon. in comitatu Devon. cum pertinentiis, ita quod post mortem ipsius Johannis Delaber prioratus predictus cum pertinentiis nobis et heredibus nostris remaneret, ... nos, quinto decimo die Julii anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo predicto, per alias literas nostras patentes concesserimus prefatis preposito et scolaribus, quod prioratus predictus cum pertinentiis, quem prefati Edmundus, Johannes Langton, Willielmus, Johannes Waller, Drugo, et Johannes Skyrmot tenent ad terminum vite prefati Johannis Delaber in forma predicta, et qui post mortem ejusdem Johannis nobis et heredibus nostris remanere deberet, post mortem ejusdem Johannis prefatis preposito et scolaribus et successoribus suis remaneret imperpetuum; habendum et tenendum prioratum predictum cum pertinentiis post mortem prefati Johannis Delaber prefatis preposito et scolaribus et successoribus nostris in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosynam imperpetuum absque aliquo compoto seu aliquo alio nobis et heredibus nostris inde faciendo vel solvendo, prout in predictis literis patentibus plenius continetur."

Priors of S. James.

Richard was the first prior, and signed Bishop Robert Chichester's confirmation in 1146. (Post, Appendix.)

Alured was prior in 1157, and witnessed Richard de Redvers's grant to the convent. (Num. VI.)

Augustine occurs as witness of a grant of six acres of land by Stephen of S. Leonard's. (Appendix, Num. IX.)

Gwibertus. This prior released to Henry de Cirencestre, canon of Exeter, all claim to a tenement "in vico Sancti Martini Exonie." The deed, in the custody of the priests vicars of Exeter, was witnessed by Roger de Winkelegh, dean of Exeter; Ralph de Hyngeham, precentor; Martin Rof, then mayor of Exeter; Walter de Okyston, and Philip Dyer, bailiffs: consequently in the year 1249. (See Appendix, No. X.)

John de Gery. He leased to Alexander Wydecumbe certain premises in South-street, Exeter, near the archdeacon of Exeter's premises, at the yearly rent of 10*s.* The lease is dated during the mayoralty of Adam de Rifford; consequently about the year 1253.

Augerius attested a deed whilst Simon de Gurneye was prior of S. Mary Magdalene's at Barnstaple, and therefore between the years 1265 and 1270.

Theobald, a monk of S. Martin's, was admitted prior on Feb. 11, 1271.

John succeeded, Jan. 6, 1276.

Peter de Seynt Moys occurs in 1297: he died in the autumn of 1304.

Stephen succeeded Peter, Nov. 4, 1304. (Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 86.) About four years later, viz. Oct. 20, 1308, this bishop allowed him to visit the mother house; but the prior was to incur excommunication, *ipso facto*, if he neglected to return to his post early in December that year.

John de Natolio collated by Bishop Stapledon, Aug. 1, 1314.

William de Bytendene followed, who proved totally unfit for the office. Bishop Grandisson describes his government as "fatuum et incautum," and styles him "vagabundus" and "nullibi residens." On May 8, 1334, this bishop excommunicated him for neglecting to appear before his commissioners, but afterwards absolved him.

John de Pentelis was instituted Nov. 7, 1341; he died suddenly of the plague, "tempore pestilentie subito mortuus est." (Grandisson's Reg. vol. i. fol. 27.)

John Lesper succeeded, Dec. 9, 1349. He found the priory in a state of lamentable destitution, "vastatus est quasi totaliter, et destructus in tantum quod prior iste non potest ibidem, propter defectum victualium, residere." (Ibid. fol. 27, ut supra.)

John de Worcester, sometimes called Vignerose, admitted June 10, 1363.

John Geayle, a religious of Montacute priory, was collated to the vacant priory, per lapsum, by Bishop Brantyngham, Oct. 12, 1370.

Ralph Legh succeeded, Feb. 20, 1374. Bishop Brantyngham, in his return to King Edward III.'s writ, says of this prior that he had one portion of Tiverton church valued at £10 per annum. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 7.)

John Thetford, a monk of Bermondsey house, was admitted Oct. 30, 1399.

Augustine followed.

Thomas Dene was certainly prior in 1428, and was, we believe, the last who filled that office. We give an impression of his beautiful seal found among some rubbish in Southernhay, Exeter, in March, 1822. The silver matrix is in the possession of John Carew, of Knightleys, esq. The patron, S. James, habited as a pilgrim, fills an elaborate niche. The following is the legend:—

S · FRIS · THOME · DENE · PRIOR · EXONIE.

Num. I.

Carta Baldwini Comitis Devoniæ* pro monachis S. Jacobi.

(Ex autographo apud Collegium Regale Cantab.)

Venerabili domino et patri Roberto Dei gratia Exonie episcopo omnibusque Sancte Dei ecclesie filiis Baldewinus comes Devonie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego, divine pietatis intuitu, assentiente Ricardo filio meo, totam terram que dicitur Cotelega cum toto bosco et omnibus pertinentiis suis monasterio beati Jacobi apostoli, quod extra muros civitatis Exonie devote constitui, et monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientibus, pro remedio anime mee et filiorum filiarumque mearum et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum, per manum domini Roberti Exonie episcopi, in die qua cimiterium ejusdem monasterii dedicavit, in perpetuam Dei elemosinam cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus manerium meum de Exeministre tenui et habui. Preterea donavi ipsis monachis medietatem decime de piscaria mea de Toppeshama. Ex donatione autem et rogatu Avicie de Sancto Leonardo confirmavi ipsis duas acras terre, in quibus conductus aque molendini eorum factus est, et occupationem aque redundantis in terram ipsius Avicie. Concessi etiam prefatis monachis ut nova molendina faciant in terra sua ubi voluerint, amotis molendinis meis de Toppesham; ita quod de cetero nec mihi, nec heredibus meis, nec alicui infra Scutebrocam et Toppesham aliquod molendinum facere licebit. Hoc quidem concessum est assensu et voluntate predicte Avicie de Sancto Leonardo. Hec itaque omnia ex intimi cordis affectu et ex voti debito ad predictorum monachorum sustentationem donavi, supplicans attentius heredibus meis ne super his aliquam molestiam fratribus inferre presumant, immo potius paterne devocionis memores quod pie actum est fovere et manutenere dignarentur. Quod ut ratum permaneat imposterum, sigilli mei impressione cum testium subnotacione corroboravi. Hiis testibus; Huberto de Vaus; Stephano de Mandevill; Radulpho Patrick; Ricardo filio Radulphi et Willielmo fratre ejus; Willielmo de Hilum; Galfrido de Furnell; Roberto Daco; Galfrido de Spineto; Johelo filio Nigelli; et duobus filiis meis, Willielmo et Henrico. [The seal is appended.]

* Six of the documents in this Appendix are reprinted from Dugdale's Monasticon, viz. Num. I. II. VI. VII. VIII. IX. Num. I. VI. and VIII. are set forth in hec verba among the memoranda of the Queen's Remembrancer of the Exchequer. 2 Hen. IV. Mich. rot. 15.

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Num. II.

Alia carta ejusdem comitis pro eodem monasterio et pro monasteriis S. Petri de Cluniaco et S. Martini de Campis.

(Ex analectis Andreæ du Chesne.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta comitis Baldwini. Sciant tam presentes quam supervenientes ad quorum notitiam hec carta pervenerit, quod ego Baldewinus de Reveriis, Exoniensis comes, filio meo Ricardo concedente, pro anima mea et uxoris mee Adelize et patris mei Ricardi et matris mee Adelize, necnon et nobilissimi Henrici regis, qui terram patri meo dedit, filiorumque et filiarum mearum ac predecessorum successorumque parentum meorum animabus, per manum Roberti, Exoniensis antistitis, rogatu Ricardi monachi cognati mei, ecclesiam de Tuivertona cum omnibus appendiciis suis tam in prebendis quam in decimis et ecclesiasticis beneficiis, salvo jure matricis ecclesie, monasterio Sancti Jacobi apostoli quod juxta civitatem contra austrum in elemosina mea situm est, Cluniacensibus monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, pluribus astantibus et testantibus, dedi et hoc meo sigillo confirmavi *. Idem Baldwinus, rogante venerabili monacho Ricardo de Tottonia cognato suo, totam terram cum capella Sancti Jacobi et decima et omnibus pertinenciis suis, quas Walterus filius Walwardi de eo libere tenebat, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, herede sua Edith assentiente, Deo et monasterio Sancti Petri de Cluniaco, et Sancti Martini de Campis ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientium per manum domini Roberti, Exoniensis episcopi, donavit et irrevocabiliter confirmavit. Testibus Ricardo, Willielmo, et Henrico, filiis ejusdem.

Num. III.

Alia carta ejusdem comitis †.

(Monast. Ang. vol. v. p. 199.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta comitis Baldewini de Riveriis. Quilibet Christiani a Christi ecclesie rectoribus ammonentur religiosorum desideriis consentire, justisque ipsorum postulationibus clementer annuere. Quapropter ego Baldewinus, Exoniensis comes, universis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit notum fieri volo, quod venerabilis monachi Ricardi de Tottonia cognati mei ammonitionis frequentia divinitus inspiratus, filio meo Ricardo concedente et plenarium assensum prebente, pro remedio anime mee et precipue pro anima uxoris mee Adelize et patris mei Ricardi et matris mee Adelize, necnon et nobilissimi Henrici regis qui terram patri meo dedit, et filiorum filiarumque mearum et pro omnium parentum meorum animabus totam terram cum capella S. Jacobi et decima et omnibus pertinentiis suis quas Walterus filius Walwardi de me libere tenuit, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, et herede sua Edit assentiente, Deo et monasterio S. Petri Cluniaco et S. Martini de Campis, ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et S. Jacobo servientium, per manum domini Roberti Exoniensis episcopi donavi et irrevocabiliter confirmavi cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus terram de Toppesham tenui et habui. Insuper etiam concessi eis ut omnes terras suas et homines, possessiones et eleemosinas, quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre mee et feudi mei, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus hundredis placitis querelis et omni servitio et opere servili et teloneo et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Preterea pia devotione concessi, ut monachi prefati et homines eorum habeant in terra sua quamlibet mensuram et libertatem vendendi et emendi et res suas omnibus modis juste multiplicandi. In terra etiam mea concessi ut habeant absque omni impeditione liberum introitum et reditum cum rebus suis, et communes pascuas animalibus suis et juncos in marisco absque emptione, et omnem communitatem refugium et profectum in omni loco qui ad me spectare dignoscitur. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines meos et homines eorum quacunque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Hec omnia supradictis monachis donavi et jure proprietatis transactavi, ita quod in eos nec mihi nec alicui ex heredibus meis aliquid potestatis violenter exercere licebit nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavi, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam de Twivertona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, per manum predicti domini Roberti Exon. episcopi, donavi et presenti scripto confirmavi; volens ut ipsi ab omni vexatione liberi et immunes orationi vacent et Deum pro nobis indesinenter exorent. Preterea ex voto teneor predicte ecclesie S. Jacobi extra muros civitatis Exon. fundate tantum beneficii conferre, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee donationis paginam diabolica inspiratione ire presumat vel aliquam inferat molestiam, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Coram his testibus; Stephano de Mandevill, Huberto de Vaus, Radulpho Patrich, Roberto de Scotis, Rogero abbate, Willielmo filio Radulphi et fratre suo Roberto, Hugone clerico de Coleford, Roberto de Guierin, Guidone de Britevile, Willielmo de Musters, domino Roberto abbate de Tavistoch, Ri. filio Radulfi, Willielmo de Morevill, et filiis Willielmo et Henrico, Johello filio Nigelli, Galfrido de Lega, militibus.

* The change of person here indicates that the writer is stating the purport, rather than the tenor, of another deed.

† Whether this be a distinct charter, or another reading of one or both of the previous charters, is not clear. It is the one recited in the confirmation of Bishop Chichester (post, Num. VII.).

Num. IV.

Conventio inter abbatem S. Martini de Campis et capitulum S. Petri Exoniæ, de capella S. Jacobi.

(Penes Decanum et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exon.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis, ammen. A principio usque ad finem, ab eternisque ad creata, singulis quibusque rebus diligenter examinatis, nichil inter omnia repperitur quod preter karitatis conciliationem alicui delectabiliter copuletur. Quam ob causam evidens est intelligi, si presens vita sola esset, karitati vel soli vel maxime attendendum, quam si de medio tollas, nichil est in universo quod placeat. Nec [hec?] autem, quandoquidem et primitie karitatis prelibatio sunt beatitudinis, et illius plenitudo incorruptionis erit consummatio, quanto magis servanda est? Ipsius igitur ratione ductus ego Theobaldus, humilis prior beati Martini de Campis cum ejusdem ecclesie universo conventu, presentis carthe eterna memoria ad modernorum et posterorum usque notitiam transmittere curavi, qualis inter nos et ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensis capitulum de capella Sancti Jachobi communi utriusque partis assensu facta fuerit conventio. Ecclesia itaque beati Martini capellam illam a prefate ecclesie canonicis imperpetuum tenebit, decimas illius duntaxat territorii eis annuatim reddet, de parrochianis eorum vel ad monachandum vel ad sepeliendum preter eorum consensum nullum recipiet. Concessum autem cimiterium, quod ab eisdem canonicis multis et magnis suis et estimabilium personarum precibus obtinere promeruit, absque refragatione apud eandem capellam in perpetuum possidebit. Quod ut ratum sit et immobile perseveret, sigilli nostri munimine et testibus subnotatis confirmavi. S. R. abbatis de Tavestoce et Eustachii abbatis de Bucfestre. S. archidiaconorum, Willelmi de Auco, Walterii, Hugonis, Radulfi. S. canonicorum, Roberti cantoris, Walterii filii Golcelini, Godefridi, Johannis, Rogerii. S. monachorum, Richardi, Willielmi, Arnulfi. Actum die Sancti Luce, anno ab incarnatione Domini $\overline{\text{M}}$. $\overline{\text{c}}$. xl^{o} iii^{o} Innocentio papa ii^{o} Henrico episcopo Wintonie, legato Anglie. Theobaldo archiepiscopo Cantuarie. Roberto episcopo Exonie. Stephano rege Anglie.

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Num. V.

Confirmatio ejusdem conventionis per Theobaldum Cantuariensem archiepiscopum.

(Penes eosdem.)

Theobaldus Dei gracia Cantuariensis archiepiscopus Roberto eadem gracia Exoniensi episcopo et ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensis capitulo, salutem. Convencionem que inter vos et monachos Sancti Martini de Campis facta est, videlicet, quod ecclesia Sancti Martini capellam Sancti Jacobi a vobis imperpetuum teneat; decimas illius territorii capitulo ecclesie beati Petri Exoniensi reddat annuatim; de parrochianis eorum vel ad monachandum vel ad sepeliendum preter vestrum consensum nullum recipiat; concessum autem cimiterium quod a vobis multis et magnis suis et estimabilium personarum precibus obtinere promeruit, absque refragacione apud eandem capellam in perpetuum possideat, vobis et ecclesie vestre confirmavimus.

[The seal is lost.]

Num. VI.

Carta Ricardi Comitis Devonie.

(Ex autog. apud Coll. Regal. Cant.)

Reverendo domino et patri Roberto Dei gratia Exoniensi episcopo universisque sancte Dei ecclesie filiis Ricardus comes Devonie salutem in Domino. Que divine pietatis affectu sanctis locis beneficia tribuuntur, nimia debent stabilitate constitui, et nulla debent inposterum intentione revocari; quapropter ego Ricardus, Devonie comes, universitati vestre notum fieri volo quod pro remedio anime mee, et uxoris mee Dionisie, meorumque parentum defunctorum, videlicet, patris mei Baldwini comitis, et matris mee Adelicie*, necnon nobilissimi Henrici regis qui terram antecessoribus meis dedit, et pro animabus omnium predecessorum successorumque parentum meorum, donationem pie memorie patris mei Baldwini comitis Devonie de terris Walteri, cum capella Sancti Jacobi extra civitatem Exonie sita quam fecit monachis Cluniacensibus ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientibus, ipso Waltero rogante et donante quicquid juris et dominii in ipsis terris habebat, herede sua assentiente Edith, et terram que est juxta Scutebrocam, et omnes terras que ad jus jam dicti Walterii pertinebant, concessi et irrevocabiliter confirmavi. Hanc itaque totam terram prefati Walteri cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sepedictis monachis donavi, et quicquid jure ac legaliter adquirere poterint infra fines totius terre mee et feodi mei habeant et teneant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et quietanciis in modiis et omnimodis mensuris, in villa et in via, in portu et mari, in bosco et plano et aliis locis et rebus, solutum liberum et quietum de hundredis, placitis, et querelis, et omni servicio et opere servili, et teloneo et omni exactione, et omnibus aliis consuetudinibus et occasionibus. Si quid vero forisfacti vel querele de hominibus vel de terra eorum inciderit, monachi plenarie de omnibus curiam et justiciam suam propriam habeant. Preterea concessi sepedictis monachis Sancti Jacobi medietatem decime de piscaria mea de Toppeshamma quam Baldwinus pater meus dedit eis per manus Roberti episcopi in die quando cimiterium ecclesie Sancti Jacobi dedicavit. Concessi eciam eis duas acras terre quas Avicia de Sancto Leonardo dedit Sancto Jacobo in perpetuam elemosinam, in quibus conductus aque molendini eorum factus est, et aque redundantis occupacionem in terra sua. Concessi etiam ut ipsi monachi libere et quiete ex novo molendina faciant quotquot in terra sua facere voluerint. Hec itaque omnia concessi sepedictis monachis in perpetuam elemosinam in presentia domini Roberti episcopi, volens ut ipsi ab omni exactione libere et immunes orationi vacent, et pro nobis Deum incessanter exorent. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee devocionis paginam, diabolice inspirationis instinctu, aliquam molestiam inferat, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi. Testantibus et astantibus, magistro Bartholomeo; Hugone de Auco, archidiacono; Ricardo priore de Bardeney; Aluredo priore Sancti Jacobi; Sewardo monacho; Ricardo filio Renfredi, Philippo de Furnel, Waltero Longo, canonicis Sancti Petri; Alardo clerico comitis Baldwini; Ricardo de Dunstanvilla, clericis episcopi, Galfrido de Lega; Roberto Daco; Ricardo et Waltero, filiis Radulphi. Facta est confirmatio hec in presentia domini Roberti† episcopi Exoniensis, anno ab incarnatione Domini m. clvij. apud Exoniam.

* Adeline, in the Exchequer enrolment.

Num. VII.

Confirmacio donationum predictarum per Robertum Chichester, Exoniensem episcopum.

(Ibid.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Robertus Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod venerabilis Baldewinus de Reveriis, Exoniensis comes, filio suo Ricardo concedente et plenarium assensum prebente, pro remedio anime sue et precipue pro anima uxoris sue Adelize et patris sui Ricardi, et matris sue Adelize, et pro omnium predecessorum, successorumque suorum animabus, totam terram cum capella Sancti Jacobi extra Exoniam et cum decima et omnibus pertinentiis suis, quas Walterus filius Wolwardi ex eo libere et quiete tenuit, ipso Waltero rogante et concedente quicquid juris et dominii in eis habebat, herede sua Edith assentiente, Deo et monasterio Sancti Petri de Cluniaco et Sancti Martini de campis, ad sustentacionem monachorum Cluniacensium ibidem Deo et Sancto Jacobo servientium per manuum mearum investituram donavit et irrevocabiliter confirmavit, cum eadem libertate et liberis consuetudinibus quibus terram suam de Topesham tenuit et habuit. Insuper concessit jam dictis monachis ut omnes terras suas et homines, possessiones, et elemosinas, quas habent vel imposterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre sue et feodi sui, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus, subjectionibus, hundredis, placitis, querelis, et omni servicio, et opere servili, et theoloneo, et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Preterea vero pia devotione concessit ut prefati monachi et homines eorum habeant quamlibet mensuram et libertatem vendendi et emendi, et res suas modis omnibus juste multiplicandi. In terra etiam sua concessit ut habeant absque omni impeditione liberum introitum et redditum cum rebus suis, et communes pascuas animalibus suis, et juncos in marisco absque impetitione, et omnem communitatem profectum et refugium in omni loco qui ad se spectare dinoscitur. Si quid vero forisfacti vel querele inter homines ejus et homines monachorum quacunque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam ad justiciam suam habeant propriam et emendationem. Hec itaque omnia sepedictis monachis donavit et jure proprietatis transactavit, ita quod in eos nec sibi nec alicui ex heredibus suis aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavit, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam de Tuiverton cum capellis et omnibus pertinentiis suis, permissione et assensu meo, donavit et scripto autentico confirmavit, volens ut monachi ab omni vexatione liberi et immunes orationi vacent, et Deum pro se et suis indesinenter exorent. Preterea prefatus Baldwinus illustris comes Exonie eccle-

† Robert Warelwast, who succeeded Robert Chichester (the author of charter No. VII.) in 1155.

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sie Sancti Jacobi tantum beneficii ex voto conferre tenetur, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit. Quod ne tractu temporis vel malignantium versutiis in dubium revocetur, ego sicut diocesanus episcopus ad petitionem tam Baldwini comitis quam Ricardi ejusdem monasterii prioris, presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmavi, salva semper auctoritate nostra et successorum nostrorum episcoporum. Actum ab incarnatione Domini anno millesimo centesimo quadragesimo sexto apud Exoniam. Hiis testibus, Waltero de Piriton, Hugone de Auco, Radulpho filio Jocelini archidiacono, magistro Willielmo Cucufel, Philippo de Furnell, Johanne Paz, Stephano de Mandevilla, Huberto de Vaus, Radulfo Partrich, Roberto de Scocis, Rogero abbate, Willielmo filio Radulfi et fratre suo Roberto, Hugone clerico de Coleford, Roberto de Giverru, Guidone de Britevill, Willielmo de Musters, domino Rogero abbate de Tavistoke, Ricardo filio Radulfi, Willielmo de Morevilla, et filiis sepedicti Baldwini comitis, Ricardo, Willielmo, Henrico, Jocelino filio Nigelli, Gaufredo de Lega militibus; Ricardo et Edwardo monachis.

Num. VIII.

Carta Matildis imperatricis confirmans donationem capellæ S. Jacobi monachis S. Martini de Campis.

(Ibid.)

Matilda imperatrix, Henrici regis filia et Anglorum domina, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse Deo et Sancto Martino apud Paris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus illam donationem quam Baldewinus comes Devonie eis fecit de capella Sancti Jacobi, et de terra et de omnibus illis rebus que ad eandem capellam adjacent et pertinent. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod bene et in pace et libere et quiete de omnibus consuetudinibus et quietudinibus capellam predictam, cum omnibus que ad eandem capellam pertinent et adjacent, teneant, ne super hoc aliquis eis inde injuriam vel contumeliam aliquo modo faciat. Teste Milone comite Herefordie et Brientio filio comitis, et Roberto de Curce, dapifero, et Roberto de Oilli, et Johanne de Sancto Johanne, et Roberto filio Martini. Apud Oxon.

Num. IX.

Carta Stephani de Sancto Leonardo pro monachis S. Jacobi.

(Ibid.)

Noverint tam presentes, quam futuri, quod ego Stephanus de Sancto Leonardo, pro remedio anime mee et uxoris mee Christine, et heredis mei Ade, et patris mei Nigelli et matris mee Avicie, ecclesie Sancti Jacobi et monachis Cluniacensibus ibi Deo servientibus concessi et dedi sex acras terre, que est inter conductum aque molendini et viam regiam, in perpetuam elemosinam, exceptis tantum pro quatuor acris duabus marcis de caritate domus. Hanc donationem ego et heres meus Adam et uxor mea posuimus super altare Sancti Jacobi per librum sanctorum evangeliorum, etc. Testes, Augustinus prior Sancti Jacobi, etc.

Num. X.

Carta prioris S. Jacobi de tenemento in civitate Exoniæ*.

(Penes custodem et colleg. vicar. choral. ecclesiæ Exon.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Gwibertus prior de Sancto Jacobo juxta Exam extra civitatem Exonie salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra me de consensu et assensu sociorum et fratrum meorum monachorum de predicto loco remisisse et omnino quietum clamasse pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum domino Henrico de Cirencestre canonico Exonie et heredibus et assignatis suis totum jus et clamium quod nos et domus nostra de predicto loco de Sancto Jacobo habuimus in quodam tenemento cum pertinentiis suis in civitate Exonie in vico Sancti Martini; scilicet, tenemento illo quod fuit aliquando Rogeri Childenemaistr quod situm est inter tenementum quod fuit aliquando Pagani clerici ex una parte, et tenementum quod fuit Ricardi Prueth ex alia, et extendit se a predicto vico Sancti Martini usque ad tenementum quod fuit aliquando Dageneth Fabri, nichil juris vel clamium in predicto tenemento cum pertinenciis suis nobis vel successoribus nostris imposterum retinendo. Et ut hec nostra remissio et quieta clamancia robur firmitatis imperpetuum optineat, presentem cartam sigilli nostri apposicione roboravimus. Et pro hac nostra remissione et quieta clamancia et sigilli nostri impressione predictus Henricus dedit nobis pre manibus ad urgens negocium domus nostre expediendum unam marcam argenti. Hiis testibus, domino Rogero de Winkelegh tunc decano beati Petri Exonie; R. precentore et N. de Ivelcestr canonico Exonie; Martino Rof tunc majore Exonie; Waltero de Okyston et Philippo tinctore, prepositis; Johanne de Okyston, Baldwino Chil., Godefrido Longo, et multis aliis. [A. D. 1249.]

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Num. XI.

Extenta bonorum prioratus S. Jacobi capta per commissionem regis anno regni Edw. tertii undecimo.

(Ex bundellis priorat. alienig. apud turrim London.)

[The transcript of an indenture made between John de Langeton, the commissioner, and Peter de Veel, recites the commission as to the priories of Totnes and S. James juxta Exoniam. Then follow the inventories of the personal property of both†.]

Prioratus Sancti Jacobi juxta Exoniam. In primis j. pelvis, pretium xij$^{d.}$ Item j. tabula cum trescellis pretium vj$^{d.}$ Item in coquina una olla enea, pretium ij$^{s.}$ Item ix. disci de peautre, pretium iiij$^{d.}$ Item una . . . . enea, pretium ij$^{d.}$

Ornamenta ecclesie.

Item j. calix pretium vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ Item iij. paria vestimentorum debilium, pretium cujuslibet iij$^{s.}$ Item j. missale, pretium v$^{s.}$ Item ij. antiphonaria pretium cujuslibet iij$^{s.}$ Item ij. . . . pretium cujuslibet ij$^{s.}$ Item ij. legenda, pretium cujuslibet, v$^{s.}$ Item sunt ibidem xx. acre frumenti crescentis in terra, pretium acre xij$^{d.}$ Item iiij. acre avenarum, pretium acre xviij$^{d.}$ Item una acra hordei, pretium vj$^{d.}$

Sunt ibidem xxij. acre avenarum, pretium acre xij$^{d.}$ Item est ibidem fenum quod valet per estimationem xx$^{s.}$

Summa cxv$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$

* The deed is indorsed, "Relaxacio facta per priorem et conventum de Sancto Jacobo de tenemento in vico Sancti Martini nunc vocato Lytyl Kalenderhay."

† This recital will be found at length, post, under Totnes Priory.

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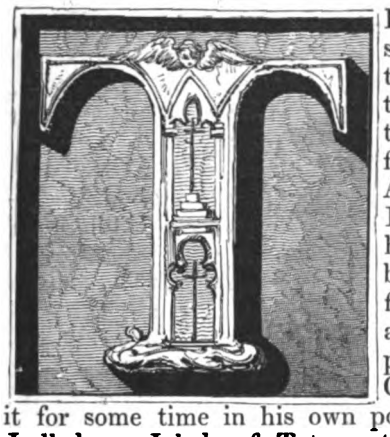
Priory of S. Mary Magdalen, Barnstaple.

IN THE DEANERY OF BARNSTAPLE.



THE borough of Barnstaple, situate on the north side of the river Taw, is one of those boroughs of which tradition ascribes the enfranchisement to King Athelstan. The record of Domesday shows that it had been held in demesne by King Edward the Confessor, and was regarded as a town of no little importance. William the Conqueror, after retaining it for some time in his own possession, bestowed it on Judhel, or Johel, of Totnes, the son of Alured. The bishop of Coutance, and Baldwin the sheriff, who, after the conquest, became extensive owners of lands and lordships in Devonshire, were also possessed of property in Barnstaple.

Here a Cluniac priory, dedicated to S. Mary Magdalen, was founded by the above-mentioned Judhel, and made dependent on the abbey of S. Martin's in the Fields at Paris. In his foundation deed he granted to the community an estate in Pilton, with its wood and marsh Pilland, together with the privileged mill of Barnstaple, the land between the north and east town-gates, and the waters, and right of fishery therein; the church of S. Peter at Barnstaple with its appurtenances, chapels, tithes, oblations, and fruits, as also the chapel of S. Sabinus with its emoluments; two parts of the tithes of Fremington, and the whole tithe of the fishery there. This foundation was confirmed by King William, who assigned the yearly payment of forty shillings from the endowment to the mother house of S. Martin; but this pension, in the sequel, was reduced to twenty shillings. Henry I., shortly after, confirmed the above donations. Henry de Traci, in 1146, and William de Braiosa, a grandson of the founder, added their approbation. William Briwere, bishop of Exeter, sanctioned the preceding gifts, and, on Aug. 3, 1233, fixed the portion of the vicar of the parish church of S. Peter*.

From a passage in Bishop Bronescombe's Register (fol. 33) it appears that the community consisted of thirteen members. Being, from its foundation, an alien priory, it was frequently seized and farmed by the crown during the wars between England and France, but was saved from permanent alienation by its conventual and independent character. From fol. 95 of Nevyll's Register we collect that the owner for the time being of the castle and town of Barum was the rightful patron of the priory; that is, the advowson was appendant to the castle and borough.

According to Leland (vol. iii. Itin. p. 131), the founder Johel, and Philip de Columbers, "the lord of the castle, town, and priory," and his wife, Alianora, were buried in the conventual church. The same Sir Philip obtained King Edward III.'s licence, dated York, 26th of January, 7th year of his reign (1333), to found therein a perpetual chantry and to endow it with forty shillings yearly rent. The castle of Barum was charged with this payment.

The following are the priors whose names have been recovered:—

Odo, mentioned in Henry de Tracy's grant, Appendix, Num. IV., was perhaps one of the priors of this cell.

Normannus is the second name that occurs to us. He witnessed the confirmation, by William de Braiosa, of the original grant of the property by his grandfather Johel. As William died in 1229 (see pag. 83 of Sir William Pole's Description of Devon), Normannus must have been superior in King John's reign. (Id. p. 14.)

Richard is mentioned, A.D. 1226, in an instrument printed in Prynne's Records, tom. iii. pag. 4.

Simon Gurneye was admitted prior at Chudleigh on Thursday after the Feast of the Assumption of Blessed Mary, August, 1265. On this occasion he signed an instrument, preserved in fol. 33 of Bishop Branescombe's register, and promised on oath, "quod bona prioratus B. Marie Magdalene de Barum in ipsius monasterii utilitatem fideliter convertemus, et ibidem expendemus," saving always the ancient yearly pension of 20*s.* to the mother house of S. Martin's at Paris, and which on no account should be increased; and moreover, that he would never cede or resign his office of prior at the instance or command of any one whatsoever without the approbation and licence of the Bishop of Exeter.

Theobald de Curtipalatio succeeded June 29, 1275.

Paschasius occurs in 1297.

John occurs as prior in 1314.

John Parys, als. *de Sancta Gemma.* He scandalously neglected the duty of residence, and was obliged to tender his resignation to Bishop Grandisson, Sept. 29, 1332.

John Soyer succeeded on the 18th of the following March.

Imbertus de Gaumachiis, admitted on the death of Soyer, December 10, 1334.

Reginaldus Pirdoc followed, December 9, 1349.

* The Norman origin of the families of De Traci and Briouze, or Braiosa, can be ascertained, and their descent traced, with tolerable success. (See Dugd. Baronage, vol. i. p. 621, and Stapleton's observations on the Norman Exchequer Rolls, vol. ii. p. 240, &c.) But of Juhellus, Judhel, or Joel, the founder of this priory, no satisfactory account has yet been given. Lysons, in his Devonshire, part i. p. 50, can only conjecture that he was "a Norman." It is singular that so distinguished a person should have left no clue to enable us to refer his origin to any known continental family, though we may be sure that one who received from the Conqueror such extensive grants of land, and was entrusted by him with two of the most important fortresses in Devon, viz., Totnes and Barnstaple, was a retainer of no mean note. It is probable that he was a Breton. The names of Judicael, Judual, Judahel, Juhel, or Johel (apparently different forms of the same name), are of familiar recurrence among the princes, bishops, and noble families of Bretagne; yet, of the various adventurers from that country who followed Alan Fergent to the conquest of England, the Sire of Loheac is perhaps the only one recorded by historians to have borne this name. (Du Moulin, Hist. de Normandie, p. 175.) The founder of Barnstaple and Totnes priories calls himself the son of Aluredus, a name which occurs in Domesday as that of a Breton, and in connexion, too, with Judhel. (Exon. Domesd. f. 458, &c.) Indeed, the charter of Tracy, post, Num. V., represents both to have been joint benefactors. The foreign religious houses favoured by this founder might, perhaps, be expected to indicate the country from which he came; but the selection of S. Martin in Campis is explained by the remarks already made in a previous note (ante, p. 191), and the predilection shown for the Angevine monastery of SS. Sergius and Bacchus, by the same founder, at Totnes, is equally inconclusive; for that house was a favourite foundation of Armorican princes even after it had been transferred to the see of Angiers. (See Dom. Morice's Hist. de Bretagne, vol. i. p. 43, 56, &c.)

There are difficulties also about the date of the foundation of this priory, which have not been cleared up. The earliest endowment extant (post, Num. II.) refers to Bishop William, and was by him recited and confirmed by the instrument Num. III. William Warelwast was not a bishop before A.D. 1107; hence the charter, Num. I., whether made by King William I. or II., at all events preceded the deed Num. II; yet the latter refers to no previous dotation, and expressly states that the cell was constituted with the advice and assent of the same bishop William.

The grant of Johel, Num. II., appears to have been made in contemplation of retirement to a monastic life. It can hardly be doubted that the founder of Totnes and of Barnstaple is the same identical person, and, if so, that he is the Judhel of Domesday; for the founder of Totnes priory evidently describes himself as the immediate grantee of the Conqueror. (See Totnes Priory, post.)—S.

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Roger Kayn, on the resignation of Pirdoc, was admitted November 7, 1351, and presided for a short time.

Richard Carre, or *Cary*, succeeded, then

Roger Capys, on whose death

Ralph Chelfham succeeded December 27, 1376, and died early in 1392.

Henry Sutton succeeded May 28, 1392, and died six years later.

Simon Sele, alias *Ocle*, alias *Cole*, admitted in September, 1398, remained in office until his death, June 15, 1428. King Henry IV., by letters patent dated November 13, 1399, relinquished possession of this priory by an amoveas manus, and exempted it from seizure on condition that aliens should not thereafter be made members of it. This grant was extended to S. Michael's Mount, Modbury Priory, S. James's Priory, Totnes Priory, Cowick Priory, and Tywardreth Priory, all within the diocese of Exeter. (See Appendix, post, Num. X.)

Hugh Lyton succeeded, July 28, 1428, and died in office, December 16, 1462.

John Pylton was confirmed his successor on the 6th January following on the presentation of Anne, Duchess of Exeter. (See fol. 85 of Nevyll's Register.) We infer that he died in Sept. 1490, from the following memorandum furnished by J. B. Gribble, Esq., the historian of Barnstaple:—

"The accumpte of svch monish has hathe bene payde bye the conuent of St. Mary Magdalene of Barnestaple for fvnerale of . . . . . Pryor of the sayde conuent as upon . . . . . remayneth thyse xij dey of Seypt. 1490.

Imps.—We have payde ovt the sume of xiv viij vj fore byldynge hys seypultvre & fore markin yse tumb . . . yse xiv. viij. vj.

Item—mure wee have payede to the pryorey of Pyltone & to the munckes thir to pray for hys sole . . . . . yse v.

Item—mure wee have payede fore hys cuffyn &c the sume of iv*ld* & to the Chauntrye ofe Synt Anne, viij*s*. viij*d*. . . . . yse iv. viij. viij.

Item — mure wee have gyven away the pure of the Paroche of Barnestapoll yn the Chvrche of Synte Petrus ther on Svndey last . . . . . yse ij. iij iij."

John Ilfracombe followed, but resigned early in 1501.

John Pylton, admitted April 7, 1501, on the presentation of Margaret, Countess of Richmond and Derby, and mother of King Henry VII. Perhaps he was nephew to the above-mentioned prior of the same name. He governed his brethren sixteen years, and then retired from the superiority on a pension of £20 per annum.

*Robert Thorn** succeeded, July 12, 1518. He surrendered his convent to the king's commissioners, February 4, 1536, 27 Hen. VIII. He was still living in 1555 on his annuity of £14. The parochial register of Barnstaple thus records his burial:—"February 1556, Robart Thorne was bured the xvith daie." The arms of the priory, with his name under them, were to be seen in the parish church before the civil wars†. The site of the priory, now known by the name of the rack or close, or Maudlyn Rack Close, was granted by King Henry VIII., March 9, 1538, to William Lord Howard and Margaret his wife, as may be seen in the Appendix, Num. XII.

Respecting the devolution of this property since the grant of Henry VIII., we are indebted for the following particulars to the kindness of J. R. Chanter, esq., of Barnstaple:—

"It appears that James I., by letters patent dated February 12, 1607, granted the reversion in fee to William Lord Howard, son and heir of Charles Howard, earl of Nottingham, and grandson of Lord Howard, the first grantee. In 1613, it was conveyed to Reginald Portree; but the statement made by Lysons in his Devonshire, and followed by others, that it descended through Reginald Portree's daughter to the Sydenhams, Northmores, and Incledons, appears to be incorrect; as, in point of fact, it is not and never was the property of any branch of the Incledon family.

"The mistake as to Incledon may probably have arisen from his having been the proprietor of the site of Pilton priory, the name of which still remains and is the only priory popularly known in the neighbourhood. Mr. Incledon was also the owner of the great tithes of Barnstaple and some of the priory estates; but never of the site.

"Prior to 1688, the site and ruins of Magdalen priory appear to have been the property of one Mary Feltham, the wife of Owen Feltham, as on June 14, 1 William and Mary, a decree was made, and enrolled in the high court of Chancery, in a cause wherein Anne Walter, on behalf of herself and the other creditors of Mary Feltham and Owen Feltham, deceased, was plaintiff, and Charles Pigeon and others defendants; and by a deed, dated April 2, 11 William III., the site and ruins of the priory were sold and conveyed, by the said Charles Pigeon and Mary Feltham, to Richard Barnes and Richard Cornish, both of Barnstaple. The sale was expressed by the deed to be made 'in obedience to a part performance of the said decree,' &c., the said Charles Pigeon being the survivor of the trustees in the said decree named, and Mary Feltham covenanted for title. The description in this deed is, 'All those closes of land called the Back Closes, and the site and ruins of the demolished priory-house and gardens, called S. Mary Magdalene, alias Maudlin,' &c. &c.

"The property has ever since been held by two owners. Richard Barnes's undivided moiety descended to his daughter, Mary Barnes, who married John Boyse, of Horwood, clerk; and by a settlement made previous to her marriage, and dated January 28, 1730, entailed the priory site and ground, with other estates, on the issue of the marriage, under which it descended to Christopher Boyse, their son, who, in August, 1767, married Jane Dene; and afterwards by deed, dated November 2, 1784, limited the moiety of the Back Close, or priory site, after his or his wife's decease, in default of issue, to Elizabeth Jane Dene, the present owner.

"Richard Cornish's undivided moiety descended to his grand-daughter Margaret, who, in 1728, married Alexander Hooper, when it was the subject of their marriage settlement, dated February 23, 1728. On September 29, 1747, Alexander Hooper, and Margaret his wife, conveyed their interest to John Boyse, and from him it passed, through his son Thomas, to his grandson, the present Rev. John Boyse, who, in 1831, sold the undivided moiety to T. P. Ackland, esq., deceased March 21, 1844."

The arms of the priory are gules, a bend, or, charged with a label of three points, argent.

Other ecclesiastical establishments may be conveniently noticed here.

The grant of an area, for the use of poor brethren, hermits of S. Augustine, "in villa Barum," by Sir James Audeley, knight, was approved and confirmed by Bishop Grandisson, on June 9, 1348. (Register, vol. i. fol. 154. See also Brantyngham's Register, vol. ii. fol. 23.) In an inquisition ad quod damnum, 27 Edw. III., 1353, is mentioned the gift by Robert Bowie of five acres of land in Barnstaple to these hermits. The subsequent silence of the episcopal registers leads us to suppose that the community ceased to flourish after a very short period.

The parish church of Barnstaple and its dependent chapel of S. Sabinus have been already mentioned as part of the original foundation of the priory. It is clear, from No. VII. of the Appendix, that the house of the perpetual vicar was situate "juxta portam prioratus" The present parish church, with its high altar and three other altars, was dedicated by Bishop Stapeldon on Sept. 9, 1318. (See Register, fol. 129.) The same bishop had previously (Nov. 3, 1311) assigned towards the better support of the vicar the altarage and small tithes with the tithe of hay throughout the parish; but the demesnes of the priory, and the mills then existing, were exempted from paying him any tithes. Over the charnel-house in the parish cemetery is the chapel of S. Anne. To all sincere peni-

* In Risdon's Survey of Devon, p. 327, we read that "this prior bore for his device a rowbuck leaning on a hawthorne in an escutcheon, with the word BERT interposed with the legend, 'CAPRUM CUM SPINA PROTEGAT DIVINA POTESTAS.'" Westcote has it (View of Devon, MS. fol. 225), "CAPRAM CUM SPINA PROTEGAT POTESTAS DIVINA."

† Was James Thorne, parson of Stoke-Rivers, who made his will Nov. 8, 1551 (proved March 23 following) brother to the ex-Prior?

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tents who would contribute to its maintenance, Bishop Lacy, on July 18, 1444, granted an indulgence of forty days. (Register, vol. iii. fol. 272.) According to Leland, one Holman, a vicar of the parish church, was its founder. (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 131.) But this admits of doubt; for John Holman did not become vicar until December 2, 1461, and died a few months later; he may, however, have been a considerable benefactor. Perhaps this was one of the four chapels here mentioned by Leland. The most ancient of all was S. Thomas, which the episcopal registers frequently describe as being situated near the long bridge at Barnstaple *. Probably it was begun about the year 1319; for Bishop Stapeldon, on December 19, that year, (Reg. fol. 145.) admitted, on the presentation of Sir William Martyn, knight, Richard de Stottescombe, " ad perpetuam cantariam faciendam in capella beate Thome juxta pontem Bernastaple pro animabus Henrici Traci† progenitorum et successorum suorum." The site is now (1844) occupied by Mr. Roberts' house.

Another chapel was that of All Hallows, at the north gate. The one dedicated to the Blessed Mary and S. Nicholas was at the west gate, and is now a warehouse. It is mentioned in Bishop Grandisson's Register, (vol. iii. fol. 152.) May 24, 1332, as being near the Strand, " juxta littus maris Barum." It had a guild, or fraternity, attached to it. Another, " doune " when Leland wrote, had, we have ground to believe, been dedicated to S. Sabinus, the bishop‡.

License for performing divine service in S. Mary Magdalene's lazar-house at Barum was granted by Bishop Stafford, on October 27, 1410. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 108.)

Num. I.

Carta Willielmi regis Anglorum.

(Ex autogr. apud S. Mart. de Campis, Paris, Dugd. Mon. vol. v. p. 198.)

Ego Willielmus Dei gratia rex Anglorum concedo S. Petro de Cluniaco in obedientiam S. Martini de Campis que est Parisiis, scilicet, pro salute anime mee et antecessorum meorum et pro anima Juheli qui hujus dator est elemosine et parentum suorum, ecclesiam de Barnastapola cum omnibus rebus que eidem ecclesie pertinent, hoc solo excepto, quod ejus capellano attinet, et hoc est tantummodo domini sueque proprie familie oblatio. Quod autem superest plurimorum testimonio trium solidorum numerum non excedit per annum, preterea hoc, quod idem habet in Piltona, tam in terra, quam in hominibus. Terra quidem duabus carrucis sufficit que in dominio est; homines vero decem solidos per annum reddunt. Preter hec etiam quicquid ipse in Pillanda, videlicet, similiter terram in dominio que duabus carrucis sufficit, et homines qui per singulos annos quindecim solidos reddunt, et unum molendinum quod singulis annis viginti solidos reddit, et in Tauestoc quindecim solidatas redditus. Preter hec autem omnium dominicarum suarum duas partes tam animalium quam segetum, lane et caseorum seu ceterorum; et nominatim decimam molendini de Bovi §, et decim ampiscine Framinctorine et illius piscine que est apud Tauestoc; et decimam viginti solidorum quos ipse habet in Barnastapola, videlicet, duos solidos et unum burgensem apud Essecestram qui per annum reddit duos solidos. De hac itaque elemosina predicta ego Willielmus rex Anglorum concedo ut ecclesia prefata S. Martini de Campis quadraginta solidos singulis annis propriis usibus habeat. Quod autem superfuerit, fratres, qui loco predicto, id est ecclesie de Barnastapala, deservient, in suis necessariis habeant. Et ut hec largitio firma inconcussaque omni tempore permaneat, sigillo sancte crucis manu propria ego ipse confirmo. ✠ Huicque confirmationi fideles meos subscriptos testes adhibeo; Johelem; Robertum Balduini filium; Rog. de Nonant; Ra. episcopum de Frem. H. regis [?]; Henricum comitem de War.; Ro. Ricardi filium; Ra. Bigot.

* The bridge had sixteen arches when Leland visited the place. It has frequently been repaired, and in some measure rebuilt; but, we regret, without sufficient attention to its original character.

† We conceive this Henry Lord Tracy to have been the grandfather of Sir William Martyn, and certainly not the murderer of S. Thomas of Canterbury, who died a century before at Cosença in Calabria.

‡ There were three bishops of this name: the feast of one was kept Oct. 15; of another, Oct. 30; and of the third, martyred at Spoleto, Dec. 30. Another Sabinus was martyred at Palermo, Feb. 21, 303.

§ Bovey Tracy, parcel of the barony of Barnstaple, is probably intended.

Num. II.

Carta Joelis filii Aluredi.

(Carta 10 Edw. II. n. 39, per inspex.)

In nomine sancte et individue Trinitatis incipit carta Joelis filii Aluredi. Reverendo patri et domino Willielmo Exoniensi episcopo et universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Joel filius Alueredi salutem in Domino. Cum nos omnes a Christo vocemur Christiani et illius, ut salvatoris, sequi debeamus vestigia, illos quos Christus ob seculi contemptum et religionis sue meritum filios specialiter vocat pia devotione venerari convenit, et eorum sancto proposito devote prestare subsidium. Eapropter ego, Johel filius Aluredi, universitati vestre notum fieri volo me pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee et omnium parentum et amicorum meorum, constituisse quandam obedientiam monachorum Cluniacensium apud Barnestaple ad honorem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi Sancteque Marie et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancte Marie Magdalene, et ipsam obedientiam ecclesie Sancti Petri de Cluniaco, et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis subdidisse, ad quam, divina providente clementia, devotus confugiam habitum monastice religionis suscepturus, ibidemque, onere carnis deposito, et, anima ad Conditoris sui gloriam suspirante, misericordiam ipsius fiducialiter prestolabor. Et quia ex voto teneor ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene extra castellum meum fundate tantum beneficii conferre, unde sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari poterit, ad sustentationem ipsorum quasdam particulas terre mee donavi eis, scilicet, Piltonam cum bosco et marisco, et Pillandam, utrasque liberas et quietas cum omnibus appendiciis suis, sicut ego unquam eas liberius et quietius habui et tenui. Donavi etiam eis molendinum de Bardestaple liberum et quietum cum moltura totius ville et castelli, ita quod burgenses ad aliud molendinum, molendino monachorum integro existente, molere non poterunt; et totam terram extra muros que est inter portam de North et portam de Yest, simul cum fossa usque ad contiguam viam; et totam aquam prout terra eorum extenditur; et totum tractum piscium ipsius aque tam in terra ipsorum quam in terra mea proxima. Ipsis quoque monachis exclusam piscarie in terra mea firmare licebit, in quantum terra eorum extenditur ex altera parte aque. Insuper autem concessi eis ut omnes terras suas, et homines, possessiones, et elemosinas quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter adquirere poterunt infra fines totius terre mee et feudi mei, habeant et teneant solutas liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus, hundredis, placitis, querelis, et omni servicio et opere servili, et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines meos et homines eorum quacumque occasione inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Et quia hec predicta predictorum fratrum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavi, divini amoris instinctu totam ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Bardestaple cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, capellis, decimis, obventionibus, et omnimodis fructibus, et cum capella Sancti Sabini et oblationibus suis, per manus venerabilis Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi, cujus consilio et assensu prefatam obedientiam constitui, in proprios usus suos habendam et in perpetuam elemosinam possidendam donavi; et duas partes decime mee de Fermingtun, et totam decimam piscium. Hec autem omnia sepedictis monachis donavi et jure proprietatis transactavi, ita quod in eos nec michi, nec alicui ex heredibus meis, aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit, nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Et ne aliquis indevotus contra hanc mee donationis paginam diabolica inspiratione ire presumat,

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vel aliquam inferat molestiam, ipsam sigilli mei impressione corroboravi, coram hiis testibus; Ascelino archidiacono, Osberto capellano episcopi, Herveio capellano episcopi, Ailtrio decano, Godwino sacerdote Exoniensi, Willielmo de Framtton; in armata manu, Willielmo de Raelega, Willielmo de Cuvert, Aluredo filio Nigelli, Radulpho de Cruna, Aluredo de Zoign, Malgerio de Sancto Albino, Walterio de Sancto Albino, Rogerio Porer.

Num. III.

Confirmatio concessionum eidem prioratui factarum per Willielmum Exoniensem episcopum *.

(Ex exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod nobilis vir Joel filius Aluredi pro salute anime sue, et patris sui et matris sue, et omnium parentum et amicorum suorum, constituit quandam obedientiam monachorum Cluniacensium apud Barnastaple ad honorem Dei et Domini nostri Jesu Christi Sancteque Marie et sanctorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli et Sancte Marie Magdalene, et ipsam obedientiam ecclesie Sancti Petri de Cluniaco et ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis subdidit, ad quam, divina providente clementia, devotus confugere et in ea habitum monastice religionis suscipere disposuit. Et quia ex voto tenetur ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene extra castellum suum de Barnastapla fundate tantum beneficii conferre, ut sacer monachorum conventus constitui et sustentari possit, ad sustentationem ipsorum quasdam particulas terre sue donavit eis, scilicet Piltonam cum bosco et marisco, et Pillandam, utrasque liberas et quietas cum omnibus appenditiis suis, sicut ipse unquam eas liberius et quietius habuit et tenuit. Donavit etiam eis molendinum de Barnastapla liberum et quietum cum multura totius ville et castelli, ita quod burgenses ad aliud molendinum (molendino monachorum integro existente) molere non poterunt; et totam terram extra muros, que est juxta portam de North et portam de Yest simul cum fossa usque ad contiguam viam, et totam aquam prout terra eorum extenditur; et totum tractum piscium ipsius aque, tam in terra monachorum, quam in terra sua proxima. Ipsis quoque monachis concessit exclusam piscarie in terra sua firmare in quantum terra eorum extenditur ex altera parte aque. Insuper autem concessit ipsis monachis ut omnes terras suas et homines et possessiones et eleemosinas quas habent vel in posterum jure ac legaliter acquirere poterunt, infra fines totius terre ipsius et feudi sui habeant et teneant solutas, liberas et quietas ab omnibus exactionibus [hundredis] placitis querelis et omni servitio et opere servili et omnibus consuetudinibus que excogitari poterunt. Si quid vero forefacti vel querele inter homines prefati Joelis et homines monachorum inciderit, monachi plenarie de qualibet causa curiam suam et justitiam habeant propriam et emendationem. Et quia memoratus Joel hec predicta prefatorum monachorum sustentationi minime sufficere estimavit, divini amoris instinctu, totam ecclesiam Sancti Petri Barnastapla cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, capellis, decimis, obventionibus, et omnimodis fructibus, et cum capella S. Sabini et oblationibus suis per manum nostram et per assensum nostrum, in proprios usus monachorum habendam et in perpetuam eleemosinam possidendam donavit et jure proprietatis transactavit, et duas partes decime sue de Freminton, et totam decimam piscium. Que omnia supradictis monachis donavit et sigillo suo confirmavit, ita quod in eos nec sibi nec alicui ex heredibus suis aliquid violente potestatis exercere licebit, nisi tantummodo contra adversantium molestias defensionis auxilium. Quod ne tractu temporis vel malignantium versutiis in dubium revocetur, ego sicut diocesanus episcopus ad petitionem jam dicti Joelis presenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione ipsis monachis concessi et confirmavi. Hiis testibus, Ascelino archidiacono, Osberto capellano episcopi, et aliis.

* This and the charters Num. V. VI. and VII., are reprinted from Dugdale.

Num. IV.

Carta regis Henrici primi.

(Cart. 10 Edw. II. n. 39. per inspex.)

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie episcopo Exoniensi et vicecomiti et Alueredo de Totnes et omnibus baronibus, et fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis de Devonshire salutem. Sciatis me donasse et firmiter concessisse Deo et Sancto Petro de Cluniaco et beatissimo Martino de Campis ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnestapla cum omnibus appendiciis suis, sicut venerabilis memorie Johel, et alii fideles Christi, donaverunt pro statu et incolumitate regni mei et pro salute anime mee et patris et matris mee, et Matildis regine uxoris mee et Willielmi filii mei, et predecessorum et successorum meorum et volo, et firmiter precipio, quod bene, et in pace, et honorifice, et libere teneant unam virgatam terre de Piltona cum luco, et aquis, et pratis, et alteram virgatam de Pillanda cum loco, et molendinum de Barnestapla cum multura totius castelli, et alteram virgatam de Kunelanda†, et j. ferlingum terre de Cerchilla‡, et unum ferlingum terre de Cocosleg §, et unum ferlingum de Witefelda ||, cum luco; et quinque solidos de molendino de Almondesworde¶; et quinque solidos quos Henricus de Soratona dedit; et duos solidos de molendino de Langaricia**. Et sciatis me clamasse quietam totam supradictam terram de omnibus geldis, et dangeldis, et hidagiis, et placitis, et auxiliis, et omnibus consuetudinibus, cum socca et saca et toll et theam, et infanguenetes in bosco et plano, aquis, pratis, viis et semitis. Teste, Johanne episcopo Lexoviensi, Roberto de Sigillo, Roberto comite de Gloucestr., et comite de Auco, Baldwino de Redveriis, Willielmo filio Odonis, Willielmo de Vernun, Ilberto de Lacy, Roberto de Curcy. Apud Pirarios ††.

Num. V.

Carta Henrici de Tracy.

(Ex exemplari in Bibl. Cottoniana.)

In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi, Amen. Ego Henricus de Traci divina providente gratia video et intelligo omnia, que hujus mundi sunt, vana esse et caduca; audio enim apostolum dicentem: Quicunque diligit mundum, vel ea que in mundo sunt, non est charitas Dei in eo. Scio enim impossibile esse sine charitate Deo placere. Ergo perfecta charitas, que foras mittit timorem, huc adduxit dominum Odonem Sancti Martini de Campis secundum priorem, qui me admonuit ut ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnstaple omnes donationes, quas Johel ecclesie Sancti Martini de Campis dedit, etiam ex parte mea quantum ad me pertinet pro salute anime mee concederem. Tandem divina inspiratione admonitus, consilio baronum meorum ejus voluntati assensum dedi; et ego cupiens hereditatem habere cum sanctis et particeps fieri orationum sanctorum, et omnium monachorum Cluniacensium, pro salute anime mee, et patris mei, et matris mee, filiique mei Oliverii, et antecessorum et successorum meorum, hanc donationem, una cum filio meo Olivero, super altare Sancte Marie Magdalene coram baronibus meis optuli et carta mea confirmavi. Insuper coram Deo, et sanctis ejus promisi ut ecclesiam Sancte Marie Magdalene diligerem, et omnes res et possessiones ejus ubique, secundum posse meum, manutenerem, ut proprius fundator, quia de rebus hereditatis antecessorum meorum eadem ecclesia facta est et fundata. Igitur quicquid Johel et Alueredus predicte ecclesie Sancte Marie Magdalene concesserunt et dederunt in villis, in pratis, in prediis, in aquis, in silvis, in campis, in omnibus possessionibus, et quicquid in tempore eorum predicta ecclesia tenuit, insuper et ecclesias de Barnstapla et ecclesias de Taustochia, et decimas quas predicta ecclesia in tempore eorum tenuit

† Called Keymeland in the grant, Num. XII. post.
‡ Churchill, in East Down parish.
§ Coxley, in Shirwell parish.
|| Whitfield, in Marwood.
¶ Ashmondsworthy, in Woolfardisworthy.
** Probably Langtree, where the priory certainly had property.
†† Probably one of the Périers in Normandy.

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et possedit, quantum ad me pertinet, ad honorem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, et Sancte Marie virginis, Sancteque Marie Magdalene concedo, et confirmo. Hujus rei testes sunt, Jordanus de Campo-Ernulfi; Philippus de Cartrei, et Humfridus frater ejus; Stephanus Flandrencis, et Archembaldus filius ejus; Hugo de Ralega, et Willielmus le Desvet, et Robertus de Pleiston, et Thomas filius ejus; Robertus de Tapeleia, et Alix, et Robertus fratres ejus. Hec carta facta est anno ab incarnatione Domini M. CXLVJ. Datum per manum Ricardi capellani.

Num. VI.

Carta Willielmi de Braosa.

(Ibid.)

Willielmus de Braosa donationem bone memorie Johelis avi sui de terris, ecclesiis, quas ad sustentationem monachorum Cluniacensium dedit in die quo ipsam ecclesiam fundavit, ut ibidem libere quiete et honorifice viverent, etc. ipsis etiam concessit, etc. Testibus, Normanno tunc priore, etc.

Num. VII.

Carta Willielmi Exoniensis episcopi qua confirmat priori S. M. Magdalenæ ecclesiam S. Petri Barnestapoli in proprios usus.

(Ibid.)

Universis fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus miseratione divina Exoniensis ecclesie minister humilis eternam in Domino salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos, divine charitatis intuitu, inspectis cartis Johelis de Toton et Henrici de Trasci, dedisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse de voluntate et consensu dilectorum filiorum nostrorum decani et capituli Exonien. ecclesiam matricem beati Petri de Barnastapolia cum capellis decimis et obventionibus ad eam pertinentibus priori S. Marie Magdalene de Barnastapl., quem pro tempore perpetuum esse decrevimus, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, habendam et tenendam inperpetuum ad usus proprios integre et plenarie, salva honesta sustentatione capellani ad presentationem dictorum prioris et monachorum a nobis et successoribus nostris instituendi, qui, quamdiu fideliter et honeste se habuerit, amoveri non poterit ab eisdem. Hanc autem donationem et concessionem fecimus salva jurisdictione nostra et successorum nostrorum et archidiaconorum loci in eadem ecclesia, salvo etiam jure et possessione omnium qui vel in eadem ecclesia vel ad eandem aliquid juris obtinere noscuntur. Habebit autem capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit honestam domum juxta portam prioratus et victualia, pannis et calciamentis exceptis, sicut unus de fratribus, et una cum illis. Duas etiam marcas ad quatuor anni terminos pro equis portionibus percipiet per manum prioris de oblationibus ejusdem ecclesie, et equum et servientem habebit de ipso prioratu ad omnes necessarias ecclesie profectiones. Et, his tantum contentus, nihil extra vel intra percipiet, sed de omnibus integre dicto priori respondebit. Et sustinebit idem prior omnia onera ecclesie, episcopalia et archidiaconalia, debita et consueta. Ut autem hec concessio et donatio nostra futuris temporibus stabilis perseverit, eam scripti presentis munimine et sigilli nostri fecimus impressione roborari. Actum anno Domini MCCXXXIIJ. in die inventionis S. Stephani prothomartyris, consecrationis nostre anno x. His testibus; magistris Philippo precentore et Ricardo cancellario, magistro Will. de Arundell, canonicis Exonien. Martino Prudue rectore ecclesie de Peinton; magistro W. de Molend.; Rogero, Eurardo, et multis aliis.

Num. VIII.

Forma institucionis prioris de Barum.

(Bronescombe's Reg. vol. i. fol. 12 b.)

Anno 1265 et die Jovis proxima post festum assumpcionis beate Marie, dominus episcopus admisit apud Chedeleg fratrem Symonem de Gurneye ad regimen prioratus Sancte Marie Magdalene Barnastapol in forma que sequitur.—Universis presentes litteras inspecturis frater Symon de Gurneye salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum per venerabilem patrem dominum W. Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum ad presentacionem religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus Sancti Martini de Campis ad regimen monasterii beate Marie Magdalene de Barum benigne essemus admissi et prior ipsius monasterii canonice instituti nos jura in quorum possessione dictus venerabilis pater et ecclesia sua Exoniensis temporibus predecessorum nostrorum extiterat recognoscentes, ut debuimus, canonicam obedienciam et reverenciam gratis prestitimus eidem in verbo sacerdocii ac eciam sacrosanctis evangeliis inspectis promittentes quod bona dicti prioratus in ipsius monasteri utilitatem fideliter convertemus et ibidem expendemus, salva antiqua pensione viginti solidorum dictis priori et conventui debita per nos in posterum nullatenus augmentanda. Ad hec promisimus eidem patri in forma predicta nos a dicti prioratus regimine ad cujuscunque suasionem vel mandatum absque ejusdem Domini voluntate et licencia speciali minime recessuros seu aliquid contra dictarum promissionum nostrarum fidelem observacionem futuris temporibus impetraturos seu eciam impetratis quibus ex nunc ex certa sciencia renunciamus. Quod si facere attentaverimus concedimus quod ipso facto dicto prioratu simus privati. In quorum testimonium litteras nostras patentes dominus episcopus fecit testimoniales, adjicientes quod sentenciam auctoritate domini Pape super integro conventu tresdecim monachorum in monasterio Barum antedicto habendo latam, quatenus in ipso est, ratificabit, in verbo sacerdocii promittentes dicte sentencie quamcicius ad hoc ydoneas personas invenerit pariturum cum effectu.

Num. IX.

Lis inter priorem de Barnstaple et personam de Hamme de decimis apud Cridenho *.

(Abbreviatio placitorum, 35 Ed. I. p. 300.)

Placita coram domino rege apud Westmonasterium de termino Sancti Hilarii anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici XXXV^to.

Edwardus persona ecclesie de Hamme et 17 alii implacitantur per Andream de Pearecombe et Reginaldum le Porter pro capcione bladi frumenti avene etc. ad valenciam viginti librarum apud Crydenho. Dicunt quod ipse predictus Andreas est persona de Hamme et quod ipse et predecessores sui persone ecclesie predicte a tempore quo, etc. decimas loci predicti habuerunt, et quod prior de Barnstaple clamavit decimas predictas ad se pertinere, ita quod decime ille decimate etc. per assensum predicti prioris et ipsius Edwardi in presencia predictorum Andree et Reginaldi et aliorum vicinorum etc. posite fuerunt in quodam certo loco quousque discussum fuisset inter eos per arbitrium quis eorum eas habere deberet. Et dicunt quod predictus prior postea predictum arbitrium infirmavit, per quod ipse Edwardus per servientes suos dictas decimas cepit et asportavit, etc. Set juratores dicunt quod predictus Edwardus et multi alii transgressiones fecerunt ad dampnum ipsorum Andree et Reginaldi decem librarum. Rot. 20.

Eodem rotulo aliud placitum contra plures alios qui ceperunt frumentum, etc. apud Cridenho que est hamlettum que pertinet ad ecclesiam ipsius Edwardi, in quo predicti Andreas et Reginaldus recuperant similiter decem libras pro dampno.

Num. X.

De restauratione prioratus de Barnestapel aliorumque prioratuum alienigenarum.

(Pat. 1 Hen. IV., apud Rymeri Fœdera, tom. viii. p. 101–6.)

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos, intime considerantes qualiter nonnulla prioratus, domos, et loca religiosa alienigenarum infra regnum nostrum

* This suit seems to relate to tithes in Creed, in the parish Ham S. George, or Georgeham.

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Anglie et Wallie existentia, per nobiles progenitores nostros, ac alios regni nostri proceres et magnates, ad divina officia ac hospitalitatis et elemosinarum aliarumque pietatis et devotionis onera facienda et supportanda laudabiliter fundata et constructa extiterunt:

Quodque eadem prioratus, domos et loca religiosa, tam per subitas et frequentes ammotiones et expulsiones priorum et occupatorum locorum predictorum quam per diversos seculares et alios firmarios eorundem, postquam in manum domini Edwardi nuper regis Anglie avi nostri occasione guerre inter nos et illos de Francia mote primo seisita fuerunt, ita enormiter tam in domibus, quam in rebus et possessionibus, destruuntur, dilapidantur, et devastantur, quod divinus cultus regularesque observantie inibi cessant, ac hospitalitates et eleemosine, et alia insuper caritatis opera ibidem stabilita et fieri consueta subtrahuntur, necnon pia fundatorum vota multipliciter defraudantur et frustrantur ad Dei omnipotentis offensam et displicentiam non modicam ut speramus:

Et volentes proinde ad honorem Dei ac sancte Ecclesie, pro divini cultus augmentatione ac dictorum operum caritativorum et aliorum onerum incumbentium innovatione et continuatione, gratiosius providere:

De gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia nostra, et de assensu concilii nostri in presenti parliamento, manum nostram de prioratu Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnastapol Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu Simon Ocle prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis, institutionis, et inductionis hujusmodi, nobis in cancellaria nostra exhibitas et ostensas, plene liquet, qui quidem prioratus in manum dicti avi nostri, inter alias terras et tenementa religiosorum alienigenarum de dominio et potestate Francie existentium in regno nostro Anglie, et alibi infra dominium et potestatem nostram, nuper captus et seisitus extitit, et in manu nostra occasione predicta existit, penitus amovemus et eundem prioratum eidem Simoni priori concedimus et restituimus per presentes:

Habendum et tenendum sibi et successoribus suis prioribus loci predicti, una cum omnibus cellis maneriis, terris, tenementis, redditibus, servitiis, feodis militum, advocationibus ecclesiarum, vicariarum, capellarum et cantariarum, et aliorum beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum quorumcumque, ac etiam cum omnibus pensionibus, portionibus, annuitatibus, decimis, obligationibus, eleemosynis, ac aliis emolumentis, proficuis, rebus, et possessionibus, tam spiritualibus, quam temporalibus, ad prioratum predictum pertinentibus,

Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris, durante guerra inter nos et illos de Francia antiquum apportum dumtaxat, quod ad capitalem domum prioratus predicti in partibus transmarinis, tempore pacis, de eodem prioratu reddi et solvi consuevit;

Ita tamen quod idem prior et successores sui monachos, capellanos, seculares et alios ministros Anglicos, in prioratu predicto ad numerum juxta primariam fundationem ejusdem debitum et consuetum, inveniant et sustentent:

Ac decimas, quintasdecimas, et alia subsidia quecumque, cum clero et communitate regni nostri Anglie, quotiens et quando concedi contigerint, nobis et heredibus nostris, pro spiritualibus et temporalibus suis, solvant;

Aliaque onera et pietatis opera eidem prioratui ab antiquo incumbentia faciant et sustentent juxta primariam fundationem supradictam; aliqua ordinatione in contrarium edita seu dicta seisina prioratus predicti, cum pertinentiis suis predictis, in manum dicti avi nostri aut aliqua alia seisina, in manum nostram, aut prefati avi nostri, seu Richardi nuper regis Anglie, occasione guerre predicte, inde facta, seu aliquibus concessionibus vel commissionibus, inde, ante hec tempora, per nos aut dictum avum nostrum, seu prefatum Richardum nuper regem Anglie, aliquibus personis ad firmam factis, non obstantibus:

Volentes insuper et concedentes pro nobis et heredibus nostris predictis quod predictus prior et successores sui predicti, de quacumque alia firma et solutione annua nobis vel heredibus nostris pro prioratu predicto, occasione guerre predicte, preter dictum antiquum apportum annuum dumtaxit, in futurum solvendis, quieti sint et exonerati ac penitus absoluti,

Et eundem priorem et manucaptores suos, necnon alios quoscumque inde exoneramus et quietamus per presentes; proviso semper quod de aweragiis firme prioratus illius ante datam presentium debitis et nondum solutis, si que fuerint, nobis respondeatur et satisfiat, ut est justum.

In cujus etc.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo tertio die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Cornubia, Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Richardus Auncel, monachus abbatie de Tavystok, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo quinto die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Moddebury, Exoniensi diœcesi, in quo quidem prioratu frater Johannes Rogery monachus monasterii beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Divam, ordinis Sancti Benedicti Sagiensis diœcesis, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, decimo tertio die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu Sancti Jacobi juxta civitatem Exon. Exoniensis diœcesis alienigena, in quo quidem prioratu Johannes Thetford prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, etc. ut supra,

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, vicesimo sexto die Novembris.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu Totton Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Thomas Swynford, nuper monachus monasterii Sancti Andre Norhampton, ordinis Cluniacensis, Lincoln. diœcesis, prior admissus, institutus, et inductus existit, sicut per literas admissionis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, undecimo die Februarii.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Cowyk, Exon. diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu Johannes de Bourgeanvyll, monachus presbiter, ordinem Sancti Benedicti in monasterio beate Marie de Beccohellwyny, Rothomagensis diœcesis, expresse professus, prior institutus et inductus existit, sicut per literas institutionis et inductionis hujusmodi nobis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, duodecimo die Februarii.

Per ipsum regem.

Rex omnibus, ad quos etc. Salutem.

Sciatis quod nos, etc.—ut supra usque ibi, "manum nostram," et tunc sic——de prioratu de Trewerdrayth, Exoniensis diœcesis, in quo quidem prioratu frater Johannes Mastyn, monachus presbiter, ordinem Sancti Benedicti in monasterio beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Dyvam, Sagiensis diœcesis expresse professus prior institutus et inductus extitit, sicut per literas admissionis, institutionis, et inductionis hujusmodi, nobis, etc. ut supra.

Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, xix. die Martii, anno primo.

Per ipsum regem.

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Num. XI.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII.

Verus et annuus valor possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium prioratus beate Marie Magdalene de Barnistapolia.

Manerium Barnistaple in decanatu de Toryton.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise liberorum tenencium	4	8	6 et 1 lib. cere.			
Custumariorum tenencium	52	19	10			
Firma terrarum dominicalium	6	13	4			
Firma molendinorum ibidem per annum	10	–	–	73	18	2 et 1 lib. cere.
Ultra 3*s.* solutos Henrico duci Richmundie et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu diversarum terrarum et tenementorum in Barnistapolia predicta annuatim imperpetuum. Et 6*d.* solutos Johanni Chechester armigero et heredibus suis pro affirma sive attachiamento unius gurgitis super terram dicti Johannis annuatim imperpetuum. Sic omnibus allocationibus deductis remanet clare						
Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis	4	10	1	78	8	3
Sic nunc remanet clare				et 1 lib. cere.		

Manerium de Pylton in decanatu predicto.

Valet in redditu assise liberorum tenencium	1	2	6			
Custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	25	7	8			
Ultra 2*s.* solutos abbati et conventui de Clyff infra diocesim predictam et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu terrarum et tenementorum in predicto annuatim imperpetuum. Allocationibus deductis remanet clare				26	8	2
Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis	–	1	–	27	8	2
Sic nunc remanet clare						

Manerium de Stretton* in decanatu de Molton infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	2	1	10 et 1 lib. cere.			
Ultra 2*s.* solutos heredibus Willielmi Hutesfyld militi et heredibus suis domino hundredi de Wytherygge pro capitali redditu annuatim imperpetuum. Sic allocationibus deductis remanet clare				1	19	10 et 1 lib. cere.

Diverse culture infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise per annum	4	3	4			
Ultra 1*s.* solutos Johanni Bourgchyer militi domino de Fitzwareyn et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu certarum terrarum et tenementorum infra parochiam de Yendstowe† annuatim imperpetuum. Sic allocationibus deductis remanet clare				4	2	4
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium predicti prioratus				113	8	7 et 2 lib. cere.

Possessiones spirituales predicti prioratus infra diocesim et comitatum predictos.

Rectoria de Barnistapolia predicta.

Valet in exitibus decime garbarum ibidem per annum	4	10	–	9	10	–
Et in annuali et perpetua pencione recepta de vicario ibidem per annum	5	–	–			

Penciones.

In annuali pencione proveniente de rectoria de Georgeham infra decanatum de Shyrwyll Exoniensisque diocesis per annum	5	–	–			
Et in annuali pencione proveniente de rectoria de Fremyngton per annum	1	10	–			
Et in annuali pencione proveniente de cantaria de Mounkelegh in decanatu de Hertlond Exoniensisque diocesis per annum	–	6	8			
Summa				6	16	8
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti prioratus de Barnistapol				16	6	8
Summa totalis tam omnium temporalium quam spiritualium possessionum predicti prioratus				129	15	3 et 2 lib. cere.

Inde solutum Henrico duci Richmundie domino hundredi et manerii de Fremyngton et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim imperpetuum	–	2	–			
Et de feodo Hugonis Pollard armigeri capitalis senescalli manerii de Barnystaple pryor', annuatim imperpetuum	1	6	8			
Et in feodo Thome Haycche capitalis senescalli manerii de Stretton annuatim imperpetuum	1	6	8			
Et in feodo Johannis Fawell ballivi manerii de Barnystaple pryor' predicti annuatim imperpetuum	2	–	–			
Et in feodo Richardi Stephyns ballivi manerii de Stretton predicti annuatim imperpetuum	–	13	4			
Et in feodo Nicholai Kyrkeham auditoris compotus ministrorum predicti monasterii de Barnistapolia predicta annuatim imperpetuum	1	–		6	8	8

* In the parish of Washford Pyne.

† Instow, formerly Johannistow.

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	£.	s.	d.
Summa omnium allocationum	6	8	8
Et remanet clare	123	6	7 et 2 lib. cere.
Inde pro decima	12	6	8 et 2 lib. cere.

Sacrista prioratus Barnistapolie predicti.

Verus et annuus valor omnium messuagiorum terrarum et tenementorum ac decimarum et aliorum proficuum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes Barstaple sacrista domus sive prioratus beate Marie Magdalene de Barnistapolia predicti modo inde seisitus racione officii sui predicti prout postea patebit.

Barnistapolia et Pylton.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise	1	1	4			
Mete oblacionum infra ecclesiam parochialem Barnistapolie predictam in die Purificacionis beate Marie Virginis	–	5	–			
Decima diversorum ortorum in Barnistapolia predicta spectant predicto officio	–	1	8	1	9	8
Et in decima unius porcionis in parochia de Pylton predicta per annum	–	1	8			
Summa						
Inde pro decima				–	2	9¾

Num. XII.

Litteræ patentes per quas scitus et terræ prioratus S. Mariæ Magdalenæ Willielmo domino Howard et uxori ejus conceduntur.

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Salutem. Sciatis quod nos, in consideracione boni, fidelis et acceptabilis servicii, quod dilectus nobis Willelmus dominus Howard ante hec tempora nobis fecit, dedimus et concessimus, ac per presentes damus et concedimus eidem Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, domum et scitum nuper prioratus monachorum Sancte Marie Magdalene de Barnestapoll alias Barstaple, in comitatu nostro Devonie, auctoritate parliamenti suppressi et dissoluti, ac totam ecclesiam, campanile et cimiterium ejusdem nuper prioratus, necnon omnia messuagia, domos, edificia, grangias, orrea, stabula, columbaria, ortos, pomaria, gardina, terras et solum nostra, tam infra quam extra scitum, septum, ambitum, circuitum et precinctum dicti nuper prioratus existentia, eidem nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia ac parcellas inde existentia, aceciam omnia illa maneria nostra de Barnestapoll, Pylton, Strechton et Ingestowe alias Instowe cum eorum membris et pertinentiis universis in comitatu predicto, dicto nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon totam rectoriam nostram ecclesie parochialis de Barnestapoll cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis in comitatu predicto, dicto nuper prioratui appropriatam, spectantem et pertinentem, et advocacionem, donacionem et jus patronatus ejusdem ecclesie et vicarie ibidem, ac duo molendina nostra aquatica, vocata Port mylles cum pertinentiis in Barnestapoll predicta, et Pylton in comitatu predicto, eidem nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon totum boscum nostrum, vocatum Monkewode cum pertinentiis in Marwode, ac totum boscum nostrum vocatum Yernewode cum pertinentiis in Pylton, et omnia illa terras et tenementa nostra cum pertinentiis in Ingestowe in comitatu predicto dicto nuper prioratui spectantia et pertinentia, necnon unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem centum solidorum exeuntem de vicaria sive ecclesia de Barnestapoll predicta in comitatu predicto, quam vicarius ibidem pro tempore existente annuatim solvere consuevit dicto nuper prioratui, et unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem centum solidorum exeuntem de ecclesia sive rectoria de Georgeham alias Ham Sancti Georgii in comitatu predicto, quam rector ibidem dicto nuper prioratui annuatim solvere consuevit, ac unam annuitatem sive annualem pencionem triginta solidorum exeuntem de rectoria sive ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum de Fremyngton in comitatu predicto, quam rector ibidem dicto nuper prioratui annuatim solvere consuevit, ac unam annuitatem sive annualem redditum quadraginta solidorum exeuntem de castro, dominio vel manerio sive burgo de Barnestapoll in comitatu predicto, que dicto nuper prioratui de Barnestapoll solvi consuevit solvendam ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli per manus receptoris, ballivi, firmariorum sive aliorum occupatorum ibidem pro tempore existente, necnon omnia alia maneria, mesuagia, terras, tenementa, molendina, prata, pascuas, pasturas, boscos, subboscos, redditus, reversiones, servicia, annuitates, firmas, feodi firmas, wardas, maritagia, escaetas, relevia, aquas, stagna, vivaria, warennas, communias, piscarias, penciones, porciones, decimas, oblaciones, curias letas, visus franciplegii, ac omnia que ad visum franciplegii pertinent, et alia jura, jurisdictiones, libertates, possessiones et hereditamenta nostra quecunque, tam temporalia quam spiritualia, cujuscunque sint generis, nature vel speciei, seu quibuscunque nominibus censeantur vel cognoscantur, cum suis juribus, membris, pertinentiis et commoditatibus quibuscunque, scituata, jacentia et existentia in villis campis, parochiis seu hamellettis de Barnestapoll, Pylton, Bradford, Strechton, Wetherige, Delbrige, Fullyngote, Nethercote, Instowe, Collecote, Marwode, Crede, Georgeham alias Sancti Georgii, West Ansty, Wolley Downe, Shyrewell, Heawnton Poncherdon, Est Hakenden, Berynarber, Chalocombe, Langtre, Kyntesbury, Keymelond, Stoke Ryvers, Potyngdon et Fremyngton, in comitatu predicto, seu alibi ubicunque, dicto nuper prioratui quovismodo pertinentia sive spectantia, adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout Robertus Thorne, nuper prior dicti nuper prioratus de Barnestapoll aut predecessores seu priores ejusdem loci in jure prioratus illius, quarto die Februarii, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo, aut unquam antea omnia et singula premissa cum pertinentiis habuerunt, tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, habuit, tenuit, vel gavisus fuit, aut habere debuerunt vel debuit, ac adeo plene et integre et in tam amplis modo et forma, prout ea omnia et singula premissa ad manus nostras ratione et pretextu cujusdam actus de quibus monasteriis, abbatiis, prioratibus et domibus religiosis dissolvendis, in parliamento nostro apud Londinum, tercio die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo inchoato, et deinde usque Westmonasterium adjornato, et per diversas prorogaciones usque ad et in quartum diem Februarii anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo continuato, et tunc ibidem tento, inter alia editi et provisi, devenerunt seu devenere debuerunt, ac in manibus nostris jam existunt aut existere debent. Et ulterius.

[Then follows a further grant of the rectory and advowson of Tottenham, in Middlesex, and other property there and in Edmonton.]

Damus eciam et per presentes concedimus prefato Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, visum franciplegii, ac omnia que ad visum franciplegii pertinent, catalla felonum, fugitivorum, utlagatorum et dampnatorum, felonum de se et deodanda in omnibus et singulis predictis maneriis, terris, tenementis et ceteris premissis et in qualibet eorundem parcella, que quidem omnia et sin-

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gula premissa superius per presentes concessa cum pertinentiis sunt clari valoris centum quinquaginta quinque librarum, quatuor solidorum et sex denariorum per annum, et non ultra, HABENDUM et tenendum domum et scitum predictum, ac maneria, mesuagia, terras ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius specificata cum pertinentiis, prefato Willelmo domino Howard et domine Margarete, uxori ejus, et heredibus de corporibus eorum inter eos legitime procreatis, et pro defectu hujusmodi exitus remanere inde heredibus de corpore dicti Willelmi domini Howard legitime procreatis, TENENDUM de nobis, heredibus et successoribus nostris, in capite per servicium militare, videlicet, per decimam partem servicii unius feodi militis, ac per redditum viginti unius librarum annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ad curiam augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre, ad festum Sancti Michaelis Archangeli solvendum pro omnibus serviciis, exaccionibus et demandis quibuscunque, de, in, aut pro, premissis quovismodo faciendis, exigendis, solvendis, vel reddendis. Et ulterius, damus et per presentes concedimus prefato Willelmo domino Howard, exitus, revenciones et proficua premissorum a festo Annunciacionis beate Marie virginis, anno regni nostri vicesimo septimo hucusque provenientes sive crescentes, habendum eidem Willelmo domino Howard ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis, heredibus vel successoribus nostris quovismodo reddendo, solvendo vel faciendo. Eo quod expressa mencio, etc. In cujus, etc. T. R. apud Westmonasterium ix. die Marcii. Per ipsum regem et de data predicta, etc. [29 Hen. VIII.]

Hartland Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF HARTLAND.

NECTAN, sometimes called called Nyghton, the patron saint of Hartland Abbey, is said, by Leland, to have been one of the numerous progeny of Brechan*, a regulus in Wales, by his wife Gladwisa; he describes Nectan as a martyr, whose place of burial was at Hartland. (Collectanea, vol. iv. p. 153.) William of Worcester's account of this saint, and of his martyrdom on the 17th of June, partakes more of fable than of history.

A community of secular canons was attached to the church of S. Nectan at a very early period†; but Gaufridus, the son of Oliver de Dynham‡, lord of the manor and hundred of Hartland, whose property was very extensive both in Devon and Cornwall, procured the licence of his sovereign, Henry II., to change these secular into regular canons of the order of S. Augustine, and to found a monastery for them. Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter between the years 1159 and 1184, confirmed this transfer, which the founder seems to have left to the management of his friend, Richard Toclive, of Ilchester, archdeacon of Poictiers and afterwards bishop of Winchester, who was also a considerable benefactor to the new establishment. King Richard I. granted to the abbey the right of a gallows within the manor of Stoke S. Nectan. (Placita de quo warranto, post, Appendix.) From Oliver de Tracy the canons received a grant of the church of Fremington; from William de Boterell, or Botereaux §, the church of S. Andrew at Knowstone, and of Molland and Forbury; from Hugh Peverell the church of Woolfardisworthy; and from Richard Peverell and his wife Margaret the church of Brushford. It is probable that the original monastery was very incomplete and of a rude style of architecture; for Bishop Stapeldon, who made his visitation of it in 1319, describes the dormitory as hastening to ruin; the choir of the conventual church as dark; the belfry ill-covered; the lavatory badly arranged; and a locutory parlour or conversation-room as absolutely wanting; and he requires these defects to be remedied as soon as possible, under a penalty of £10 applicable to the building fund of the cathedral church of Exeter. On May 29, 1261, Bishop Bronescombe, as we learn from his Register (fol. 19), after stating that the vicarage of the parish church of S. Nectan, which was appropriated to the convent, had, by the negligence of the abbot of Hartland and his brethren, lapsed to the see according to the statutes of the Council of Lateran, proceeds to collate Henry de Hertilond, in priest's orders, to the vicarage, and assigns to him for his support the sum of 100*s.* per annum to be paid by the abbot or his proxy, also meat and drink such as one of the canons was allowed, for himself, and sufficient meat and drink for his servant, and the keep of a horse. In the same Register the bishop records that he had reconciled the parish church of Hartland on Saturday after the feast of S. Mary Magdalene, 1272, which had been polluted by effusion of blood in an affray between Oliver de Dinham and the canons, and that he had established peace between the parties.

Bishop Brantyngham, September 11, 1374, granted an indulgence of forty days to all true penitents who should pray for the soul of the lady Muriel Dynham, "cujus corpus in monasterio de Hertylond requiescit humatum." (Register, vol. i. fol. 54.) This lady was of the Courtenay family.

This large parish abounded with chapels. Bishop Stafford, being at Hartland Abbey May 21, 1400, (Register, vol. i. fol. 38.) granted permission for the performance of divine service "in honestis capellis Sancte Crucis in Clyfforde et Southcote ac Sancte Marie de Fyrbykene (Firebeacon), Sancti Jacobi de Milforde ||, et Ashmandesworthi

* Ex Vita S. Nectani: "Brechanus, regulus Wallie, a quo Brocchanoc (Brecon) provincia nomen sumpsit, ex Gladwisa uxore viginti quatuor filios et filias genuit, quorum hec sunt nomina: Nectanus, Joannes, Eudelient, Menfre, Dilic, Tedda, Maben, Wencu, Wensent, Merewenna, Wenna, Juliana, Yse, Morwenna, Wymp, Wenheder, Cleder, Keri, Jona, Kananc, Kerhender, Adwen, Helie, Tamalanc. Omnes isti filii et filie postea fuerunt sancti martyres vel confessores, in Devonia et Cornubia vitam heremiticam agentes."—"Nectanus martyr Hartlandiæ sepultus."

† Tanner (Notitia Monastica) and Risdon state it to have been founded by Githa, the sister of Sweyn and mother of King Harold.

‡ To his descendant, Oliver Dynham, King Edward I., by his charter dated Westminster, February 20, anno 14 regni, 1285, granted a fair to be holden November 29 and 30, and December 1, "apud manerium suum de Hertone in comitatu Devon.;" as also free warren, "in omnibus dominicis terris suis de Harpeford, Notewell, Elsington, Matford, and Suthbrok, in predicto comitatu Devon." (Rot. Cart. m. 37.) The family owed their origin to the lord, or viconte, of Dinan in Bretagne, who assisted William at the Conquest and was represented, down to a late period, by the Denhams. A curious letter from one of this family, dated Lifton, A.D. 1537, seems to impute inactivity to the reformers in his neighbourhood. (Cott MSS. Cleop. E. IV. p. 51.

§ The family of Bottereaux was perhaps of Norman origin, from *Les Botteraux* (Boterellæ), near Evreux. But the surname or sobriquet of Boterellus was also assumed by successive members of noble Breton families, especially that of Penthiévre and Lamballe. Morice, Table Genealogique, &c.—S.

|| On an inquisition post mortem of Henry, duke of Lancaster, in 1360, the jury found, inter alia, that the abbot of Hartland held of the duchy of Lancaster the fourth part of a fee in Melford and Hole.

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(Exmansworthy), Sancte Wenne de Cherstowe (Cheristowe), Sancti Martini de Weddon (Meddon), et Sancti Michaelis de Kynneston (Kirmstone)."

Until the dissolution of the abbey, the patronage of it was vested in the Dynham family as lords of the manor, castle, borough, and hundred of Hartland; or in the heads of the four families, who had married the four daughters and coheiresses of John Lord Dinham, by his lady, Jane daughter of Sir Richard Arches, knight; viz. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, married to Fulk Bourchier, Lord Fitzwarren; Jane, the second daughter, to John Lord Zouch; Margaret, the third, to Sir Nicholas Carew, called by Leland Sir William Carew, knight; and Katharine, the fourth, to Sir Thomas Arundell, of Lanherne, knight, incorrectly called by Leland, John Arundell.

The following is the best catalogue of the abbots that we are able to offer:—

Benedictus occurs in one of the Frithelstock charters. See post, p. 219, Num. I.

Hugo was abbot in the reign of King John, to whom Matilda, the widow of William Lancell, granted all her wood in Launcell manor; for which gift she received ten shillings.

John Westcott probably succeeded.

Ogerius de Kernit was confirmed abbot on April 3, 1261.

Thomas Wyddebir succeeded on October 4, 1281.

John of Exeter occurs as abbot April 17, 1308, when Bishop Stapeldon addressed him a letter or excuse for not having acceded to his wish and recommendation by appointing his cousin, Thomas de Karneynet, to Udno church, but promised not to lose sight of his friend's advancement. In consequence of the improvement of their finances by his zeal and industry, two canons more were added to the community; and he seems to have rebuilt the cloisters, as an inscription on them testifies*. This abbot tendered his resignation, on account of bodily infirmities, on September 18, 1329, and died shortly after.

Roger de Raleigh was elected on February 18, and blessed by Bishop Grandisson on March 11 following. He died very early in the year 1350 (see Appendix, Num. IX.)

David de Wynscote confirmed March 6 in that year. The vacancy of the abbey on his death was notified to the patron May 9, 1354 (see Appendix, Num. XII.)

William Beaumont, a relation of the patron of Sir John Dinham, was instituted February 4, 1355. Eleven days later the following acknowledgment was made at Hartland, under his seal:—

"Ceste endenture fait a Hertilaunde le demaynge procheyn apres la feste Seint Valentyn lan du reigne le Roi Edward terce apres la conqueste vienteosyme testmoigne les covenaunts fait parentre Monsieure Johan de Dynham de une part et Sire William Beaumond, abbe de Hertilaunde, de daultre part, ceo est a savoir, que le avaunt dist Monsieur Johan ad graunte au dist abbe par cause de cosenage de entrer en son abbeie de meisme le lieu saunz feaute ou aultre service a lui faire par la que touz abbes de ces predecessours ount fait a luy et a ces auncestres du temps dont memorie ne court: pour quel graunt faire le avaundist abbe meyntenaunt, apres son induction, installacion et sa messe chauntee, connust le dit Monsieur Jean estre seigneur et patroun de meisme labbeie, et lui fist feaulte en presence de plusours gentz. En testemoignance de quele chose les avauntdiste Monsieur Jean et l'abbe susdite entrechaungeablement ont mys leur seals. Par ces testemoignes Rolaund Pennoun, Johan Beaumond, Richard Tetisbȳ, Roberd Ffaitecotes, Johan Winescode, et aultres. Donn jour, an, et lieu susdites."

The seal of the abbot is oval bearing a graceful figure of Christ hanging on the cross between two rose-bushes. On the exergue is a canon, with uplifted hands, in prayer. The legend is,

✠ NOS : SALVA : REX : CRVCE : XTE : TVA.

* ISTVD : QVADRATVM : CLAVSTRM : DIVERSIFICATVM : MARMOREO : LAPIDE : PERFECTVM : SVMPTIBVS : ET : ANNIS : ABBATIS : AC : ARTE : IOHIS : SIT : EI : GRA :

We suspect this to be the abbot on whom one of his subjects, Robert Mercheman, a canon of Hartland, laid violent hands. The culprit, on manifesting sincere repentance, was absolved by Bishop Brantyngham, Nov. 26, 1390. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 213.)

Philip Tone occurs as abbot in 1399. He died on Dec. 7, 1427, as was notified by the prior and convent to the patron on 11th of the same month. After the death of this abbot, disputes arose respecting the right of patronage (see Appendix, post).

Gencianus Mattyngho was elected on the 20th of the same month and year. His agreement with the patron, dated April 13, 1428, may be seen in the Appendix. He died May 27, or, according to another account, June 5, 1442.

Richard Tawton, senior†, succeeded eight days later. He died June 1, 1462.

Richard Tawton, junior, succeeded, June 28, 1462. In the Appendix will be seen his agreement with the patron, dated July 1, 1478. On September 20, 1508, this abbot consented to provide a priest and curate to serve Welcombe chapel at stated periods.

John Prust followed, whose election is not recorded, but who died in the summer of 1529. On July 1, 1527, he leased to Thomas Hunt, clerk, and to Robert Dey, the rectory of Knowstone and Bottreaux Molland; viz. the tithe of sheaf and a cottage adjoining the rectory-house, during their several lives, at the yearly rent of £8.

John Prust, junior, whose election was notified on Aug. 18, 1529, "patronis et fundatoribus Johanni Fitzwarren, Johanni Zouche, et Johanni Arundell, militibus." (See Appendix, post.) Three days later, he made his profession of obedience to the see of Exeter, "in capella D. Virginis Marie infra ecclesiam conventualem monasterii Sancti Nectani." We have seen the deed, dated from the chapter-house, March 1, 1530, subscribed "per me Johannem abbatem de Hertlond—per me Willielmum Gybbe priorem," appointing Thomas Arundell, esq., head steward of all the abbey property in the counties of Devon and Cornwall "et ubique alibi infra regnum Anglie," with a salary of five marks. This abbot with five of his religious subscribed to the king's supremacy, Aug. 31, 1534, and resigned, early in 1536, on a pension of forty marks, "pro victu et vestitu."

Thomas Pope was the last abbot, in whose time his house was dissolved February 21, 1539. On 1 April following, Archbishop Cranmer released him from his religious vows; an indulgence which the king, in the plenitude of his supremacy, ratified, approved, and confirmed, under the great seal of England.

The yearly value of the abbey was returned by Bishop Vesey to the Exchequer, in 1536, at £306. 3*s*. 4*d*.

The following is the list of pensions preserved in the Augmentation Office (Mon. Angl. vol. vi. p. 437):—

"Hereafter ensuith the yerely penc̃ons assigned & appoynted to the late abbott & cōvent ther by John Tregonwell, Willm Petre, & John Smythe esquyers commissiõrs ther the xxij^{d}. day of February in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of our soũeigne Lord King Henry the VIIIth. that they & eũy of them to have one quart' of a yere penc̃on at the ffeaste of th'annũciac̃on of o^{r}. Lady next com̃ying & at

† After the institution of this abbot, litigation again arose respecting the right of presentation to the abbey. Sir John Dynham brought a quare impedit against the bishop of Exeter and Richard Tawton, alleging that Gencianus had been presented by his father. The plea of the bishop alleged that the abbot was immemorially elective by the prior and convent, and that Gencianus was instituted by the bishop on such election and on the presentation by the prior and convent, and not on the presentation of Dynham. A writ was sent to the archbishop of Canterbury to certify on whose presentation that abbot had been instituted. At a further stage of the cause the plaintiff was nonsuited, and no return to the writ appears. The case is reported in the Year Book, 22 Hen. VI. fo. 25; and the pleadings are in the Liber Intrationum, fo. 71, and Rastal's Entries, fo. 496 b. It may be interesting to a legal student to observe, that the pleadings, as printed in the two last works, must have been copies from the pleadings whilst *in ficri*, and before an amendment made after argument *in banc*, as appears by the report in the Year Book. The pleadings in court were therefore not merely *ore tenus* at this time, though the report itself might lead a reader to suppose that they were so.—S.

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Michaelmas folowing half yere penc̃on & so to be payd eũy half yere during their liffe.

that is to sey,

Ffirst to Thomas Pope abbott .	lx^{li}.		
It' to Thomas Hirwell p'or . .	vj^{li}.	xiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}.
It' to Henry Kyne		cxiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}.
It' to Nyghting Bere		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Roger Stone is appointed to serve the chapell of Bykington, and he to have therfor by yere vj^{li}. xiij^{s}. iiij^{d}.; and if shall happin to be impotent or otherwise not able to serve the cure, then he to have for his penc̃on yerly .		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Sum of the yerely penc̃ons	iiij^{xx}viij^{li}.	vj^{s}.	viij^{d}.

With the exception of Henry Kyne, the above-mentioned pensioners were living in 1553. (Willis's Hist. of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 61.)

The abbot's town house in Exeter appears to have been in High-street, opposite to S. Stephen's church.

In the Appendix, Num. XV., we give a copious extract of the crown grant of Hartland Abbey, dated January 30, 1546, to William Abbott, esq., sergeant of the cellar. The consideration money was paid into the Court of Augmentation, but the grant was under the great seal. It continued in his family till 1609, when it passed to the Luttrells; Prudence, the eldest daughter of William Abbott of Hartland, esq., the nephew of the grantee, whose will was made May 26, 1609, and proved at Exeter, June 26 following, having married Andrew Luttrell, esq. From the Luttrells it passed, by the marriage of Mary Luttrell (who was buried at Hartland, November 8, 1722), to Paul Orchard, esq., who dying intestate in 1740, it descended to his only son, Paul Orchard, esq. At his death, on March 1, 1812, it passed, by his will (dated May 16, 1794, and proved in the Prerogative Court, June 22, 1812), to his nephew, the Rev. Thomas Hooper Morrison, of Yeo Vale; on whose death without issue, December 19, 1824, it became the property of the last-named Mr. Orchard's great-nephew, Lewis William Buck, esq., the present M.P. for North Devon, and whose only son, George Stucley Buck, esq., now resides at the abbey.

The rectory * was leased, July 1, 1565, by Queen Elizabeth to William Abbott, esq., the nephew of the original grantee of the abbey, his executors and assigns for a term of twenty-one years at the yearly rent of £14. This William Abbott surrendered his lease to the Queen, who thereupon, in consideration of the said surrender and of a fine of £14, May 16, 1580, granted a renewal to him for the term of his life, with remainder to his sons, Justinian and William, at the same rent. King James I., March 24, 1612, granted the rectory church and tithes to Francis Morrice and Francis Phillips, esqs., subject to the annual payment of £20 to a chaplain who was to officiate for the whole parish, and 9*s.* 1*d.* to the archdeacon of Barnstaple for synodals. On February 24, 1615, they conveyed the same to Richard Sutton and John Wotton, together with the rectory of Langunnor, in Carmarthenshire, for the sum of £1350 2*s.*, to fulfil the benevolent views of Thomas Sutton, esq., the founder of "the Chartereux," now the Charter House, London, who had died on December 12, 1611, aged seventy-nine years †.

We engrave two common seals, both circular, bearing the head of the supposed patron saint. One is manifestly more ancient than the other; it has less hair, and is bare and shorter in the neck. The letters of the legend are of higher antiquity. They are,

+ SIGILLVM NEHTANVS

: ✠ : SIGILLVM : : NECTANVS :

To the Right Honourable Henry Benedict, Lord Arundell of Wardour, we are especially indebted for many valuable documents illustrating this history of Hartland Abbey.

The following are extracts from records in the Augmentation Office:—

Com. Devon. Stoke alias Hartland.

The premises underwritten, in Hartland, were granted to Ambrose Smith and Henry Smith, by letters patent, October 29, 19 Eliz., 1577, in fee, under the reserved yearly rent of £4 7*s.* 7*d.*

A tenement in Filham, alias West Filham, late in the tenure of Katherine Quance, annual value 12*s.*

A tenement in ditto, late in the tenure of Laur. Walden, annual rent 5*s.* 10*d.*

A tenement in Trelick, in the tenure of Jane Stapleton, 7*s.*

A tenement called Stowford, in the tenure of Stephen Corrie, 14*s.* 8*d.*

A tenement in Galkysham, in the tenure of John Burden, 9*s.* 4*d.*

A tenement in Frelick, in the tenure of William Blagden, 1*s.* 2*d.*

Two tenements in Heckworthy, in the tenure of Joan Herde, 14*s.* 9*d.*

A mill, called Blackpole mill, in the tenure of Christopher Priest, 10*s.*

Two tenements, or messuages, and divers lands in Hartland, late in the tenure of Henry Reade, were granted [amongst other things] to Edmund Frost, gentleman, and John Walker, their heirs and assigns, in fee farm, for ever, by letters patent, dated January 19, 24 Elizabeth, 1582.

The church house in Hartland, and divers messuages, cottages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, in the several occupations of Henry Priest, Richard Cole, John Rene Taylor, John Brimryge, Alice Robins, Thomas Buse, and John Rene Glover, lying and being in Bury, in Stoke Saint Nectan, and other premises in S. Leonards, Leigh, Newton, Brigworth, and Kyrmiston, in the parish of Stoke S. Nectan, and fourteen tenements therewith, there being, together with six messuages lying in Mannesley, Tosbere, Titsbury, and Grendike, in the said parish; and also a small grove in Filham, in the said parish, and the woods called Shepe's Well grove, and Brand's wood, Prestlynch wood, Horse park, Pattyshole grove, Northwood, and Ashbere, containing twenty-nine acres, and a wood of two acres near the site of the said priory and near Stoney Style, all the above-mentioned premises being of the yearly value of £15 18*s.* 3*d.* [and, the site of the priory included, £22 6*s.* 8*d.*] were granted to William Abbott, esq., in fee, by letters patent, dated January 30, 37 Henry VIII., 1545, to hold by the service of a fortieth part of a knight's fee and the annual reserved rent of £3 7*s.* 4*d.*

What became of the other parts of the manor of Hartland does not appear, the ministers' accounts in the Augmentation Office being deficient from 12 Elizabeth, 1570, when it was last accounted for. The entry in the 12th of

* In the parish church of S. Nectan, at Hartland, a considerable ordination was holden on May 25, 1499.

† The governors of the Charter House, since that period, have nominated the curates, or chaplains, of Hartland; but the only names of these clergymen that we have been able to discover are,—

Thomas Done, who was buried July 5, 1627, aged eighty.

William Churton, from 1627 till his death, January, 164⅞.

George Mountjoy succeeded, who was re-licensed August 29, 1662, and was buried October 26, 1676.

William Orchard was licensed October 13, 1677, and was buried December 10, 1707: he gave the sacramental plate.

Robert Forster was licensed April 20, 1708, but resigned: he was buried February 10, 1725.

James Harcourt was licensed July 6, 1721.

John Jenkins was licensed September 19, 1728.

Kenrick Prescot succeeded for a short time.

William Morris was buried March 14, 1755, after serving the parish eighteen years.

Francis Tuttie succeeded May 14, 1770.

William Chanter licensed August 28, 1797.

John Moreman, S.T.P., a very distinguished clergyman, was born at Southhole. in this parish, and educated at Exeter College, Oxford. Patronised by Bishop Vesey, he was admitted rector of the Holy Trinity, Exeter, on September 25, 1528, which preferment he resigned on his appointment to Menheniot, in Cornwall, February 25, 1529. On June 19, 1544, he was collated to a canonry in Exeter cathedral, and was also preferred to Colebroke on October 25, 1546. Some writers contend that he was promoted to the deanery of Exeter, but we think, without good ground; for Dr. James Haddon was installed dean on July 10, 1553, and William Pye was collated to the prebend in Exeter cathedral on January 16, 155⅝, void by the death of Dr. Haddon. Dr. Moreman certainly died a short time before his patron, Bishop Vesey; for Robert Yendall succeeded on October 27, 1554, to Menheniot, void by his death. Wood, in the 2nd book of his Hist. & Antiq. Univ. Oxon. p. 346, says, that he was buried at Menheniot.

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Elizabeth is for £21 - 1*d.*, for the rents of the customary tenants, and tenants by convention, as yet in the hands of the Queen unsold.

A chapel on the site of the old market-house of Hartland was licensed Nov. 26, 1838.

Num. I.

Carta Regis Henrici Secundi concessionem ecclesiæ S. Nectani Ricardo Pictaviensi archidiacono confirmans.

(Cart. 38 Edw. III. n. 1, per Inspex.)

Henricus rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod Gaufridus filius Oliveri de Dynam in presentia mea pro Dei amore et mea petitione, concessit et, quantum ad eum spectabat, donavit Ricardo Pictavensi archidiacono ecclesiam S. Nectani de Hertilanda cum capellis et terris et decimis et omnibus pertinentiis suis nominatim cum Bechetona, ut ibi ordo canonicorum regularium in voluntate predicti archidiaconi instituatur, et lx. s. annuos, quos de clericis ejusdem ecclesie solebat habere, et relevamina et omnia alia servitia secularia Deo et ecclesie et archidiacono imperpetuum remisit et quietum clamavit, et nihil penitus sibi in eadem ecclesia retinuit preter orationes*. Testibus; Gaufrido archidiacono Cantuar., Gaufrido capellano regis, et magistro Stephano de Fulgeriis, et Nicholao capellano, magistro Johanne Cumin, et magistro presbitero comitis Hugonis de Norf., Manass. Biset dapifero, Willielmo Malet., Goscelino de Baliolo, Alano filio Jordani, Ricardo Pincerna. Apud Wintoniam.

Num. II.

Carta Regis Ricardi Primi donatorum concessiones recitans et confirmans.

(Pat. 5 Edw. IV. p. 3, m. 13. Vide cart. 38 Edw. III. n. 1.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem, etc. Ricardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitannie, et comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Sciatis nos pro salute anime regis Henrici patris nostri et nostra et omnium antecessorum et successorum et heredum nostrorum, concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse permutationem quam fecit Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus assensu et voluntate illustris regis Henrici patris nostri de canonicis secularibus qui fuerunt olim in ecclesia S. Necthani de Hertilanda in canonicos regulares, auctoritate Bartholomei Exoniensis episcopi, in cujus episcopatu ecclesia ipsa sita est, et assensu et voluntate Gaufridi de Dinam senioris et Oliveri fratris sui et Gaufridi filii Oliveri, in quorum feudo et dominio eadem ecclesia est fundata, ita quidem quod, amotis de prefata ecclesia Necthani de Hertilanda imperpetuum canonicis secularibus, abbas ibi et canonici regulares substituantur, qui secundum regulam Augustini et rationabilia instituta fratrum S. Nicholai de Arroasia ibi Deo serviant et pro statu et tranquilitate et pace nostra et regni nostri, simul et pro salute anime regis Henrici patris nostri, et nostra, et prefati Ricardi Pictavensis archidiaconi et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, sedule Deum interpellent. Et concedimus et presenti carta confirmamus predictis canonicis regularibus prenominatam ecclesiam S. Necthani de Hertilanda cum omnibus prebendis et terris et decimis et omnimodis aliis pertinentiis suis; et quod liberam habeant potestatem excolendi omnes terras suas ad usus proprios aut ad censum locare, sicut eis viderint magis expedire, quas prefati canonici seculares tenebant antiquitus de prebendis ecclesie S. Necthani de Hertilanda; et quod nullus de posteris predictorum canonicorum secularium, vel qui se fecerint heredes, clamare possit sibi juris aliquid de terris, que prefatis canonicis regularibus sunt a prenominatis dominis date vel concesse; scilicet, ex dono Gaufridi de Dynam senioris fundatoris eorum duas hidas terre apud Nectanestoke, et terram de Bechatona†, cum ecclesia de Bechatona. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus predictis canonicis regularibus relaxationem et quietanciam sexaginta solidorum, quos prefatus Gaufridus de Dynam solebat habere annuatim de canonicis secularibus qui prius ibi fuerunt, et de relevaminibus et omnibus secularibus serviciis, que idem Gaufridus de eisdem habere consuevit; et ex dono ejusdem Gaufridi capellam de Welcuma cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et capellam de Hertitona‡ cum tresdecim acris terre ad eam pertinentibus; et capellam Sancte Wenne de Chirestowe§ cum terra que antiquitus appellata est Acra Sancte Wenne, et cum duodecim aliis acris; et omnes capellas infra parochiam ejusdem ecclesie S. Nectani constructas cum omnibus pertinentiis et libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Ex dono ejusdem Gaufridi de Dynam unam virgatam terre, scilicet, Gallecusham‖. Ex dono Oliveri fratris predicti Gaufridi, assensu et voluntate Gaufridi filii sui et heredis, terras de Marcadene¶, et Scepelwelle**, quas predictus Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus ad opus predictorum canonicorum regularium a prefato Olivero acquisivit, cum hominibus et omnibus aliis rebus ad eas pertinentibus, ad edificandum ibi predictis canonicis regularibus ecclesiam et officinas suas. Ex dono Oliveri de Traci ecclesiam de Fremintona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et communi pastura, et octo solidatas terre, quas idem Oliverus predictis canonicis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam dedit. Ex dono Willielmi de Boterell ecclesiam de Gunstane††, et ecclesiam de Molanda, et ecclesiam de Forbiri cum terris et decimis et piscariis et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Concedimus et confirmamus predictis canonicis domum quandam in magno vico Exonie, quam predictus Ricardus Pictavensis archidiaconus a prefato Willielmo de Boterell emit et eis dedit. Ex dono Hugonis Peverell ecclesiam de Wlfareswrye‡‡, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi Peverell et Margarete uxoris sue, assensu Roberti de Spec heredis ejusdem Margarete, ecclesiam de Briggeford§§, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Hawisie de Ridvers unum ferlingum terre apud Beauford‖‖ cum quadam parte nemoris sui quod vocatur Warham. Ex dono Henrici de Parco, terram illam que vocatur mons Gocelini. Concedimus etiam et confirmamus predictis abbati et canonicis regularibus ecclesie S. Nectani de Hertilanda omnes terras, et decimas, et possessiones, et omnia beneficia, que eis data sunt, sicut carte donatorum rationabiliter facte testantur, vel in futuro sunt rationabiliter acquisituri. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod abbas prefati loci de Hertilanda, et canonici regulares ibidem Deo servientes, habeant et teneant omnes predictas ecclesias sive terras, etc. adeo libere et integre, etc. sicut aliqua abbacia vel domus religiosa de terra nostra liberius et melius tenent, cum soca et saca, et tol et tem, et infangenethef, et utfangenethef, et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et quietanciis, in ecclesiis et capellis, in bosco et plano, in pratis et pasturis, in aquis et molendinis, in stagnis et vivariis, in mariscis et piscariis, in vineis et virgultis, in viis et semitis, in grangiis et in portubus, in civitatibus et villis, infra burgum et extra, et in omnibus aliis locis et omnibus aliis rebus, liberas et solutas et quietas de sectis sirarum et hundredorum, et de lethe, et wapentache, et de placitis et querelis de murdro, et pecunia que ad murdrum pertinet, sive ad latrocinium, et de scutagio, et hidagio, et de assisis, et de geldis, et danegeldis et horngeldis et fotgeldis, et de blodwita et fitwita et flitwita et leirwita et heingwita et flemenefenda, et werdpeni et averpeni et hundredpeni et tolingpeni, et de operationibus castellorum, poncium, et parcorum et vivariorum et stagnorum et murorum et de clausuris omnimodis, et fumagio, et mareimo cariando, de armis portandis, et exercitibus et summonitionibus, et de thesauro ducendo et warda tenenda, de auxiliis seu donis vicecomitum et bailliorum suorum, et de omnibus aliis auxiliis, et de misericordia comitatus, et quietas ab omni theoloneo et passagio

* In the agreement made April 13, 1428, between the patron John Lord Dynham and the abbot and convent, the former claims nothing "tempore vacationis abbathie preter participationem suffragiorum canonicorum."

† Bickington.
‡ Harton in Hartland.
§ Cheristow in Hartland.
‖ Now Galsham in Hartland.
¶ Now Marcadon in Hartland.
** Called Shapwell, Shapeswell, or Sopwell, in the grant to Abbot, post.
†† Knowstone.
‡‡ Woolfardisworthy
§§ Brushford.
‖‖ Now Beaford.

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et pontagio et stallagio et lestagio et de omni servicio et exactione seculari et opere servili, et de omnibus occasionibus aliis et consuetudinibus secularibus, et quod, excepta justicia mortis et membrorum, habeant curiam suam de omnibus querelis que exorte fuerint in terris et possessionibus suis, et justiciam de eis, ita quod witas suas inde capere possint. Prohibemus eciam ne ipsi canonici ponantur in placitum de aliquo tenemento suo, nisi coram nobis ipsis, vel coram capitali justicia nostra. Hec omnia concessimus predictis canonicis nostris de Hertilanda in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam pro amore Dei et beati martiris Nectani, cui jugiter et intente famulantur pro anima regis Henrici patris nostri. Testibus hiis,—H. Dunhelm., G. Wyntoniens. episcopis. Data primo anno regni nostri per manum W. de Longo Campo cancellarii nostri, Eliensis electi. Apud Westm. octavo die Novembris*.

Num. III.

Taxatio vicariæ de Hertilond.

(Bronescombe Reg. fol. 19.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus miseratione divina Exon. episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam tenore presencium volumus pervenire, quod cum taxanda vicaria ecclesie parochialis S. Nectani de Hertilond tanto tempore vacaverit, quod ipsius collatio per negligentiam abbatis et conventus Hertilondie, qui ecclesiam ipsam in proprios usus obtinent pleno jure concessam, secundum statuta Lateranensis Concilii ad nos extitit devoluta, nos, periculum animarum precavere et earum saluti prospicere cupientes, vicariam ipsam dilecto filio Henrico de Hertilond, presbytero, divine caritatis intuitu contulimus et ipsum in eadem canonice vicaria instituimus, ordinantes de expresso consensu partium, ordinacioni nostre in verbo veritatis et sacerdotii in scriptis sacrosanctis per omnia stare promittencium, quod idem vicarius per manus et liberacionem abbatis predicti vel ejus procuratoris centum solidos sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales equis porcionibus annuatim, esculenta quoque et poculenta cotidiana sicut unus de canonicis loci predicti pro se et uno servitore sibi ministrante, ac pabulum pro uno equo, nomine vicarie tantumodo percipiat; reservata nobis cum expedire viderimus ad utriusque partis utilitatem hujusmodi assignationem mutandi potestate. Volumus et quod abbas et conventus predicti omnia onera ipsius ecclesie et capellarum ex ea dependencium debita et consueta totaliter agnoscant et per unum de eorum canonicis, quem ad hoc elegerint, de ipsarum fructibus ac proventibus universis disponant pro sue libito voluntatis. Idem vero vicarius, per se et unum clericum duntaxat, in ecclesia predicta personaliter continue ministrabit. Abbas vero et conventus predicti presbyteros idoneos quos ad hoc elegerint, in capellis ex dicta ecclesia dependentibus suis sumptibus ministraturos, per eorum procuratorem et vicarium predictum archidiacono loci, cum opus fuerit, presentabunt. In cujus rei testimonium presentes literas eidem vicario concessimus patentes. Datum Londoni 4 kal. Junii, consecrationis nostre anno quarto. (May 29, A.D. 1261.)

Num. IV.

De libertatibus manerii et abbatiæ de Hertland.

(Excerpta ex Rotulis Hundredorum, 3 Edw. I., vol. i. p. 73, 93.)

Hertiland. Veredictum duodecim juratorum etc. Dicunt quod dominus Oliverus de Dineham tenet manerium de Hertiland in capite de domino rege pro duabus partibus feodi unius militis, faciendo inde servicium pro feodo hauberci†.

Dicunt quod insula de Londay est escæta domini regis per mortem Willielmi de Maresco felonis, et dominus Holverinus tenet dictam insulam per baỹiam (bayliam?) regis Henrici patris Edwardi regis qui nunc est: nesciunt quo warento‡.

Item dicunt quod abbas de Hertiland habet furcas et assisam panis et cervisie per cartam Johannis regis.

Hundredum de Nortauton. Jurati illius hundredi dicunt quod abbas de Hertilaund est de novo feoffatus de quodam tenemento apud Brigford§ quod solebat communicare ad regale servicium et ad alia gulda cum terra Willielmi de Spek apud Brigford; et dictus abbas non patitur nunc ballivos domini regis distringere pro servicio domini regis sicut solebant.

Num. V.

De libertatibus abbatis de Hertland in villa sua de Stoke S. Nectan.

(Rot. de Quo waranto, 10 Edw. I., printed ed. p. 166.)

Abbas de Hertilaund summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii, furcas, emendas, assise panis et cervisie fracte in Stoke Seneton (i. e. Stoke S. Nectan) sine licentia etc. Et abbas venit, et quoad furcas dicit quod ipse habet infangandthef et utfangandthef in manerio suo de Stoke Seneton ex dono et concessione domini Ricardi regis, et profert cartam etc. que hoc idem testatur. Ideo quoad hoc inde sine die.

Et quoad visum franci plegii et emendas assise panis et cervisie dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria usi sunt predictis libertatibus. Et quod ita sit, petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Ideo inquiratur. Et jurati, quoad emendas assise panis, dicunt quod predictus abbas nullas habuit emendas, eo quod nulli sunt ibidem pistores. Et quoad visum franci plegii dicunt quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria usi sunt predicto visu etc. Et quoad [emendas assise servisie] idem abbas capit redempcionem de tenentibus suis ibidem pro assisa servisie fracte . . . . predictis villis de Stoke Seneton . . . . . est coram domino rege a d . . . . . [cetera desunt‖].

Num. VI.

Commissio quo audiendo et terminando quasdam transgressiones Oliveri de Dinaunt in episcopum Exoniæ circa custodiam abbatiæ de Hertland¶.

(Pat. 3 Ed. I., printed Prynne's Exact History, &c. p. 170.)

Rex dilectis et fidelibus suis Henrico de Monteforti et S. de Roffa, salutem. Monstravit nobis venerabilis pater

* See a charter of King John for this abbey, transcribed in Harl. MSS. No. 6748, p. 19.

† See ante, p. 69.

‡ Lundy, in the hundred of Braunton, Devon, was granted by King Henry II. to the Knights Templars, and the grant was confirmed by his son, King John, at Seez, in 1199. (See his deed, vol. vi. of the New Monasticon, fol. 842.) Its only parish church was dedicated to S. Helena, and we find that its patron, Hugh, Lord Le Despenser, in June, 1325, presented one Walter le Bot "ecclesie Sancte Elene de Londai." (Stapeldon's Register, fol. 184.) Shortly after the attainder of Despenser, William Lord Montacute became the possessor of the island. As patron, he presented, on the resignation of one William Bott, Robert de Hadestok, on March 6, 1333. William de Tettwell was collated, per lapsum tempus, by Bishop Grandisson on March 16, 1338. Thomas de Wynkelegh was collated by the same prelate, July 1, 1340. David Kelyng was collated by him, "ad parochialem ecclesiam Sancte Helene," Aug. 14, 1353. Nicholas Comyng, on resigning Nymet Roland, was collated by Bishop Grandisson, Feb. 3, 1355. After this period we discover no further institutions to the living.

The reader will find an interesting account of Lundy in Nicholls' Collectanea Topographica, vol. iv. pp. 313, 330; London, 1837.

§ Now Brushford.

‖ The deficient part is, no doubt, a day given in banc to hear judgment as to usurping the franchise respecting the assise of bread, found against the abbot.—S.

¶ Prynne calls this commission a writ to enquire of and punish the encroachments of the Earl of Cornwall upon the bishop; but it is, in fact, a special commission to hear and determine certain alleged outrages committed by Oliver de Dinant while the bishop was under the king's protection. The occasion was the disputed right of patronage to the abbey, which was, as other documents show, a recurring subject of contest between the Dinhams and the bishops of Exeter.—S.

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W. Exon. episcopus quod cum ipse sit verus patronus abbatie de Herthylaund, et ipse et predecessores sui episcopi ejusdem loci in omnibus et singulis vacationibus ejusdem domus semper custodiam ejusdem abbatie habere consueverunt tanquam veri patroni ejusdem loci, ac Oliverus de Dinaunt jam termino elapso, dum predictus episcopus nobiscum in partibus Vasconie in servicio nostro, quo tempore eundem episcopum, homines, terras, res, redditus, et omnes possessiones suas susceperamus in protectionem et defensionem nostram specialem, et dum officiales et ballivi ejusdem episcopi per ballivos com[itis] Cornubie, occasione contentionis inter ipsos episcopum et comitem mote, detenti fuerant in prisona, custodiam abbatie predicte super episcopum predictum occupavit et bona domus illius ac si ad ipsum pertinuissent vi et contra voluntatem canonicorum et aliorum hominum ejusdem loci cepit et consumpsit, et pecuniam non modicam per indebitas districtiones ab eis extorsit, ut per easdem extorsionem et occupationem patronatum ejusdem domus posset in futuris vacationibus suis sibi et heredibus suis attrahere et seisinam inde vendicare, in predicti episcopi et ecclesie sue Exon. prejudicium et exheredationem manifestam: et quia manifeste liquet quod predicto episcopo et ecclesie sue predicte poterit ex hoc dispendium non modicum suboriri nisi citius remedium ad hoc apponi faciamus; volentes quod partibus inde justicia celeriter fiat in hac parte, assignavimus vos ad inquirendum per sacramentum proborum et legalium hominum de com. Devon, per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit, veritatem premissorum, et ad easdem transgressiones tam de dicta occupatione quam de extorsionibus et dampnis predictis audiendum et terminandum secundum legem et consuetudinem regni nostri. Et ideo etc. [The usual mandate to the sheriff follows, as in other commissions of oyer and terminer.] Test. 4 Nov.

Num. VII.

Ordinatio super visitatione abbathiæ de Hertiland.

(Stapeldon's Register, fo. 147.)

Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus religiosis viris abbati et conventui de Hertiland nostre diocesis salutem graciam et benedictionem. Cura pastoralis officii, quo vestro sicut ceteri gregis nostri regimini, permittente domino, presidemus, circa reparationem et reformacionem eorum que ad vestram prosperitatem et pacem vestreque religionis honestatem pertinere noscuntur tanto majoris sollicitudinis studio vigilare non desinit quanto vos et monasterium vestrum ab antiquo recollegimus in amorem. Eapropter nonnulla que nuper, vos et monasterium vestrum jure diocesano prout ad nos pertinet visitantes, tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus officio correctionis indigere comperimus in statum debitum reformare volentes, decernimus et tenore presencium ordinamus ut divinum officium diurnum pariter et nocturnum horis congruis cum devocione debita in vestro monasterio cotidie peragatis, quodque solempnitas corporis et sanguinis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi quinta feria post octabas pentecostes, secundum tenorem cujusdam novelle constitutionis super hoc edite, sub duplici officio cum octabis sequentibus annis singulis celebretur. Regularis observancia insuper tam in jejuniis vigiliis oracionibus silencio, quam aliis que ad vestram religionem pertinent, in vestro monasterio diligenter ab omnibus observetur. Et quia preceptoris absencia interdum discipulis ad lasciviendum materiam subministrat, volumus et mandamus quod abbas qui pro tempore fuerit in vesperis matutinis et missis in choro una cum canonicis et confratribus suis quociens commode poterit et precipue in festis duplicibus interesse de cetero non omittat, quodque regularis observancia in omnibus prenotatis firmiter teneatur, curam adhibeat diligentem. Et ut hec diligencius exequatur, quolibet mense semel ad minus, cessante impedimento legitimo, ad capitulum veniat pro correctionibus faciendis, secundumque qualitatem commissi quod repperit et secundum regularem observancia culpam feriat delinquentis. Semel eciam ad minus quolibet mense cum fratribus in refectorio se reficiat. Et si aliquo mense ex aliqua causa racionabili hoc non fecerit, bis in alio ibidem commedere teneatur. Habeat eciam ibidem abbas certum capellanum unum de canonicis quem duxerit eligendum, qui ipsum continue comitetur pro divinis obsequiis exsolvendis, secumque ubicumque fuerit in camera sua de nocte jaceat, ut de vita et conversacione laudabili sibi mutuo valeant testimonium perhibere, quem dimittere et alium de canonicis assumere valeat idem abbas cum sibi et monasterio viderit expedire. Item quia dormitorium vestrum proximum est ruine, ac chorus ecclesie est obscurus, campanile male coopertum, et lavatorium male ordinatum, locutoriumque deficiat omnino, similiter ordinamus quod, quamcicius comode fieri poterit, defectus hujusmodi nedum reficiendo quin eciam noviter construendo ipsius monasterii sumptibus reparentur; librorum eciam defectum*, quorum aliqui sunt insufficientes omnino, idem abbas sub pena x. librarum ecclesie nostre Exoniensis fabrice applicanda infra annum a data presencium faciet emendari. Item quia per discursum porcorum intra septa monasterii vestri inhonesta nonunquam audivimus contigisse, volumus et jubemus quod porci unquam per curiam de consuetudine non vagentur, sed in aliquo loco ad hoc ydoneo intra curiam vel extra clausum sub arta custodia teneantur. Item quando aliquem canonicorum pro ordine recipiendo, de licencia abbatis vel ejus ad quem pertinet, ex speciali commissione ejusdem abbatis secundum regulam a monasterio vestro exire continget, de expensis et vectura in eundo stando et redeundo necessariis sibi provideri volumus per abbatem; ita quod predictus canonicus suscepto ordine hujusmodi, cessante causa legitima, redeat infra terminum competentem, considerata locorum distancia, ipsius abbatis vel ejus in hac parte locum tenentis arbitrio juste moderandum. Item canonicus infirmus pro qualitate infirmitatis quam patitur cibis convenientibus reficiatur, et si vino indigeat secundum qualitatem morbi de celario abbatis per celerarium, secundum formam contentam inferius deputandum, ministretur eidem; ita quod grossiora cibaria que sibi competencia non sunt in leviora commutentur vel sibi subtrahantur et in elemosinam convertantur. Item redditus assignatus ad inveniendum lumen de nocte in infirmitorio, quando fuerint ibidem aliqui de fratribus egrotantes, una cum arreragiis ejusdem custodi infirmitorii, per abbatem deputando et quando oportunum viderit amovendo, amodo liberetur, qui de receptis annis singulis predicto abbati in presencia aliquorum de conventu reddere teneatur, etsi quod residuum fuerit per ordinacionem ipsius abbatis in alium usum necessarium convertatur. Et ut unitatis et pacis vinculum non solum inter ipsos religiosos confratres set et inter eos et quoscumque familiares monasterii antedicti servientes vigeat in futurum, volumus et jubemus quod familiares ipsius abbatis tam presentes quam futuri canonicos et confratres debita reverencia supportantes ipsis cum modestia et mansuetudine respondeant et loquantur. Item volumus et ordinamus quod de cetero unus canonicorum quem abbas elegerit per eundem in celerarium preficiatur, qui pecuniam ordinatam per abbatem pro coquina hospitum et ipsius abbatis recipiat, et de ea necessaria ad hujusmodi coquinam faciat providere; bladum insuper de grangiariis recipiat per talliam vel indenturam pro pane et servisia in monasterio facienda et predicto abbati vel alteri per eum adhoc deputato de hujusmodi receptis per eundem celerarium ac suis expensis reddat raciocinia, cum per abbatem super hoc fuerit modo debito requisitus, ad cujus curam et solicitudinem pertinebit quod domus interior in premissis bene regatur et ea que parantur ad usum predictum bene et fideliter expendantur, ita quod hospitalitas non fraudetur; et quantum ad hujusmodi domus regimen sit major omnibus post abbatem, quem liceat abbati a dicto officio amovere et ipsius loco alium subrogare quociens sibi et monasterio predicto viderit expedire. Item quociens aliquod arduum negocium contingens ipsum monasterium fuerit agitandum, super hoc, ut moris est, communis et solempnis in capitulo

* Leland mentions the titles of two works which he saw in the library of this house :—
"Liber de re medica, akephalos."
"Roberti Crikeladensis, prioris Oxoniæ, Libri septem de Floribus Plinii instar epitomatis." Collectan. tom. iii. p. 153.

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habeatur tractatus; ad quem tractatum faciendum abbas per conventum nunciatus absque difficultate qualibet libenter accedat nisi fuerit racionabiliter impeditus. Item ut status monasterii in exterioribus illis de conventu plenius innotescat, ibidem vires patrimonii sui ignorare non expedit, tenore presencium ordinamus ut duo canonici per conventum vel majorem partem presentium eligendi annis singulis deputentur, in quorum presencia omnium ballivorum, receptorum, et prepositorum monasterii existencium sub abbate per quos bona ipsius monasterii administrantur reddatur coram auditoribus ydoneis per abbatem assignatis et ab illis infra septa dicti monasterii audiatur, qui post compotum redditum de arreragiis remanentibus et pede compoti copiam per indenturam recipiant conventui exhibendam, et ipsam ipsi conventui exhibeant indilate; quodque singulis annis post autumpnum, ante hujusmodi compotum redditum, duo canonici per conventum electi in comitiva abbatis vel alterius, quem abbas ad hoc duxerit deputandum, singulas ecclesias et maneria eorundem circuant sumptibus ipsius monasterii per abbatem eisdem ministrandis, grangias, instaurum, et alia bona quecumque inibi existencia supervideant diligenter. Proviso tamen quod dicti canonici sic electi infra terminum competentem per abbatem assignandum eisdem quamcicius redeant ad monasterium supradictum. Et quia vestri monasterii facultates per Dei graciam et industriam abbatis qui nunc est in tantum novimus esse auctas quod sufficere possunt pro sustentacione canonicorum pro numero ampliori, decernimus et eciam ordinamus quod infra biennium de duabus personis ydoneis volentibus et valentibus sub habitu vestre religionis domino famulari ipsorum canonicorum numerus, qui nunc est, augeatur; de viro quoque litterato per vos conventum predictum a nobis petito qui, secundum peticionem vestram nobis in memorata nostra visitatione porrectam, illos ex vobis instruere valeat qui proficere cupiunt in sciencia litterarum, vobis providere curabimus cum offerret se facultas. Has igitur ordinaciones nostras similiter et decreta vobis et cuilibet vestrum quantum ad vos pertinent communiter vel divisim mittimus observanda in virtute sancte obediencie et sub interminacione maledictionis eterne, vobis omnibus et singulis firmiter injungentes quatenus prompto animo et alacri studio suscipientes ea in quolibet suo casu cum summa diligencia observare curetis et observare curet, quantum ad ipsum pertinet, quisque vestrum, scituri pro certo quid si hujusmodi nostris ordinacionibus et decretis contempseritis vel contempserit vestrum aliquis obedire, cum nobis constiterit de vestris inobediencia et contemptu, contumaces et rebelles in hac parte pena canonica feriemus. Salva nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exonie qui pro tempore fuerint potestate premissis addendi seu detrahendi eisdem, si, prout, et quando nobis et ipsis videbimus seu viderint expedire, et salvis juribus et jurisdictione ecclesie nostre Exoniensis in omnibus et singulis ac eciam auctoritate quibus per premissa in nullo volumus nec intendimus aliqualiter derogare. Volumus eciam et mandamus quod in signum et testimonium recepcionis presencium et vestri in hac parte consensus nobis citra festum pache rescribatis per vestras patentes litteras harum seriem de verbo ad verbum dilucide continentes. Et ne premissa per negligenciam vestram seu et insciciam forsitan minus provide per cursum temporis oblivioni tradantur, volumus et mandamus ut premissa omnia et singula in loco capituli dicti monasterii statim post *Preciosa* singulis sabbatis Quatuor temporum in vestra presencia publicentur intelligibiliter et legantur. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Clist vij° die mensis Februarii anno Domino millesimo ccc^mo^ decimo nono.

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Alia visitatio ejusdem abbatiæ.

(Ibid. fol. 148.)

Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilecto in Christo filio domino Johanni Dei gracia abbati Hertilond salutem, etc. Quia nos nuper, in monasterio vestro predicto visitacionis nostre debitum officium jure ordinario exercentes, invenimus inter cetera quod quidam Hugo de Cok, Thomas clericus, et Robertus Cloka, familiares dicti monasterii et abbatis, tantum canonicis sunt exosi, quod sine scandalo tumultu et discordie materia in obsequio monasterii et abbatis retineri non possint, ipsos, licet super aliquo vicio rationabiliter non convictos, pro bono tamen unitatis et pacis ab officiis suis que nunc habent in vestro monasterio et a servicio vestro et dicti monasterii fore decernimus citra pascha proximo futurum totaliter amovendos, et ad alia officia vel eadem seu ad aliquod servicium vestrum vel monasterii sine consensu conventus vel majoris partis ejusdem nullatenus resumendos, sub pena xl librarum sterlingorum in fabricam ecclesie nostre Exoniensis pro nostro arbitrio convertendarum. Per hoc tamen non intendimus quod de cetero familiares monasterii vestri, assumpti per vos vel successores vestros vel assumendi, ad clamorem canonicorum removeri debeant absque tali causa contra eos proposita et probata que debeat racionabilis boni viri arbitrio reputari. Et quid super hiis duxeritis faciendum nobis infra xv dies a dato presencium per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes dilucide rescribatis. Datum Exonie vj^to^ die mensis Februarii, anno Domini m°.ccc^mo^. decimo nono.

Num. IX.

Electio abbatis per priorem et conventum de Hertlond.

(Ex originali apud Wardour.)

Nobili viro ac discreto domino Johanni de Dynham, militi, filio et heredi Jocei de Dynham, patrono monasterii de Hertilonde ordinis Sancti Augustini Exoniensis diocesis, sui humilis et devoti prior monasterii predicti ac ejusdem loci conventus salutem in eo qui dat salutem nobilibus, cum omni reverencia patrono debita et honore. Nobilitati vestre presentibus intimamus quod, bone memorie domino Johanne nuper abbate nostro viam universe carnis ingresso, concessaque nobis ad petitionem nostram a vestra nobilitate per literas vestras patentes sigillo vestro patenter consignatas licencia alium nobis abbatem et pastorem eligendi, nos, voluntate unanimi et consensu, virum religiosum providum et discretum fratrem Rogerum de Ralegh monasterii nostri predicti canonicum, latorem presencium, nobis elegimus concorditer in abbatem nostrum et pastorem; hinc est quod eundem electum nostrum vestre nobilitati per dilectos nostros fratres et canonicos monasterii nostri duos, Willielmum de Harecombe et David de Wyscote, devote presentamus, quos ad id faciendum nostros constituimus et facimus procuratores et nuncios speciales, humiliter supplicantes quatenus hujusmodi electioni nostre assensum vestrum liberaliter impenderitis et literas vestras super hoc venerabili in Christo patri et domino domino Johanni Dei gracia episcopo Exoniensi diocesano nostro dirigere velitis. Valeat nobilis dominacio vestra per tempora longa feliciter duratura. Datum apud Hertilonde, decimo octavo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo nono.

Num. X.

Ordinatio facta inter abbatem et conventum de Hertilond et vicarium de Lancels super onere constructionis cancelli, etc.

(Brantyngham, Reg. vol. i. fol. 94, b.)

Universis Christi fidelibus presentes literas inspecturis Thomas miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad universitatis vestre noticiam volumus pervenire quod, licet inter religiosos viros abbatem et conventum monasterii de Hertylond ordinis Sancti Augustini nostre diocesis ecclesie parochialis de Lancels in Cornubia proprietarios ex parte una, et dominum Johannem Nanskelly vicarium perpetuum ejusdem ecclesie ex altera super onere construccionis nove et reparacionis sive refeccionis antiqui cancelli ecclesie supradicte materia litis et dissencionis fuisset prout fuerat suscitata,

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partes tamen supradicte ordinacioni nostre inferius designate expresso eorum consensu interveniente simpliciter pure et sponte se submiserunt, eamque nostra auctoritate ordinario auctorizari cum instancia petiverunt, volentes subditis nostris quietem preparare et finem litibus imponere, de expresso consensu parcium predictarum ordinamus quod dictus vicarius, qui nunc est, singulique vicarii successores sui in eadem vicaria canonice instituti qui pro tempore fuerint, temporibus suis successivis onus construccionis nove refeccionis sive reparacionis antiqui cancelli ecclesie de Lancels antedicte, necnon omnia et singula onera ordinaria que ad parochianos ejusdem ecclesie non pertinent, suis sumptibus supportabunt et quilibet eorum tempore suo supportabit. Et habebit idem vicarius qui nunc est, et singuli successores sui habebunt, comprehensis sive combinatis clausuris quas nunc habet idem vicarius, et loco mansi sui, decem acras terre juxta mansum dicte vicarie; et solvet vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit in eadem vicaria proprietariis supradictis annuatim in festo Pasche xij^{d}. usualis monete. Quam quidem ordinacionem nostram antedictam auctoritate nostra ordinaria perpetuis temporibus duraturam auctorizamus et sigilli nostri impressione communimus. Et nos abbas et conventus monasterii de Hertylond proprietarii ecclesie de Lancels antedicte pro parte nostra et ego Johannes Nanskelly perpetuus vicarius ejusdem ecclesie pro parte mea in fidem et testimonium premissorum sigilla nostra fecimus hiis apponi. Datum apud Chuddelegh xxv^{to} die mensis Aprilis anno Domini MCCC^{o} L^{o} XXXij^{do} et consecracionis nostre xij^{mo}.

Num. XI.

Spiritualia abbatie de Hertland liberata per episcopum; temporalia per patronum.

(Ex originali apud Wardour.)

Universis ad quos presentes pervenerint Rogerus de Ralegh abbas de Hertilande salutem in Domino. Cum venerabilis pater dominus Johannes Exoniensis episcopus eleccionem nostram nuper confirmasset et munus benediccionis nobis inpendidisset et spiritualia dicti monasterii nobis liberasset, ac idem pater domino Johanni de Dynham domino et patrono nostro abbathie predicte confirmacionem illam certificasset per literas suas patentes in hec verba.—"Omnibus quorum interest vel intererit et quos negocium tangit infrascriptum vel tangere poterit infuturum Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in omnium Salvatore. Universitati vestre tenore presencium intimamus quod cum vacante nuper monasterio de Hertiland nostre diocesis ordinis Sancti Augustini per mortem bone memorie domini Johannis de Exonia nuper abbatis ejusdem monasterii ipsiusque corpore ecclesiastice tradito sepulture, frater Rogerus de Ralegh presbiter ejusdem loci canonicus expresse professus in abbatem predicti monasterii rite canonice ac concorditer fuisset electus, nos in hujusmodi eleccionis negocio rite per omnia procedentes, juris ordine qui in ea parte requirebatur in omnibus observato, quia invenimus eleccionem hujusmodi de ipso fratre Rogero sic factam fuisse rite canonice et legitime, eandem auctoritate diocesana confirmavimus, ipsumque fratrem Rogerum in abbatem dicti monasterii rite et legitime esse declaramus et pronunciamus sentencialiter et definitive, justicia exigente, ac munus benediccionis eidem impendimus in forma juris, omniaque spiritualia dicti monasterii eidem fore decrevimus liberanda, administracionem eorundem interius et exterius eidem integraliter committendo. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Sarum xj. die mensis Marcii anno Domini MCCC. vicesimo nono et consecrationis nostre tercio."—Noveritis nos a predicto patrono nostro temporalia nostra abbathie predicte cum pertinentiis integra et illesa recepisse ac fidelitatem nostram prout decet eidem domino et patrono nostro fecisse. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Datum apud Hertiland die dominica in festo annunciacionis beate Marie anno regni regis Edwardi tercii a conquestu Anglie quarto.

R. de Pyk. D. Aleyn. Pede Hull.

[Indorsed.] Memorandum. Die Dominica predicta in crastino annunciacionis Dominice anno Domini MCCC. tricesimo sigillata fuit litera intrascripta apud Hertylond, presentibus venerabilibus viris dominis Olivero de Dynham, Johanne de Ralegh, militibus, magistro Petro de Bere, advocato consistorii Exon., Johanne de Stouforde, Thoma de Haydon, Johanne de Hydon, et multis [aliis]; necnon magistris Roberto Peyk et David Aleyn, publicis apostolica auctoritate notariis. Testibus et ceteris.

Pede Hulle.

Num. XII.

Licentia eligendi abbatem petita a patrono.

(Ex originali apud Wardour.)

Immense nobilitatis viro, fundatori ac domino et vero patrono nostro, domino Johanni de Dyneham militi, domino de Hertilond Exoniensis diocesis sui humiles et devoti presbiteri conventus monasterii de Hertilond ordinis Sancti Augustini dicte diocesis, salutem in eo qui dat salutem nobilibus, cum omni reverencia et honore. Vestre dominacioni ac nobilitati sub forma qua fundatori et vero patrono nostro presentibus literis intimamus quod cum monasterium supradictum fundacionis et patronatus vestri per abbatem solitum gubernari, jam per mortem bone memorie domini David de Wynscote nuper abbatis ejusdem monasterii defuncti existat pastoris solacio destitutum, nos, ne idem monasterium propter ejus diutinam vacacionem in spiritualibus seu temporalibus dispendia patiatur, dilectos nobis in Christo fratres Walterum Geare et Johannem Gyrnoun canonicos memorati monasterii presencium exhibitores ad vestre dominacionis presenciam destinantes ipsos ad petendum et recipiendum a vobis licenciam eligendi nobis ac dicto monasterio nostro abbatem et pastorem, et ad omnia alia faciendum que de jure vel de consuetudine in hac parte necessaria fuerint vel oportuna, procuratores nostros et nuncios speciales constituimus per presentes; ratum habituri et firmum quicquid nomine nostro fecerint in premissis vestram nobilitatem exhabundanti suppliciter exorantes quatenus hujusmodi licenciam divine pietatis intuitu concedere dignemini cum gracia et favore vestre dominacionis, literas prout moris est nobis in hac parte, si placet, dirigi facientes cum spiritualibus et temporalibus incrementis. Vestram donacionem diu conservet in prosperis clemencia Salvatoris. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est appensum. Datum in capitulo nostro de Hertilond nono die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} quinquegesimo quarto.

[To this the most ancient seal is attached.]

Num. XIII.

Alia similis licentia.

(Ex originali, ibid.)

Nobili viro domino Johanni Dynham militi, prior et conventus monasterii de Hertilaund vestrorum patronatus et fundacionis salutem cum ea qua decet reverencia. Vestre discrecioni presentibus nostris litteris nostro communi sigillo signatis intimamus, quod bone memorie Philippus Tone nuper dicti nostri monasterii abbas die Dominico, videlicet, in crastino Sancti Nicholai septimo die instantis mensis Decembris sicud Domino placuit, quod dolenter referimus, debitum persolvit nature. Ne autem dictum nostrum monasterium pastoris solacio destitutum diucius sua deploret incomoda, dilectum confratrem et concanonicum nostrum fratrem Henricum Shyre presencium latorem vestre reverencie duximus dirigendum, vobis humiliter supplicantes quatenus, cum nedum ecclesie cathedrales et collegiate seculares, verum eciam ecclesie regulares earum diuturnis vacacionibus plurimum in spiritualibus et temporalibus infinitis graventur adversis, eli-

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gendi nobis et dicto monasterio nostro abbatem futurum licenciam liberam concedere valeat vestra reverencia benigna pariter et devota. Quamdiu conservet in prosperis Unigenitus in sinu matris. Datum in domo nostra capitulari de Hertilaund undecimo die instantis mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo septimo.

[The same very ancient seal is attached.]

Num. XIV.

Concordia de jure patronatus abbatie de Hertland.

(Ex originali, ibid.)

Hec indentura facta inter Johannem Dynham militem, dominum manerii de Hertilond in comitatu Devonie, ac patronum abbathie de Hertilond, cujus quidem abbathie antecessores predicti Johannis Dynham extiterunt fundatores, ex parte una, et Gencianum Mattyngho abbatem monasterii sive abbathie de Hertilond ejusdem comitatus et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte altera, testatur, quod, orta nuper dissencionis materia inter partes predictas tempore vacacionis dicti monasterii sive abbathie per mortem bone memorie Philippi Tone ultimi et immediati abbatis ejusdem de et super custodia prefate abbathie tempore vacacionis ejusdem, necnon super nonnullis aliis articulis per eundem Johannem et suos antecessores dominos manerii de Hertilond in eadem abbathia tempore vacacionis ejusdem petitis et vendicatis, tandem partes predicte tam prefatus Johannes Dynham pro se et heredibus suis quam prefati abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis pro hujusmodi litibus et discordiis inter eosdem imperpetuum sedandis, pacis Auctore mediante, ac intervenientibus honorabilibus et discretis viris Thoma Barone de Carrow, milite, Willielmo Wenard, Johanne Waryn ecclesie Exoniensis canonico, Johanne Boson, Johanne Copleston, Johanne Mulys, et Nicholao Radeford, armigeris, utriusque partis amicis, conquieverunt in hunc modum, videlicet, quod abbathia predicta per mortem sive cessionem ejusdem loci abbatis sive alio modo qualiter cumque vacante, prior claustralis ejusdem abbathie si priorem pro tunc ibidem prefici contigerit, sin autem senior canonicus ejusdem monasterii sive abbathie et ejusdem loci conventus postquam corpus abbatis ejusdem monasterii ecclesiastice fuerit traditum sepulture sive statim post mortem ejusdem si voluerint, et in casu quo abbas dicti monasterii hujusmodi suam abbathiam in manus ordinarii resignaverit et eadem resignacio per eundem ordinarium fuerit admissa et conventui dicti monasterii notificata, hujusmodi prelati defuncti mortem sive cedentis cessionem per suas literas patentes sigillo communi dicti monasterii sive abbathie sigillatas eidem Johanni Dynham seu heredibus sive assignatis suis dominis manerii de Hertilond pro tunc existentibus, tanquam ejusdem monasterii fundatori et patrono, si infra comitatum Devonie Cornubie Somerset aut Dorset ipsum Johannem Dynham seu heredes aut assignatos suos dominos manerii de Hertilond existere contigerit, alioquin eorum senescallo terrarum suarum principali seu eorum generali attornato eorum nomine infra dictum comitatum Devonie existenti notificabunt; supplicantes in eisdem litteris eidem Johanni Dynham seu ejus futuris heredibus sive assignatis dominis manerii predicti qui pro tempore fuerint, seu senescallo vel attornato predictis eorum nomine, quatenus ad procedendum ad eleccionem futuri abbatis ejusdem monasterii licenciam liberam concedere dignetur sive dignentur: qua quidem littera dictorum prioris sive senioris canonici et conventus per eundem Johannem Dinham heredes sive assignatos suos, dominos manerii de Hertilond, seu eorum senescallum aut attornatum predictos si ipsum Johannem seu ejus heredes vel assignatos extra dictum comitatum existere contigerit, recepta, idem Johannes seu heredes sive assignati sui domini manerii de Hertilond seu eorum senescallus aut attornatus predictus, si ipsum Johannem seu ejus heredes sive assignatos extra dictos comitatus ut prefertur existere contigerit, hujusmodi licenciam liberam absque aliqua difficultate sive exaccione quacumque infra triduum a tempore hujusmodi littere presentacionis numerandum concedere et liberaliter impertiri teneatur sive teneantur. Quod si prefatus Johannes Dynham sive heredes seu assignati sui domini manerii de Hertilond seu eorum senescallus, sive attornatus predictus, si ipsos Johannem seu ejus heredes sive assignatos extra dictos comitatus existere contigerit, eandem litteram recipere seu prefatam licenciam sic ut prefertur petitam concedere recusaverit sive denegaverit, recusaverint aut denegaverint, aut ipsum Johannem heredes aut assignatos suos extra predictos comitatus vel predictum senescallum aut attornatum extra dictum comitatum Devonie existere contigerit; quod tunc dicti prior et conventus, si priorem pro tunc ibidem prefici contigerit, alioquin senior canonicus et conventus ejusdem abbathie, ad eleccionem futuri abbatis ejusdem monasterii, cum eis placuerit et prout canonice dictaverint sancciones, libere et licite procedere valeant, dicte licencie denegacione aut absencia in aliquo non obstante: quodque celebrata juxta juris exigenciam eleccione futuri abbatis in eodem monasterio, prior claustralis si priorem ibidem protunc prefici contigerit, alioquin senior canonicus dicti monasterii et ejusdem loci conventus quibus jus eligendi abbatem ejusdem monasterii solum et insolidum de jure noscitur pertinere, personam sic ut prefertur per eosdem electam eidem Johanni Dynham seu ejus heredibus aut assignatis dominis manerii de Hertilond protunc existentibus, si ejusdem Johannem seu heredes sive assignatos suos infra comitatus predictos existere contigerit, sin autem eorum senescallo sive attornato predicto cuicumque infra dictum comitatum Devonie existenti, ad requirendum ejus consensum patronalem eleccioni sic ut prefertur facte sive celebrate et persone electe in singulis vacacionibus dicti monasterii literis patentibus sigillo communi dicti monasterii sigillatis habeant presentare. Et idem Johannes seu heredes sive assignati sui domini manerii de Hertilond seu eorum senescallus aut attornatus predictus, si ipsum Johannem vel heredes seu assignatos suos extra comitatus predictos existere contigerit, suum consensum patronalem eleccioni hujusmodi et persone electe infra triduum a tempore requisicionis sive presentacionis ejusdem, si talis persona sic electa a jure non fuerit reprobata, absque aliquali difficultate seu ulterioribus expensis dictorum prioris et conventus faciendis prestare et literas suas super hujusmodi consensus prestacione faciendas loci diocesano dirigere teneatur sive teneantur. Quod si prefatus Johannes Dynham heredes sui assignati sui domini manerii de Hertilond infra dictos comitatus existens sive existentes, aut senescallus sive attornatus predictus si ipsum Johannem heredes aut assignatos suos predictos extra dictos comitatus existere contigerit, suum consensum hujusmodi eleccioni et persone sic ut prefertur electe et de jure non reprobate impendere sive literas suas loci diocesano infra tempus superius limitatum destinari noluerit sive noluerint, aut ipsum Johannem heredes aut assignatos suos extra comitatus predictos seu senescallum vel attornatum predictum extra predictum comitatum existere contigerit, quod extunc loci diocesanis rite et legitime discusso dicte eleccionis negotio ad confirmacionem ejusdem et persone ut prefertur electe juxta canonicas sancciones et sanctorum patrum instituta procedere et munus benediccionis eidem electo impendere, ac cetera que hac parte suo incumbunt officio pastorali perficere et consummare non omittat, reclamacione dicti Johannis Dynham heredum seu assignatorum suorum aliquo non obstante. Et predictus Johannes Dynham vult et concedit per presentes pro se heredibus et assignatis suis prefato abbati et successoribus suis, quod nec idem Johannes Dynham nec heredes nec assignati sui nec aliquis alius eorum nomine aliqua alia proficua sive emolumenta a dicto monasterio sive abbathia aut ejusdem loci conventu tempore vacacionis seu aliquo alio tempore clamabunt seu clamabit, vendicabunt seu vendicabit, in futurum preter participacionem suffragiorum canonicorum in eodem monasterio existencium. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti istarum indenturarum penes prefatos abbatem et conventum remanenti prefatus Johannes Dynham sigillum suum armorum* apposuit; alteri vero parti penes prefatum Johannem remanenti prefatus abbas et conventus sigillum eorum commune apposuerunt. Hiis testibus; venerabili

* The legend on it is, "SIGILLVM : JOHANNIS : DYNHAM : MILITIS;" the shield charged with four lozenges conjoined in fesse ermine.

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in Christo patre Edmundo Lacy Exoniensi episcopo, Thoma comite Devonie, Philippo Courtenay, Ricardo Hankeford, Roberto Cary, et aliis. Datum tercio decimo die mensis Aprilis, anno regni regis Henrici Sexti post conquestum Anglie sexto.

Num. XV.

De patronatu abbatiæ de Hartland.

(Ex originali apud Wardour.)

Hec indentura facta inter Johannem Dynham, dominum Dynham, dominum manerii de Hertlond in comitatu Devonie ac patronum monasterii sive abbathie de Hertlond in eodem comitatu, cujus quidem monasterii sive abbathie antecessores predicti Johannis Dynham extiterunt fundatores ex parte una, et Ricardum Tavton nunc abbatem monasterii sive abbathie de Hertlond predicte et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte altera, testatur quod cum certa nuper dissencionis materia inter partes predictas tempore vacacionis dicti monasterii sive abbathie per mortem bone memorie Ricardi Tawton ultimi et immediati predecessoris predicti Ricardi nunc abbatis ejusdem abbathie de et super diversis materiis et articulis per eundem Johannem et suos antecessores dominos manerii de Hertlond predicti in eadem abbathia tempore vacacionis ejusdem petitis et vendicatis, tandem partes predicte videlicet tam predictus Johannes Dynham dominus Dynham pro se et heredibus suis quam prefatus nunc abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis, pro hujusmodi litibus et discordiis inter eosdem imperpetuum sedandis pacis Auctore mediante ac intervenientibus honorabilibus et discretis viris Carolo Dynham armigero, Johanne Denys de Orlegh, Ricardo Wydeslade, Johanne Reigne, Willielmo Coffyn, et Johanne Wydeslade, utriusque partis amicis, conquieverunt in hunc modum; videlicet, quod ab hoc tempore infuturum abbathia predicta per mortem sive cessionem ejusdem loci abbatis sive alio modo qualitercumque vacante, prior claustralis ejusdem abbathie si priorem pro tunc ibidem prefici contigerit, sin autem aliquis canonicus ejusdem monasterii sive abbathie per assignacionem ejusdem conventus, postquam corpus abbatis ejusdem monasterii ecclesiastice fuerit traditum sepulture sive statim post mortem ejusdem si voluerint et in casu quo abbas dicti monasterii hujusmodi suam abbathiam in manu ordinarii resignaverit et eadem resignacio per eundem ordinarium fuerit admissa et conventui dicti monasterii notificata hujusmodi prelati defuncti mortem sive cedentis cessionem per suas literas patentes sigillo communi dicti monasterii sive abbathie sigillatas eidem Johanni Dynham seu heredibus sive assignatis suis dominis manerii de Hertlond predicti pro tunc existentibus tanquam ejusdem monasterii fundatoribus et patronis, si infra comitatus Devonie, Cornubie, Dorset, Somerset, Essex, Southampton, Bucks, Oxon, Surrey, seu London ipsum Johannem Dynham seu heredes et assignatos suos dominos manerii de Hertlond predicti existere contigerit, notificabunt supplicantes in eisdem literis eidem Johanni Dynham seu ejus futuris heredibus seu assignatis dominis manerii predicti qui pro tempore fuerint quatenus ad procedendum ad eleccionem futuri abbatis ejusdem monasterii licenciam liberam concedere dignetur sive dignentur; qua quidem litera eidem Johanni Dynham heredibus sive assignatis suis dominis manerii de Hertlond predicti presentata et oblata, idem Johannes seu heredes sive assignati sui domini manerii de Hertlond predicti hujusmodi licenciam liberam absque aliqua difficultate sive exaccione quacumque infra triduum a tempore hujusmodi litere notificacionis numerandum concedere et liberaliter impertiri teneatur sive teneantur. Quodque si prefatus Johannes Dynham sive heredes seu assignati sui domini manerii de Hertlond predicti eandem literam recipere seu prefatam licenciam sic ut prefertur petitam concedere recusaverit sive denegaverit, recusaverint sive denegaverint, aut ipsum Johannem heredes sive assignatos suos dominos manerii predicti extra predictos comitatus existere contigerit vel eos seu aliquem eorum se retrahere vel aliquo modo absentare, extunc dicti prior et conventus, si priorem pro tunc ibidem prefici contigerit, alioquin conventus ejusdem abbathie ad eleccionem futuri abbatis ejusdem monasterii cum eis placuerint et prout canonice dictaverint sancciones libere et licite procedere valeant, dicte licencie denegacione aut absencia predicta in aliquo non obstante. Quodque celebrata juxta juris exigenciam eleccione futuri abbatis in eodem monasterio prior claustralis, si priorem ibidem pro tunc prefici contigerit, alioquin canonicus dicti monasterii et ejusdem loci conventus quibus jus eligendi abbatem ejusdem monasterii solum et in solido de jure noscitur pertinere, personam sic ut prefertur per eosdem electam eidem Johanni Dynham seu ejus heredibus aut assignatis dominis manerii de Hertlond predicti pro tunc existentibus si eundem Johannem seu heredes sive assignatos suos dominos manerii predicti infra comitatus predictos existere contigerint ad requirendum ejus seu eorum consensum patronalem sic ut prefertur factam sive celebratam ut persone electe in singulis vacacionibus dicti monasterii literis patentibus sigillo communi dicti monasterii sigillatis habeant presentari; et idem Johannes seu heredes seu assignati sui domini manerii de Hertlond suum consensum patronalem eleccioni hujusmodi et persone electe infra triduum a tempore requisicionis sive presentacionis ejusdem absque aliquali difficultate seu ulterioribus dilacione et expensis dictorum prioris et conventus faciendis prestari et literas suas super hujusmodi consensus prestacione faciendas loci diocesano dirigere teneatur sive teneantur. Quodque si prefati Johannes Dynham heredes seu assignati sui domini manerii de Hertlond predicti infra dictos comitatus existens sive existentes suum consensum hujusmodi eleccioni et persone sic ut prefatur electe impendere sive literas suas loci diocesano infra tempus superius limitatum destinari noluerit sive noluerint aut ipsum Johannem heredes aut assignatos suos dominos manerii predicti extra comitatus predictos existere contigerit seu contigerint vel eos aut aliquem eorum se retrahere vel aliquo modo absentari extunc loci ordinarius diocesis rite et legittime discusso dicti eleccionis negocio ut prefertur ad confirmacionem ejusdem persone ut prefertur electe juxta canonicas sancciones et sanctorum patrum instituta procedere et munus benediccionis eidem electo impendere ac cetera que in hac parte suo incumbunt officio pastorali perficere et consummare non omittat, reclamacione dicti Johannis Dynham heredum et assignatorum suorum in aliquo non obstante. Ac idem Johannes Dynham pro se et heredibus suis per presentes remittit relaxat et concedit predicto Ricardo nunc abbati et conventui ac eorum successoribus totum jus et clameum suum ac omne id quod idem Johannes Dynham clamat seu clamavit ac aliquis antecessorum ejusdem Johannis clamavit de et in abbathia predicta tempore vacacionis ejusdem abbathie sive monasterii nomine patroni et fundatoris abbathie predicte, oracionibus in eadem abbathia pro eisdem consuetis et ab antiquo usitatis, notificacione de vacacione ejusdem abbathie, licencia que procedendi ad eleccionem futuri abbatis dicte abbathie, ac presentacione ejusdem loci ordinario modis et forma ut prefertur habendis et fiendis, simul cum recepcione tanquam patroni eisdem modo et locis debitis et ab antiquo usitatis et consuetis quandocunque ad abbathiam predictam pervenire voluerit solomodo predicto Johanni Dynham heredibus et assignatis suis reservatis et omnino exceptis, absque intromissione alicujus rei dictis abbathie abbati et conventui ac eorum successoribus quolibet tempore vacacionis ejusdem abbathie spectantibus. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus indenture penes predictum abbatem et conventum remanenti prefatus Johannes Dynham dominus Dynham sigillum suum apposuit, alteri vero parti ejusdem indenture penes ipsum dominum remanenti prefatus abbas et conventus sigillum eorum commune et conventuale abbathie predicte in domo capitulari ibidem apposuerunt. Datum primo die mensis Julii anno regni regis Edwardi Quarti decimo octavo.

[At the foot is written:—" I John Lorde Dynham in the honur off Gode and my Lord Seynt Necton have graunted the premyssys and woll and charge all myn heyres to kepe and ꝑforme hyt uppon Goddys blessyng and myne."]

Irrotulatum in dorso clausi cancellarii regis, infrascripto mense et anno infrascripto.

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Num. XVI.

Valor ecclesiasticus temp. Hen. VIII.

Abbathia beate Marie et Sancti Nectani de Hertlond in decanatu de Hertlond Exoniensisque diocesis in comitatu Devonie.

Verus et annuus valor omnium dominiorum messuagium terrarum et tenementorum ac rectoriarum vicariarum pencionum et aliarum possessionum quarumcunque tam temporalium quam spiritualium infra regnum Anglie unde Thomas Pope abbas monasterii beate Marie Virginis de Hertlond infra jurisdiccionem archidiaconatus Barnistapolie Exoniensisque diocesis in comitatu Devonie predicto aliqualiter inde seisitus existit in feodo seu aliter in jure monasterii sui predicti, prout examinatus et probatus fuit per Hugonem Pollard, Rogerum Bluett, Bartholomeum Fortescue, Humfridum Prideaux, armigeros, Thomam Sydenham et Hugonem Yeo, commissionarios, et Johannem Thomas ac Thomam Bonyfant, auditores, ad hoc assignatos virtute commissionis domini regis eis simul inter alios directe ad quandam schedulam annexam termino pasche anno regni regis Henrici Octavi 27.

Possessiones temporales predicti abbatis.

Manerium de Bykyngton in decanatu de Hertlond Exoniensisque diocesis.

	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assize prout patet in pede cum firma decime garbarum et aliarum decimarum fructuum oblacionum ac emolumentorum ibidem per annum sic ad firmam dimisse Hugoni Prust pro termino quadraginta annorum nondum finitorum	12	–	–

Manerium de Stoke in decanatu de Hertlond infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum £46. 0s. 1½d. ultra £1. 1s. 8d. solutos heredibus Johannis nuper domini Dynham et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu predicti manerii de Stoke annuatim imperpetuum—sic allocatione deducta, remanet clare	44	18	5½
Et in perquisitis curie, finibus terre et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis . . .	11	2	3
Sic nunc remanet clare	56	–	8½

Manerium de Launcells in decanatu de Stratton infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum £22. 3s. 11¾d. et unum par cirotecarum ultra 4s. solutos domino manerii de Legh et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu predicti manerii de Launcells annuatim imperpetuum	30	2	8¾ et unum par cirotecarum.
Et £1. 13s. 4d. solutos Ricardo Chauntrell ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum; sic allocacione deducta, remanet clare			
Et in perquisitis curie, finibus terre et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis . . .	7	18	9
Sic nunc remanet clare	28	5	4¾ et unum par cirotecarum.

Manerium de Brussheford in decanatu de Chulmelegh infra diocesim predictam.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum £3. 6s. 8d. ultra 2s. solutos Henrico Duci Richemund et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu predicti manerii de Brussheford annuatim imperpetuum	2	19	8
Et 5s. solutos Willielmo Gaye ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum—sic, omnibus allocationibus deductis, remanet clare			
Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus ibidem per annum communibus annis	–	2	9
Sic nunc remanet clare	3	2	5

Berton sive grangia de Hertlond predicta.

Valet in redditu assise cum gardinis circa monasterium dicti abbatis in manibus suis propriis per annum	2	5	–

Knoweston et Mollond in decanatu de Molton infra diocesim predictam.

Certe terre et tenementa ibidem valent per annum in redditu assise	1	10	–

Sourton.

Certe terre et tenementa ibidem valent per annum in redditu assise	–	4	–

Credyhoe.

Annualis redditus ibidem valet per annum	–	6	8
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium dicti abbatis	146	9	2¼ et unum par cirotecarum.
Inde solutum priori de Launceston et successoribus suis pro capitali inde redditu terre et tenementorum in Tychebury annuatim imperpetuum	–	6	2
Et solutum Thome Arundell militi capitali senescallo omnium terrarum et tenementorum dicti abbatis in comitatu Devonie pro feodo suo per annum	3	6	8

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	£.	s.	d.
Et solutum Ricardo Graynefyld militi capitali senescallo omnium terrarum et tenementorum dicti abbatis in comitatu Cornubie pro feodo suo per annum	2	6	8
Et solutum Thome Cole armigero auditori compotorum omnium ministrorum dicti abbatis pro feodo suo per annum	1	10	–
Et solutum Hugoni Prust ballivo predicti manerii de Stoke pro feodo suo per annum	2	13	4
Sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare	136	6	4¼ et unum par cirotecarum.

Possessiones spirituales predicti abbatis.

Rectoria de Hertilond appropriata abbati ibidem.

Valet in exitu decimarum garbarum £42, lane £10, agnellorum £4. In oblacionibus decimis predialibus et aliis emolumentis in libro paschali existentibus communibus annis £2. 5s. Ultra 4s. 5d. solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum 2s. 5d. solutos eidem episcopo et archidiacono Barum et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum Et 6s. 8d. solutos archidiacono Barnistapolie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum Sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare	71	11	6

Fremyngton in decanatu Barnistapolie infra diocesim predictam.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum £35. 10s. ut in exitu decime garbarum cum £2. pro annuali pencione recepta de vicario ibidem ultra £1. 10s. solutos priori Barnistapolie et successoribus suis pro perpetua pencione annuatim imperpetuum; sic allocacione deducta, remanet clare	34	–	–

Knoweston et Mollond.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet in firma decime garbarum sic dimisse ad firmam Roberto Dey pro termino certorum annorum nondum finitorum	8	–	–

Brussheford.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet in firma decime garbarum £4. cum omnibus aliis decimis fructibus et oblacionibus ac emolumentis sic dimissis ad firmam per indenturam Willielmo Gaye et aliis pro termino certorum annorum nondum finitorum, ultra 1s. 1d. solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum communibus annis, 2s. 5d. solutos eidem episcopo et archidiacono Barum et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum, et 3s. 4d. solutum archidiacono Barnistapolie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum. Sic omnibus allocationibus deductis, remanet clare	3	13	2

Woldfardysworthy in decanatu de Hertlond.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet in firma decime garbarum £20. cum omnibus aliis decimis fructibus oblacionibus et emolumentis sic dimissis ad firmam Ricardo Prust ad voluntatem Ultra 4s. 5d. solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum, 2s. 5d. solutos eidem episcopo et archidiacono et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum, et 6s. 8d. solutos archidiacono Barnistapolie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum. Sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis, remanet clare	19	6	6

Welcomb in decanatu predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet in firma decime garbarum cum omnibus aliis decimis fructibus oblacionibus et emolumentis sic dimissis ad firmam Johanni Arundell armigero ad voluntatem	10	–	–

Launcells.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, scilicet in redditu assise de le glebe land £3. 12. et firma decime garbarum £19. sic dimisse ad firmam Johanni Chamond militi per indenturam pro termino certorum annorum nondum finitorum	22	12	–

Marwynchurche.

Annualis pencio recepta de rectore ibidem valet per anuum	–	5	8

Forbery.

Annualis pencio recepta de rectore ibidem valet per annum	–	7	–
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti abbatis	169	16	10
Summa totalis omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium predicti abbatis	306	3	2¼ et unum par cirotecarum.

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Num. XVII.

Dispensatio nuper abbati de Hartland.

(Penes decanum et capitulum Exon.)

Thomas miseracione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas et metropolitanus ab infra scripta auctoritate parliamenti Anglie legitime fulcitus dilecto nobis in Christo Thome Pope nuper abbati soluti nunc monasterii de Hartlonde ordinis divi Augustini Exoniensis diocesis salutem graciam et benediccionem. Cupientes te ob tuorum exigenciam meritorum favore prosequi gracioso tecum ut religionem quam professus es exire et ad seculum te conferre ac ibidem de cetero in veste secularis presbiteri vitam agere necnon beneficium ecclesiasticum eciam si curam habeat animarum obtinere libere et licite valeas et possis auctoritate predicta dispensamus, contrariis religionis et canonum institutis non obstantibus quibuscunque. Datum in manerio nostro de Lambehith sub nostro sigillo ad facultates, vicesimo primo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo nono et nostre consecracionis anno septimo. Nicolaus Wottonus commissarius.

[Seal of the bishop.]

[Annexed to the above is the following:]

Henricus Octavus Dei gracia Anglie et Francie rex fidei defensor dominus Hibernie et in terra supremum caput Anglicane ecclesie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus quasdam literas dispensacionis auctoritate cujusdam actus inde in parliamento nostro editi dilecto nobis Thome Pope clerico concessas, quas et singula in eis presentibus annexis contentas juxta provisionem actus predicti ratificamus et approbamus et confirmamus per presentes. Ita quod predictus Thomas in dictis literis nominatus omnibus et singulis in eisdem specificatis uti frui et potiri valeat et possit libere et quiete licite et impune secundum vim formam et effectum earundem absque impedimento quocunque eo quod expressa mencio de certitudine premissorum aut de aliis donis sive concessionibus per nos eidem Thome ante hec tempora factis in presenti minime facta existit, aut aliquo statuto actu ordinacione provisione sive restriccione inde in contrarium facta edita sive provisa aut alia re causa seu materia quacunque in aliquo non obstante. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fecimus fieri patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, decimo septimo die Aprilis anno regni nostri tricesimo primo (1540).

[The great seal of England.]

Num. XVIII.

Computus ministrorum domini regis tempore Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Harteland nuper Prioratus.

Comitatus Devonie:	£.	s.	d.
Harteland—Situs prioratus cum terris dominicalibus	45	2	–
Byckington—Firma manerij cum rectoria	12	–	–
Launcells — Redditus liberorum tenencium	5	18	4
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	16	8	5¾
Perquisita curie	–	1	3
Stoke alias Hertland—Redditus tam custumariorum quam conventionariorum tenencium	44	–	–
Perquisita curiarum	–	15	–
Brussheford et Winkeley—Redditus liberorum tenencium	–	8	–
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	1	3	–
Firma mes[suagii] bertone, etc.	1	13	4
Comitatu Devonie:	£.	s.	d.
Herteland alias Stoke—Firma decimarum rectorie	70	–	–
Fremyngton—Firma rectorie	33	–	10
Pensio vicarie	2	–	–
Knoweston et Molland—Firma rectorie	8	–	–
Brussheford—Firma rectorie	–	13	4
Wolfardesworth—Firma rectorie	22	–	–
Welcombe—Firma rectorie	9	–	–
Launcells—Firma rectorie	21	4	2
Knoweston et Molland—Redditus terrarum et tenencium	1	10	–
Sowreton—Redditus terre	–	4	–
Credyhoo—Redditus terre	–	6	8
Marwynchurch—Pensio vicarie	–	6	8
Forbery—Pensio vicarie	–	7	–

Num. XIX.

Concessio domus et scitus monasterii de Hertland Willielmo Abbot.

(Pat., 37 Hen. VIII. Pars 15, mem. 29.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos pro summa sexcentarum sexaginta octo librarum duodecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum legalis monete Anglie ad manus thesaurarii curie augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre ad usum nostrum per dilectum servientem nostrum Willielmum Abbot armigerum bene et fideliter soluta, unde fatemur nos plenarie fore contentatos et persolutos dictumque Willielmum heredes executores et administratores suos inde acquietatos et exoneratos esse per presentes, de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefato Willielmo Abbot totam domum et scitum nuper monasterii de Hertland in comitatu nostro Devonie modo dissoluti ac omnia domos edificia orrea stabula columbaria ortos pomeria gardina stagna vivaria terras et solum nostra quecumque infra scitum septum ambitum circuitum et procinctum ejusdem nuper monasterii existentes ac omnia illa terras prata pascuas et pasturas ac hereditamenta nostra cum pertinenciis vocata seu cognita per nomina de Covente Park, Shapwells, Lower Brandeswoode, Higher Brandeswood, Russell Launde, Huckysham, Gibbards More et Old Parks cum pertinenciis in parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in comitatu nostro Devonie, ac unum clausum terre nostrum subtus Newbery in eadem parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in eodem comitatu Devonie ac omnia terras prata pasturas et hereditamenta nostra quecumque vocata seu cognita per nomina de Esterlanglande, Westerlangland, Tower, Donne et Longe Alestake et omnes terras vastas nostras ibidem cum pertinenciis universis in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani; unum clausum terre nostre jacens juxta ecclesiam de Stoke Sancti Nectani in Stoke Sancti Nectani in comitatu predicto, ac omnes terras vastas nostras ibidem, aceciam omnia illa terras prata pasturas et hereditamenta nostra vocata Challaparke Meade, Longmeade, Palfremeade, Fursemarshe et Puttishole, ac omnes terras vastas nostras ibidem cum pertinenciis in parochia et comitatu predictis, necnon tota terras prata pasturas et hereditamenta nostra vocata Somerwill, ac terras vastas nostras ibidem in parochia et comitatu predictis ac totam terram pasturam et boscum nostrum inter Stoke et Harton in parochia et comitatu predictis, ac omnes boscos terras et pasturas nostras vocatas Prestlynchewood et Brownds Wood cum pertinenciis in parochia et comitatu predictis, necnon totum illud messuagium et tenementum nostrum et omnes illas duas acras terre nostras eidem adjacentes cum suis pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura dicti Willielmi Abbot vel assignatorum suorum scituatas jacentes et existentes juxta Harton mille in parochia et comitatu predictis, que quidem messuagia terre prata ac pasture predicta et cetera premissa vulgariter nuncupantur *lez demeane lands* dicti nuper monasterii, ac in manibus cultura et occupacione propriis nuper abbatis dicti nuper monasterii

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tempore dissolucionis inde reservata et occupata fuerunt. Ac eciam damus et pro consideracione predicta per presentes concedimus prefato Willielmo Abbot omnia illa *lez due dayes* et servicia et opera quecumque que custumarii tenentes manerii de Hertlande in dicto comitatu Devonie parcelle possessionum dicti nuper monasterii in et super terris dominicalibus predicti nuper monasterii annuatim faciunt et ante hoc facere consueverunt et de jure annuatim facere debent; aceciam totam illam domum nostram messuagium nostrum et tenementum nostrum vocatum *le Churchehouse* de Hertelande in parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani predicta in dicto comitatu Devonie modo in tenura dicti Willielmi Abbot, ac unam aliam domum nostram et tenementum nostrum cum shopis et aliis suis pertinenciis universis modo vel nuper in tenura prefati Willielmi Abbot situata et existentia ex opposito predicte domui vocate *le Churchehouse* in Herteland in parochia predicta. Necnon damus et pro consideracione predicta per presentes concedimus prefato Willielmo Abbott omnia illa messuagia cotagia terras tenementa communias et hereditamenta nostra cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in separalibus tenuris sive occupacionibus Henrici Pruste, Ricardi Cole, Johannis Kene, taillor, Johannis Bremriche, Alicie Robyn, vidue, Thome Buse et Johannis Kene, glover, scituata jacentia et existentia in Bery infra dictam parochiam de Stoke Sancti Nectani in dicto comitatu Devonie dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac parcellam possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii existentem; aceciam omnia illa quatuordecim messuagia et tenementa ac cotagia nostra ac omnia terras prata pasturas communias et hereditamenta nostra cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in separalibus tenuris sive occupacionibus Willielmi Lenge, Simonis Cruge, Willielmi Dawlyn, Rogeri Rowe, Thome Pawlyn, Johannis Furshewere, Barnardi Bagilholl, Thome Snowe, Johannis Cole, Simonis Furshewere, Agnetis Kene, Willielmi Father, Sare Buen, et Johannis Husband, situata jacentia et existentia in Saynte Leonards, Leighe, Newton, Bugworthye et Kyrmeston in predicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in dicto comitatu Devonie dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existentem, ac omnia illa sex messuagia et tenementa ac cotagia nostra et omnia terras prata pasturas et communias ac hereditamenta nostra cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in separalibus tenuris sive occupacionibus Hugonis Pruste, Willielmi Fots, Johanne Lyell, Margerie Hodge, Isabella Draper, et Johannis Quaynse scituata jacentia et existentia in Mauneslye, Tosberye, Tottesbury et Grendicke in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in dicto comitatu Devonie dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantia et pertinentia, ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existentem; ac unam parvam grovettam *de Lez Allers* nostram cum pertinenciis modo vel nuper in tenura predicti Willielmi Fots jacentem et existentem in Filham in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantem et pertinentem ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existentem; ac omnes illos boscos nostros et terras nostras vocatas Shepiswell Grove alias dictum Sopwell Grove, ac Brands Wood, Prestlenche Wood, Horseparke, Patteshole Grove, Northwood et Asshebere Grove, continentes per estimacionem triginta et novem acras cum pertinenciis jacentes et existentes in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in dicto comitatu Devonie dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantes et pertinentes ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existentem, ac totum boscum nostrum et terram boscalem nostram continentem per estimacionem duas acras cum pertinenciis jacentem et existentem juxta scitum dicti nuper monasterii et juxta Stony Style in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in comitatu predicto dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantem et pertinentem ac parcellam possessionum inde nuper existentem; necnon omnia domos edificia terras prata pasturas communias redditus reverciones servicia et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum pertinenciis in predicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani in dicto comitatu Devonie ac alibi ubicumque predictis messuagiis cottagiis et tenementis seu eorum alicui quoquomodo spectantia vel pertinentia aut cum eisdem seu eorum aliquo demissa locata usitata seu occupata existentia. Damus etiam et pro consideracione predicta per presentes concedimus prefato Willielmo Abbot predictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Hartlande ac omnia predicta messuagia cotagia terras tenementa hospicium et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis adeo plene libere et integre prout ultimus abbas dicti nuper monasterii de Hertland aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum seu eorum alicujus in juribus nuper monasterii predicti aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem ejusdem nuper monasterii ad manus nostras devenere. Qui quidem scitus dicti nuper monasterii de Hertland et predicte terre et tenementa et cetera premissa in dicta parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani modo extenduntur ad clarum annuum valorem triginta trium librarum tresdecim solidorum et trium denariorum: HABENDUM tenendum et gaudendum predicta scitum domos edificia gardina terras tenementa boscos redditus reversiones servicia ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum eorum pertinenciis universis prefato Willielmo Abbot heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum ad proprium opus et usum ipsius Willielmi Abbot heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum: TENENDUM predictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii de Hertland et predictas terras tenementa et cetera premissa in parochia de Stoke Sancti Nectani predicta de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite per servicium quadragesime partis unius feodi militis ac REDDENDO inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris tres libras septem solidos et quatuor denarios legalis monete Anglie ad curiam nostram augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre ad festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli singulis annis solvendas pro omnibus redditibus serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendis solvendis vel faciendis. Et insuper de ampliori gracia nostra volumus et pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris pro consideracione predicta per presentes concedimus prefato Willielmo Abbot heredibus et assignatis suis quod nos heredes et successores nostri imperpetuum annuatim et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conservabimus tam prefatum Willielmum Abbot heredes et assignatos suos quam predictum scitum messuagia terras tenementa et cetera premissa cum pertinenciis et quamlibet inde parcellam versus nos heredes et successores nostros et versus quascumque alias personas de omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitalibus et aliis oneribus et denariorum summis quibuscumque de premissis quoquomodo exeuntibus seu solvendis vel superinde oneratis seu onerandis, preterquam de redditu et servicio superius per presentes nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ut prefertur reservatis et preterquam de dimissionibus de premissis seu de aliqua inde parcella quoquomodo factis, et preterquam de quodam annuali redditu decem librarum prefato Willielmo Abbot pro termino vite sue per literas nostras patentes concesso exeunte de predictis scitu terris tenementis et ceteris premissis in dicta parochia Sancti Nectani, et preterquam de oneribus que firmarii premissorum pro tempore existentes exonerare tenentur racione indenturarum et dimissionum suarum.—In cujus rei etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium tricesimo die Januarii.

Per ipsum regem de data predicta.

NUM. XX.

Dimissio decimarum parochiæ de Hartland Willielmo Abbot et filiis suis pro terminis vitarum.

(Lit. Pat. 22 Eliz.)

ELIZABETH Dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie regina fidei defensor etc. Omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Cum nos per litteras nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie confectas gerentes datum apud Westmonasterium primo die Julii anno regni nostri septimo tradidimus concessimus et ad firmam dimisimus cuidam Willielmo Abbote* omnes et omnimodas oblaciones decimas prediales et alias minutas decimas et emolumenta nostra quecumque annuatim et de

* The name of the grantee is spelt in three different ways in these grants.

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tempore in tempus crescentes provenientes et renovantes in parochia de Hartland ac alibi in comitatu nostro Devonie que Willielmus Abbote armiger modo defunctus pro annuali redditu quatuordecim librarum legalis monete Anglie nuper habuit tenuit et gavisus fuit rectorie de Harteland in eodem comitatu nostro Devonie quomodo spectantes vel pertinentes parcella ejusdem rectorie de Harteland quondam monasterio de Harteland in comitatu nostro Devonie modo dissoluto quondam spectantes et pertinentes ac parcella possessionum inde quondam existentes, habendum et tenendum predicta omnia et singula premissa cum suis pertinentiis universis prefato Willielmo Abbote executoribus et assignatis suis a festo Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis ultimo preterito usque ad finem et terminum viginti et unius annorum extunc proxime sequentium et plenarie complendorum, reddendo inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quatuor et decem libras legalis monete Anglie prout per easdem litteras nostras patentes inter alia plenius liquet et apparet. Quasquidem litteras patentes ac totum jus statum titulum terminum annorum et interesse de et in premissis dilectus nobis prefatus Willielmus Abbote armiger habens et gaudens nobis sursumreddidit et restituit cancellando, ea tamen intencione quod nos alias litteras nostras patentes et dimissionem nostram de premissis eidem Willielmo Abbote in forma sequenti pro termino vite sue, remanere inde quibusdam Justiniano Abbote et Willielmo Abbote filiis dicti Willielmi Abbote superius nominati pro terminis vitarum eorum et alterius diutius viventis facere et concedere dignaremur, quamquidem sursumreddicionem acceptamus per presentes; Sciatis igitur quod nos tam in consideracione sursumreddicionis predicte quam pro fine quatuordecim librarum legalis monete Anglie ad receptum scaccarii nostri ad usum nostrum per prefatum Willielmum Abbote armigerum soluto tradidimus, concessimus et ad firmam dimisimus ac per presentes tradimus, concedimus et ad firmam dimittimus eidem Willielmo Abbote omnes et omnimodas predictas oblaciones decimas prediales et alias minutas decimas fructus proficua et emolumenta nostra quecumque annuatim et de tempore in tempus crescentes provenientes seu renovantes in parochia de Harteland ac alibi in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie, que dictus Willielmus Abbote modo defunctus pro annuali redditu quatuordecim librarum nuper tenuit seu gavisus fuit rectorie de Hartelande predicte ullo modo spectantes vel pertinentes ac parcellam ejusdem rectorie existentem, necnon dicto quondam monasterio de Harteland predicta modo dissoluto quondam spectantem et pertinentem ac parcellam possessionum inde quondam existentem, habendum et tenendum predictas oblaciones decimas ac cetera omnia premissa per presentes dimissas cum eorum pertinenciis universis prefato Willielmo Abbote armigero et assignatis suis a festo Annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis ultimo preterito ad terminum et pro termino vite ipsius Willielmi, et post decessum sursumreddicionem vel forisfacturam dicti Willielmi Abbote armigeri tunc predictas oblaciones decimas et cetera omnia premissa per presentes dimissas cum eorum pertinenciis universis integre remanebunt prefato Justiniano Abbote et assignatis suis ad terminum et pro termino vite ipsius Justiniani, et post decessum sursumreddicionem vel forisfacturam utriusque predictorum Willielmi Abbote armigeri et Justiniani Abbote tunc predictas oblaciones decimas et cetera omnia premissa per presentes dimissas cum eorum pertinentiis universis integre remanebunt prefato Willielmo Abbote filio et assignatis suis ad terminum et pro termino vite ipsius Willielmi, reddendo inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quatuor decem libras legalis monete Anglie ad festa Sancti Michaelis archangeli et Annunciaconis beate Marie Virginis ad manus ballivorum vel receptorum premissorum pro tempore existentium per equales porciones solvendas durantibus separalibus terminis predictis. Et volumus ac per presentes concedimus prefatis Willielmo Justiniano et Willielmo et assignatis suis quod nos heredes et successores nostri eosdem Willielmum Justinianum et Willielmum et assignatos suos de novem solidis et uno denario pro procuratorio et sinodatico et aliis consimilibus annuatim solvendis annuatim vel aliter et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus et acquietabimus, durantibus seperalibus terminis predictis. Proviso semper quod si contigerit predictum redditum aretro fore non solutum in parte vel in toto per spacium quadraginta dierum post aliquod festum festorum predictorum quo, ut prefertur, solvi debeat, quod tunc et deinceps hec presens dimissio et concessio vacua sit ac pro nullo habeatur, aliquo in presentibus in contrarium inde non obstante, aliquo statuto actu ordinacione provisione proclamacione sive restriccione incontrarium inde antehac habitis factis editis ordinatis seu provisis aut aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacumque in aliquo non obstantibus. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipsa apud Westmonasterium sextodecimo die Maii anno regni nostri vicesimo secundo.

Per breve de privato sigillo, etc.

Num. XXI.

Concessio ecclesiæ de Hartland Francisco Morice et Francisco Phelips.

(Pat. 10 Jac. pars secunda.)

[King James I., March 24, 1612, granted to Francis Morice and Francis Phelips, gentlemen, their heirs and assigns, for ever, inter alia,]

"Totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam nostram de Hartland alias Harteland cum suis juribus, membris et pertinentiis universis in comitatu nostro Devonie modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupacione Willielmi Abbott, generosi, Anne uxoris ejus et Prudentie filie eorum vel eorum aliquorum vel alicujus vel assignatorum suorum vel assignatorum eorum aliquorum vel alicujus, annualis redditus sive valoris triginta quinque librarum decem solidorum et undecim denariorum ultra viginti libras pro stipendio capellani sive curati sufficientis et idonei apud ecclesiam de Hartland predictam deservituri, et novem solidos et unum denarium archidiacono Barum pro procuracione et sinodalibus annuatim solvendos sive solubiles, aceciam omnes et omnimodas illas oblationes decimas prediales et alias minutas decimas fructus proficua et emolumenta nostra quecunque annuatim et de tempore in tempus crescentes provenientes seu renovantes in parochia de Hartland predicta modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupacione Willielmi Abbott armigeri, Justiniani Abbott et Willielmi Abbott filiorum dicti Willielmi vel eorum aliquorum vel alicujus vel assignatorum suorum vel assignatorum eorum aliquorum vel alicujus, annualis redditus sive valoris quatuordecim librarum; que omnia et singula premissa in Hartland predicto modo vel nuper fuerunt parcella terrarum et possessionum nuper prioratui [abbathie?] de Harteland predicto quondam spectantium et pertinentium. Et prefati Franciscus Morice et Franciscus Phelips pro se heredibus et assignatis suis conveniunt et concedunt ad et cum nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes quod ipsi prefati Franciscus Morice et Franciscus Phelipps heredes et assignati sui unum sufficientem et idoneum capellanum sive curatum apud ecclesiam parochialem de Harteland predictam in predicto comitatu Devonie deserviturum ac ad divinum sacramentum et sacramentalia omnibus parochianis infra dictam parochiam ministraturum de tempore in tempus invenient et providebunt, necnon stipendium viginti librarum pro stipendio ejusdem capellani et curati de eadem rectoria de Hartland annuatim exeunte annuatim eidem capellano et curato persolvent et solvi facient, aceciam novem solidos et unum denarium archidiacono Barum et successoribus suis pro tempore existentibus pro procuracione et sinodalibus annuatim solubiles ac de eadem rectoria annuatim exeuntes annuatim persolvent et solvi facient, ac nos heredes et successores nostros inde et de qualibet inde parcella de cetero imperpetuum acquietabunt, exonerabunt, et indempnes conservabunt."

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Frithelstock Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF HARTLAND.

FRITHELSTOCK Priory, situated in the neighbourhood of Torrington, was founded in honour of S. Gregory for a prior and four regular canons of the order of S. Augustine by Robert de Bello Campo or Beauchamp*, about the year 1220. The establishment was originally colonized from Hartland abbey, and at the election of the priors of Frithelstock, the abbot of Hartland, and any one of his canons whom he thought proper to select, were entitled to assist and vote in chapter. In return, the prior of Frithelstock possessed a vote in the elections of the abbots of Hartland. In 1224, the heir of the founder disputed the extent of his ancestor's donation, and a compromise between him and the prior was established by a fine. (See post, Num. II.)

The Stapeldon family ranked as second founders of S. Gregory's. Amongst other donations, they granted the manor of Broadwoodwiger, in the deanery of Tavistock. In consequence of Bishop Grandisson's appropriation of Broadwoodwiger church † to the priory, on Jan. 17, 1333, the establishment was augmented to thirteen canons and two seculars, who were bound to celebrate the perpetual obits of Bishop Walter Stapeldon and his brother Sir Richard, and on their respective anniversaries to feed one hundred poor persons. We learn from the Inquisitiones Ad quod damnum, 11 Edw. III., No. 23, that Richard Braylegh, canon of Exeter cathedral, conveyed to the priory the advowson of Essewater church.

We have met with the following priors of S. Gregory:—

John was prior in 8 Hen. III., 1224, and 12 Hen. III., 1228. (See Num. II. post, Appendix.)

Henry Kaynes, instituted Aug. 16, 1262.

Johel, admitted Jan. 25, 1275. Patron, John de Bello-Campo.

Oliver became so enfeebled by sickness as to be required by Bishop Stapeldon to take for his coadjutor Humfridus, Nov. 10, 1311. (Reg. fol. 65.)

Humfridus succeeded, on Oliver's resignation, Feb. 7, 1323. The congé d'elire for the election of Oliver's successor, in 16 Edw. II., is contained in the Beauchamp Cartulary, mentioned post, Appendix, No. I.

Richard de Bittendene occurs in 1347, and seems to have been the prior who ventured to erect a chapel in the grove beyond the inclosure, "contra sacros canones," and to have Divine service performed in it without any episcopal consecration. Bishop Grandisson issued peremptory orders, Nov. 17, 1351, to have it utterly demolished, "usque ad aream dirui et funditus demoliri." (Reg. vol. i. fol. 170.)

Thomas Rede occurs as prior in 1373.

John Pynnoke was filling the office in 1379; on Dec. 6, 1400, he was removed from the administration of the temporalities of the house for his imprudence and extravagance. Thomas Rede, a canon of the monastery, was charged with their management in his place. (Stafford, Reg. vol. i. fol. 53.)

* He gave his arms to the priory, vairy, argent, and sable.

† The vicarage was taxed by Bishop Grandisson on Sept. 18, 1347. In his ordinance, mention is made of S. Nicholas' chapel on the moor within the parish.

Thomas Rede above-mentioned succeeded on Pynnoke's death, May 18, 1417, and was summoned to the convocation to be holden at S. Paul's, London, on Nov. 26 following. This worthy prior died Oct. 3, 1434.

Walter Hawys succeeded, Oct. 14, 1434, and governed the community until his death, Jan. 4, 1458-9.

Thomas Rede, the sub-prior, was elected his successor on the 22d of the same month and year. He died April 11, 1465.

John Smyth, a canon of Hartland, elected June 16 following.

John Osborn, who died in Jan. 1508-9.

Thomas Parr confirmed prior by Bishop Oldham, Feb. 10, 1508-9.

Browne Willis (Hist. Abbies, vol. ii. p. 61) states that Parr, with Richard Walter, sub-prior, and three other canons, subscribed to Henry the Eighth's supremacy on Feb. 2, 1534.

John Sturgeon was the last prior. He was still living in 1553, in the receipt of a pension of £13. 6*s*. 8*d*.

The annual revenues of S. Gregory were £127. 2*s*. 6*d*.

In the 29th of Henry VIII., the site and barton (which Risdon, Survey of Devon, p. 275, says, contained a thousand acres) were granted to Arthur Plantagenet, afterwards Viscount Lisle. The manor, or parts of it, appear to have afterwards come into the possession of R. Deane and Mathew Gravys, 17 to 19 Eliz. (Memorand. Scacc.)

A farm adjoining, called "the Cloisters," belongs to Lord Clinton, who has several estates in the parish ‡.

The common seal is appendant to the acknowledgment of supremacy, 1534, in the Chapter-house, Westminster, and is oval and small, representing a church with a tower, surmounted by a spire between two pinnacles on either side. Legend,

S · CONVENTUS · DE · FRITHELEWESTOK.

Num. I.

Compositio inter abbatem de Hertylaunde et priorem de Frithelestoke §.

(Ex cartulario familiæ de Bello Campo, fo. 30.)

Omnibus Sancte Matris ecclesie, etc. Benedictus abbas de Hertylande et conventus ejusdem loci salutem, etc. Universitati vestre notum facimus nos ad petitionem domini Roberti de Bello Campo absolvisse canonicos quos

‡ We have been gratified with a south-west view of the interesting ruins of this priory, lately drawn and lithographed by W. Dawson, esq., of Exeter. The three lancet windows appear to be coeval with the foundation of the conventual church in Henry the Third's reign. "The tuneable ring of the priory bells," says Risdon, "much delighteth the hearers."

§ The title, which is taken from the cartulary, is not a very correct designation of the instrument, which seems rather to be a discharge of the monks, who had been transferred to the new priory, from their obedience to the abbot of Hartland, and an ordinance respecting the removal of future priors. The charter is not dated, but is probably coeval with the foundation of the priory.

The cartulary referred to here is mentioned by Tanner in his Notitia, and is still among the records of the Augmentation Office. It is a folio volume in the hand-writing of the fourteenth century, and contains many instruments respecting the property of Lord Beauchamp, of Hatch, or Somerset, especially that in the county of Somerset. A note at the end shows that it belonged, in 5 Henry VIII., to Sir John Seymour, of Savernak, Wilts. His connexion with the family of Beauchamp accounts for his possession of the book, but it does not appear how it came into the court of Augmentation. A subsequent attainder in the family may have brought it into the hands of the Crown.—S.

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de domo nostra de Hertelande sumpsit, ut in ecclesia de Frithelestoke religiones juxta consuetudines nostras et ordinem nostrum instituerat. Ita autem eos absolvimus ut nullam nobis imperpetuum faciant subjeccionem preter solam ordinis observantiam. Hiis autem dignum duximus adjicere quod hiis, qui ibidem prior electus fuerit, si forte (quod absit) excessum fecerit, non nisi per abbatem et dominum fundi, quicunque pro tempore fuerit, amoveri. Hiis testibus, magistro Ricardo de Parkham, Joel clerico de Merlaunde, etc.

Num. II.

Finalis concordia inter Robertum de Bello Campo et Johannem priorem de Frithelestoke de ecclesiis de Shepton, et Stoke, et de manerio de Boltbury, 8 Hen. III.

(Ex eodem cartulario, fo. 27.)

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia domini regis apud Westm. a die Pasch. etc. anno regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis octavo coram Martino de Pateshull, Thoma de Muleton, Stephano de Segrave, Thoma de Hayden, Roberto de Lexinton, Gaufrido le Sauvages, justiciariis, et aliis domini regis fidelibus tunc ibidem presentibus, inter Robertum de Bello Campo petentem et Johannem priorem de Frithelstoke deforciantem de advocacione ecclesie de Schepton, unde assisa ultime presentacionis summonita fuit inter eos in prefata curia, scil. quod predictus prior recognovit advocacionem predicte ecclesie esse jus ipsius Roberti et illam remisit, etc. de se et successoribus suis ipsi Roberto et heredibus suis imperpetuum. Et preterea idem prior concessit et quietum clamavit de se et successoribus suis ipsi Roberto et heredibus suis imperpetuum totum jus et clameum quod habuit vel habere potuit in advocacione ecclesie de Stoke, unde contencio fuit inter eos. Et predictus Robertus concessit ipsi priori totum manerium de Bolteburi cum pertinentiis pro centum solidis terre, scil. in dominicis et redditibus, in villenagiis in homagiis et serviciis liberorum hominum, in molendinis, pratis et pasturis et in omnibus aliis rebus ad ipsum manerium pertinentibus, habendum et tenendum ipsi priori et successoribus suis et ecclesie sue de Frithelestoke de predicto Roberto et heredibus suis, donec idem Robertus vel ejus heredes dederint et assignaverint eidem priori vel successoribus suis centum solidatas terre cum pertinentiis in alio competenti loco infra fines comitatus Devonie; reddendo annuatim pro predicto manerio cum pertinentiis 20 solidos ad duos terminos anni scil. [Mich. and Pasch.] et faciendo inde servicium sexte partis feodi unius militis de feodo de Mortoill* pro omni servicio et exactione. Et quam cito idem Robertus vel ejus heredes dederint et assignaverint eidem priori vel successoribus suis centum solidatas terre in alio competenti loco sicut predictum est, tunc revertetur totum predictum manerium de Bolteburi cum omnibus pertinentiis suis in omnibus rebus ad ipsum Robertum et heredes suos quietum de ipso priore et successoribus suis imperpetuum.

[By another fine in the same court, Pasch. 12 Hen. III., the same Robert released to the same prior all his right to the advowson of a moiety of the church of Frithelstoke granted by Robert de Bello Campo, ancestor of the demandant; and the prior thereby released his claim to the hundred solidates of lands in Bolteburie mentioned in the last fine, and received from the same Robert 100 marks of silver. Ib. fo. 28-9.]

Num. III.

Breve regis Edwardi Tertii ad inquirendum de fundatione et custodia prioratus de Frithelestoke.

[Esc. 15 Edw. I.]

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, etc. vicecomiti Devonie, salutem. Cum custodia prioratus de Frithelestoke nunc vacantis ad nos pertineat ratione custodie terre et heredis Johannis de Bello-Campo, quondam ejusdem prioratus advocati, in manu nostra existentis, ac quibusdam certis de causis velimus certiorari qualiter et quo modo prioratus ille in aliis vacationibus per patronos ejusdem temporibus retroactis custodiri consuevit, et ejusmodi exitus inde percipere consueverunt, et super tenore carte de feoffamento fundatoris ejusdem prioratus, per quam ipsi fundatores et nos ratione custodie custodiam habere debeamus in eodem; tibi precipimus quod in propria persona tua ad prioratum illum accedens premissorum omnium diligenter inquiras plenius veritatem, et inquisitionem inde distincte et aperte factam sub sigillo tuo et sigillis eorum per quos facta fuerit nobis sine dilatione mittas et hoc breve. Teste Edmundo comite Cornubie consanguineo nostro. Apud Westm. v. die Sept. anno regni nostri xv.

Inquisitio super brevi predicto capta.

Inquisitio apud Frithelestoke capta coram Matheo filio Johannis vic. Devon. secundum tenorem brevis annexi die dominica in festo beati Mathei apostoli anno regni regis Edwardi quinto decimo, per sacramentum Petri de Halesbury, etc. Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod Robertus filius Roberti de Bello-Campo contulit situm prioratus de Frithelestoke cum toto manerio pertinente Deo et beate Marie et Sancto Gregorio et canonicis Deo ibidem servientibus pro anima sua, uxoris sue, puerorum et antecessorum suorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam faciendo orationes et suffragia tantum, ita quod tempore vacationum mittebant ipsi patroni predicti aliquem qui custodiebat portam, et curam capiebat ne bona prioratus devastarentur, nec aliquid capiebat ipse ad opus patroni nisi tantum sustentationem suam; et cum ipse prior confirmaretur, recedebat ipse custos. In cujus rei testimonium presenti inquisitioni sigilla sua sunt appensa.

Num. IV.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Brodwodewiger, prioratui de Frithelstoke.

(Grandisson, Register, vol. ii. fo. 7.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos pervenerit hec scriptura Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Inter sollicitudines humanas sacram religionem plantare et plantatam augere sacrarum tradicionum digesta dictavit auctoritas precipuum et meritorum summa fore. Sane exhibita nobis pro parte dilectorum filiorum prioris et canonicorum prioratus de Frithelistoke ordinis Sancti Augustini nostre diocesis peticio continebat quod dictus prioratus adeo, ut asserunt, exiliter est fundatus quod canonici inibi domino famulantes vix potuerunt de proventibus ejusdem absque mendicitatis obprobrio sustentari. Quare pro parte ipsorum nobis extitit cum instancia supplicat ut eis super hiis paterno compacientes affectu parochialem ecclesiam de Brodwode Wiger dicte nostre diocesis que de eorum patronatu existit, prout in cartis ac munimentis sibi inde confectis vidimus plenius contineri, eis in usus proprios perpetuo possidendam in relevacionem necessitatis hujusmodi et inopie concedere, unire, et appropriare servata debita solempnitate curaremus. Nos igitur curis agitati continuis ut dictus prioratus et cetera pia loca nobis diocesano jure subjecta valeant a pressuris et penuria nostre cooperacionis ministerio utilius sublevari, ac volentes predictorum consideracione eisdem priori et canonicis, qui ad plenitudinem conventus non attingunt, pretextu, proch dolor, paupertatis, paterna solicitudine providere, dilectos filios capitulum ecclesie nostre Exoniensis ad tractandum una nobiscum super appropriacione ecclesie de Brodwodewiger predicte et ejus causis ad infrascriptos diem et locum, cum de hiis tunc non liqueret ad plenum, peremptorie fecimus evocari, habito quecum eis super illis tractatu solempni et diligenti, quia comperimus exposita nobis hujusmodi, recepta super eis informacione debita, fore notoria atque vera, et cupientes animarum saluti tam Walteri quam Thome de Bitton Exoniensium episcoporum predecessorum nostrorum necnon et domini Ricardi de

* Boltbury appears in Domesday, fo. 105, as a fief held of the Earl of Mortain (sometimes called Comes Moritolii).—In Testa de Nevil, p. 192, Robert de Bello Campo is found to be tenant of a fourth part of one fee Moreton under Will. de Montacute.—S.

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Stapildon militis, fratris ipsius Walteri, defunctorum prout ad id votivum in Domino ingerimus affectum consulere, canonicorum dicti prioratus numerum pro modo facultatum habendarum convenienter augere et eorum predictis necessitatibus providere, de unanimi collaudacione et consensu capituli nostri prelibati, necnon omnium et singulorum aliorum quorum interest, concurrentibusque omnibus et singulis que in hac parte requiruntur de jure, dictam ecclesiam de Brodwodewiger cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinenciis universis predicto prioratui de Frithelstok ac priori et canonicis ejusdem ibidem Domino servientibus et servituris in relevacionem dictarum necessitatum canonicorum dicti loci muneri augmentum Walteri et Thome de Button predecessorum nostrorum ac Ricardi predictorum meritum et suffragium animarum, pontificali auctoritate concedimus appropriamus et unimus, juribus nostris episcopalibus et ecclesie nostre Exoniensis dignitate ac loci archidiaconi in omnibus semper salvis: ita quod auctoritate appropriacionis et unionis hujusmodi, cedente vel decedente dilecto filio Willielmo de Kaygnis ad presens ejusdem ecclesie rectore, prefati prior et canonici per se vel alium seu alios ejusdem ecclesie ut premittitur vacantis possessionem libere apprehendere et tenere fructusque ejusdem in usus proprios convertere valeant, nostra vel alterius cujuscumque licencia minime requisita, reservata tamen de ipsius parochialis ecclesie proventibus perpetuo vicario canonice instituendo in ea assignanda per nos porcione congrua, ex qua idem vicarius commode sustentari possit et episcopalia jura solvere aliaque sibi incumbencia onera subportari. Verum quod ferendum non est quod illi recusent onera qui rerum commoda amplectuntur, predicte appropriacioni de consensu expresso capituli nostri prelibati ac fratris Ricardi dicti prioratus prioris et conventus ejusdem loci, adjiciendo statuimus et eciam ordinamus, videlicet, quod dicti prior et canonici, infra annum a tempore quo fructus dicte ecclesie perceperint, numerando plenum constituant et habeant conventum tresdecim canonicorum adminus et duos seculares quorum unus sit in sacris ordinibus constitutus et alter saltem clericali caractere insignitus, qui horis nocturnis pariter et diurnis in choro dicti prioratus cum canonicis intersint in superpelliciis ministrantes eciamque psallentes. Item faciant predictus prior et conventus dicti loci eorumque successores diebus singulis unam missam cum nota de Beata gloriosa Dei Genetrice Maria hora competenti juxta morem religiosorum sui ordinis per unum de suis concanonicis celebrari. Quodque eidem misse ceteri canonici prioratus predicti circa negocia prioratus ejusdem minime debite occupati una cum dictis clericis assistant diligenter et devote, faciantque dicti prior et conventus diebus singulis unam missam sine nota pro animabus Walteri et Thome predecessorum nostrorum et Ricardi predictorum et aliorum benefactorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum per unum de canonicis suis ad hoc assignandum diebus festivis ante magnam missam et non festivis circa horam terciam devote celebrari. Et nichilominus singuli canonici conventus supradicti in missis omnibus quas eos contigerit celebrare predictorum Walteri Thome et Ricardi necnon statum salubrem Thome de Stapeldon aliorumque coexecutorum suorum in testamento Walteri predecessoris nostri predicti nominatorum, et ipsorum cum ab hac luce migraverint animas, habeant specialiter et precipue commendatas. Statuimus insuper modo premisso ac eciam ordinamus quod dicti prior et conventus annis singulis hora et tempore competenti cum pleno servicio defunctorum obitus predecessorum nostrorum modo quo decet pro episcopis ac eciam Ricardi predictorum curent solempniter celebrari. Et diebus obitus tam Walteri quam Ricardi prefatorum dicti prior et conventus infra septa dicti prioratus centum pauperes pascant magis indigentes, proviso quod pauperis cujuslibet refeccio in pane potagio et companagio ad unum denarium usualis monete secundum estimacionem probabilem se extendat, necnon quod omnia donaria que Walterus predecessor noster prefatus dicto prioratui dicitur contulisse ad perpetuam rei memoriam in martirologio ibidem scribantur, et annis singulis in pronunciacione sui obitus in capitulo nominatim recitentur. Percipiat quoque sacrista dicti prioratus qui pro tempore fuerit annis singulis perpetuis temporibus de fructibus proventibus et aliis commodis manerii de Brodwodewiger, quod dicti executores modo premisso et ex dicta causa dictis religiosis donarunt, per numeracionem et liberacionem dicti prioris et successorum suorum priorum dicti prioratus pro vestimentis libris et aliis necessariis ad sacristiam ecclesie prioratus ejusdem spectantibus viginti solidos sterlingorum, de quibus dictus sacrista coram priore pro tempore et conventu ejusdem prioratus seu ad hoc ab eis deputo necnon de omnibus aliis ad officium sacriste predicte spectantibus fidelem reddat racionem. Nostre tamen intencionis non existit quod si contigerit dictum manerium cum suis pertinenciis vel aliquam partem ejusdem advocacionemve ecclesie prelibate a priori et conventu predictis absque eorum culpa vel negligencia evinci quod idem prior et conventus ad premissorum observanciam teneantur. Reservamus insuper nobis et successoribus nostris Exoniensibus episcopis super premissis et ea contingentibus addendi, mutandi, corrigendi, interpretandi, quociens expedire videbitur, potestatem. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem pleniorem sigillum nostrum una cum sigillis tam capituli nostri quam prioris et conventus predictorum fecimus hiis apponi. Actum et datum in capitulo ecclesie nostre prelibate xvij die mensis Januarii anno ab incarnacione Domini, etc. M°.CCC^mo. tricesimo tercio, indiccionis ij^do, pontificatus, etc. anno xviij, consecracionis vero nostre septimo. Et Nos, capitulum predictum, habito super premissis cum dicto venerabili patre nostro domino episcopo tractatu diligenti et solempni, dicte appropriacioni et ceteris omnibus suprascriptis per ipsum ordinatis et statutis collaudacionem nostram adhibentes pariter et consensum; Nosque prior et conventus dicti prioratus premissa omnia et singula quatenus ad nos attinet rata habentes et accepta, sigilla nostra presentibus duximus apponenda. Datum anno Domini, indictione, pontificatus, die, mense et loco predictis.

Num. V.

Ordinatio vicariæ de Brodewodewyger.

(Grandisson Reg., vol. iii. fol. 62.)

Universis sancte matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in omnium Salvatore. Nuper volentes vicariam ecclesie parochialis et curate de Brodewodewiger nostre diocesis ordinare et taxare in quibus porcionibus deberet consistere, ne animarum cura, que est et esse debet precipue nobis cordi, propter porcionem dicte vicarie non ordinatam negligatur, de facultatibus et valore annuis dicte ecclesie et oneribus eidem incumbentibus ac aliis debitis articulis, vocatis vocandis in hac parte, sollerter inquirere curavimus veritatem; unde servato super hoc processu juris debito ad taxacionem et ordinacionem dicte vicarie procedimus in hunc modum: Imprimis ordinamus quod ipsa vicaria consistat in domibus et toto sanctuario que quondam fuerunt rectoris ecclesie predicte tam in terra quam in bosco de la Slo ac toto altilagio, utpote in oblacionibus obvencionibus et minutis decimis qualitercunque ad predictam vicariam spectantibus, necnon legatis pro decimis oblitis vicario qui pro tempore fuerit relictis, et in decima molendinorum tocius parochie, decima proveniente de quodam molendino quod vocatur Brodwodemulle duntaxat excepta. Item volumus et ordinamus quod dicta vicaria consistat in decimis pomorum et jampnorum silve cedue et decima feni tocius parochie, excepta decima feni prioris et conventus de Frithelestok proveniente de dominico manerii de Brodewodewyger, quod quidem dominicum domini quondam dicti manerii ante appropriacionem ecclesie predicte in suis manibus tenuerunt. Et quod consistat vicaria predicta in annuo redditu duodecim denariorum proveniencium de terra de la More, que quidem terra collata fuit Deo et capelle beati Nicholai de la More, quam eciam rectores dicte ecclesie ut sanctuarium ejusdem habere consueverunt. Item volumus et ordinamus quod prior et conventus de Frithelestok predicta onera construccionis et reparacionis cancelli librorum ac vestimentorum cum necesse fuerit, necnon omnia onera extra-

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ordinaria subeant in solidum et subportent; quodque iidem prior et conventus vicarium ecclesie predicte qui pro tempore fuerit permittant blada et brasia sua in dicto molendino de Brodwodemulle primo post blada super dictum molendinum inventa molere* absque tollonii exaccione quacunque. Vicarius vero ecclesie predicte et sui successores qui pro tempore fuerint synodaticum cathedraticum et procuracionem archidiaconalem solvere teneantur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum Exonie decimo octavo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo quadragesimo septimo et consecracionis nostre vicesimo†.

Num. VI.

Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Prioratus monasterii Sancti Georgii (Gregorii) episcopi, de Frethylstok in decanatu de Hertlond predicta.

Verus et annuus valor omnium dominiorum maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum ac rectoriarum vicariarum et aliarum possessionum quorumcunque tam temporalium quam spiritualium infra regnum Anglie unde Thomas Parr prior monasterii predicti aliqualiter modo inde sesitus existit in feodo seu aliter in jure monasterii sui predicti prout postea patebit:

Possessiones temporales predicti prioris.

Devon.

Manerium de Frethylstok predicta.

	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium xxix^li. x^s. ix^d., firma terrarum dominicalium cum gardinis circa monasterium dicti prioris in manibus suis propriis xx^li. x^s., et vendicione operum per annum x^s. . . . . l^li. x^s. ix^d. Et in perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus lxxij^s. iiij^d. cum liiij^s. ij^d. de finibus terrarum per annum communibus annis; sic nunc remanet clare	liiij	iij	j

Manerium de Kyngdon in decanatu de Hertlond predicta.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum .	–	lxviij	vj

Brodewode Wygger in decanatu de Lyfton (Tavistock?) infra diocesim predictam.

Manerium ibidem valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium per annum x^li. xvj^s. x^d. . . . . Et in perquisitis curie aliorum casualium cum xxxj^s. v^d. de finibus terrarum ibidem per annum communibus annis xlix^s. x q'	xiij	vj	viij

Manerium de Wyke Sancti Germani in decanatu de Lyfton predicta.

Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum .	–	cvj	–

Toryton Magna.

Certe parcelle terrarum ibidem valent per annum	–	x	–
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium predicti prioris	lxxvj	xiiij	iij q'
Inde solutum Comiti de Westmorland domino de Lyfton et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu predicti manerii de Brodewode Wygger annuatim imperpetuum ij^s. . . . . Et solutum Willielmo Shilston et heredibus suis pro affirmacione gurgitis molendini super terram predicti Willielmi annuatim imperpetuum xij^d. . . . . Et solutum Ricardo Graynefyld militi capitali senescallo monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum xx^s. . . . . Et solutum Nicolao Furce auditori monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum xx^s. . . Et solutum Willielmo Wyllyams ballivo manerii de Frethylstoke pro feodo suo per annum xxxiij^s. iiij^d. . . . . Et solutum Willielmo Wyllyams ballivo manerii de Brodewode Wygger pro feodo suo per annum xxxiij^s. iiij^d.; sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare	lxxj	iiij	vij ob'

Rectoria de Frethylstoke predicta.

Valet in exitibus decimarum garbarum x^li. xix^s. ij^d. . . . . Lane et agnellorum lx^s. . . . . Decimis predialibus et aliis emolumentis in libro pascali existentibus per annum communibus annis ix^li. x^d. . . . . Ultra ij^s. ij^d. solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione communibus annis . . . . . ij^s. v^d. solutos eidem episcopo ac archidiacono et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum . . . . . Et vj^s. viij^d. solutos archidiacono Barnistoplie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum; sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare	xxi	viij	ix

* See ante, p. 64, 183, in notis.

† Peter Courtenay, bishop of Exeter, having visited the priory June 24, 1479, made some alteration in the vicarage of Broadwoodwiger, October 7 following, which is set out in his Reg. fol. 131.

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Rectoria de Brodewodewygger predicta.

	£	s.	d.
Valet in exitibus decimarum garbarum xviij$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$			
Et decimis predialibus ac minutis per annum communibus annis xiiij$^{li.}$ q'			
Ultra ij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione communibus annis			
ij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ solutos eidem episcopo ac archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum	xxiij	xij	xi q'
vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ solutos archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum			
Et viij$^{li.}$ solutos Johanni Bawedon clerico vicario ibidem et successoribus suis pro perpetua pensione annuatim imperpetuum; sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare .			

Rectoria de Wyke Sancti Germani predicta.

Valet in exitibus decimarum garbarum cij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$			
Et decimis predialibus ac minutis per annum communibus annis c$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ ob'			
Ultra xiij$^{d.}$ solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione communibus annis; ij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ solutos eidem episcopo ac archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum; et iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ solutos archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum; sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis remanet clare	ix	xvj	– ob
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti prioris	lv	xvij	viij ob q'
Summa totalis omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium predicti prioris	cxxvij	ij	iiij q'
Inde pro decima	xij	xiij	iij

[From Bishop Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fo. 105 b, it appears that the customary payment made to the Bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of Frithelstock priory was—

De priore Frythelstoke pro ecclesia parochiali sive rectoria ibidem, 6$^{s.}$ 8$^{d.}$
De eodem pro rectoria de Brodewodwigeor, 6$^{s.}$ 8$^{d.}$
De eodem pro rectoria de Weke Sancti Germani, 3$^{s.}$]

Num. VII.

Compotus ministrorum 28 Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll, Augmentation Office.)

Prioratus de Frythelstok.

Comitatus Devonie—	£	s.	d.
Frythelstok—Redditus liberorum tenencium	4	18	6
Redditus tam custumariorum tenencium quam ad voluntatem domini	26	5	5
Redditus operum custumariorum	nulli hoc anno		
Comitatus Devonie—	£	s.	d.
Kyngdon—Redditus liberorum tenencium	3	8	6
Brodewoode Wygger—Redditus liberorum tenencium	2	19	9
Redditus tenencium ad voluntatem	7	17	10
Weke Langford—Redditus liberorum tenencium	1	12	2
Redditus tenencium ad voluntatem	3	13	–
Torryton—Redditus assise	–	10	–
Frythelstoke—Firma rectorie nulla quia in occupacione prioris.			
Brodewod Wygger—Firma rectorie . .	8	8	3½
Wyke—Firma rectorie	4	–	9½
Frythelstoke—Firma situs cum terris dominicalibus	20	2	–

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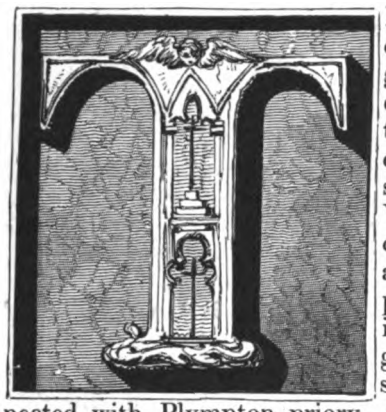
Canon's Leigh Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF TIVERTON.



THIS priory, in the parish of Burlescombe, was originally founded by Walter de Clavilla, or Claville *, in the latter half of the twelfth century. From a composition, dated Exeter, on Wednesday after the feast of the Holy Trinity, 1219, and inserted in the Appendix, post, Num. IX. it is evident that this Augustine community had, in some way, become connected with Plympton priory, it being then finally arranged, after much litigation, that the prior of Plympton should always receive due notice when a superior was to be elected at Canon's Leigh, so that he might be present, if he pleased, but without enjoying the right or liberty of voting. If the community could not agree in the choice of a prior from among their own members, they were then to elect one from Plympton priory before they had recourse to any other convent of their order. It is singular, that, although we possess a very copious and methodical transcript of the earlier charters and muniments of the priory, we have met with none to explain the origin of this connexion.

The ancestors of the founder, whose name figures in the Domesday Survey as the possessor of the property out of which the priory was afterwards endowed, derived his surname from one of the many Clavilles still found in Normandy, of which the most important, Claville-Motteville in the arrondissement of Rouen, was erected into a comté in the beginning of the last century †. It is evident from the first charters of dotation that these possessions of the lords of Burlescombe were parcel of the honour of Gloucester, and, as such, could not be effectually alienated without the consent of the earls of that place. Other benefactors were themselves subfeudatories under the Clavilles. From these sources, and from the various, and, for the most part, contemporaneous donations or conveyances of the families of Boys or De Bosco, Lowman or De Lumine, Boty, Peverell, Baldwin of Thorn, Aishford, Sandford, Chevithorne, Arundel, Colewill, Poltimore and others, the priory became possessed of lands and tithes in Burlescombe and the neighbouring parishes in Devon and Somerset, as well as in certain outlying parishes in the former county and in Dorsetshire ‡.

* The arms of the Devonshire branch of Claville were, Or, three keys, gules, two and one. Those of the Dorsetshire branch, in 1623, were, Argent, on a chevron sable 3 caps of maintenance, or.

† The name has been recently spelt *Clavell*. As the name of a place, it seems to owe its origin to the union of the words Clava or Claia and Villa, and to be synonymous with the Clawton or Clayton of Devonshire and other counties.—S.

‡ The date of the first donation of Walter de Claville may be ascertained within certain limits. It is addressed to Bartholomew the bishop, whose pontificate extended from A.D. 1161 to 1184. The chief lord of the fief who is named in it was William, earl of Gloucester: he succeeded to the earldom in 1147, and died in 1173. In the year 1262 we find the prior alleging that the church of Mordon had been appropriated to his house for a century and upwards. (See post, note to No. X. p. 229.) Hence it is certain that the foundation must have taken place between 1161 and 1173; and it is at least probable that it took place towards the commencement of that period. Perhaps the confirmatory deed of Bishop Bartholomew, dated 1162, and registered among the title-deeds of the priory (post, p. 226, note) testifying the release of the church of Dowland from a certain annual rent, was immediately preparatory to the cession of that church to the new foundation.—S.

Of the priors we have met with the following:—

Richard, } witnesses to deeds shortly after the founda-
Jordan, } tion of their priory. (See Num. 133–4–5 of S. Nicholas' Cartulary.)

Roger. He was party to a contract with William Miller, the parson of Winkleigh in 1238. About two years later, the same prior granted to Bartholomew, archdeacon of Exeter and his assigns, 16*s.* rent charged on the houses that once belonged to John Lambrith within the city of Exeter, in consideration of a fine of sixteen marks. The deed is in the city archives, and is attested by Roger de Wynklegh, dean of Exeter, and Thomas, archdeacon of Totnes. Appendant to the deed is a rude oval seal, representing the Blessed Virgin and S. John: the only words remaining of the legend are—

MARIE · ET · SCI · IOHIS · EVAN ·

Henry was party, as prior, to a fine levied 33 Hen. III., and recorded in the Harleian cartulary under the Claville deeds.

William de Chagford. He was in office but a short time, for Bishop Bronescombe pronounced his election to be null and void, and in his place

Henry de Trewninnek, a monk of Launceston, was substituted Dec. 17, 1260. He is mentioned in an instrument in the Harl. cartulary, dated 1280, setting forth a dispute between him and John de Claville respecting the custody of the priory.

William de Honeton or *Roneton,* confirmed by Bishop Quivil on Feb. 26, 1282. Two years after his institution, the monastery, with its property, was made over to regular canonesses of the same order, and the name of S. Etheldreda was added to its former patrons. Hence the place, in subsequent records, is not unfrequently styled Mynchynleye. The noble lady, Matilda de Clare, countess of Gloucester and Hertford, who, according to Brooke (Catalogue, p. 93), was the widow of Richard, seventh earl of Gloucester §, undertook to endow the new community, and for that purpose conveyed with the manors of Rockbear, Northleigh, Schidingho or Manitre, Hockford, Godleford, Dunsford, with the accompanying advowsons of some of them. To some of these donations her son Gilbert, the earl, was necessarily a consenting party; but in other cases, as that of Rockbear and Dunsford, the property had been bought by the countess for the purpose of endowing the abbey. From folio 129 of Bishop Quivil's register, we find that on August 16, 1285, she had deposited in the hands of that bishop the sum of 600 marks, "in opus et utilitatem abbathie de Lyghe;" but it is rather singular that King Edward the First's licence to the above-mentioned countess for the grant and assignment of Rockbear manor under the great seal is not dated until October 15, 1287. Bishop Stapeldon (Register, fo. 86) states that she had assembled no less than fifty religious women at Canon's Leigh, and had proposed to endow the convent with sufficient lands and revenues; but that her premature death, and a combination of troublesome occurrences, had prevented the accomplishment of her pious intentions; and that the community, renowned throughout England for religious virtue, was left in the most deplorable situation ||. In compassion for

§ Her husband died between 1260 and 1262, and was succeeded by his son Gilbert.

|| Among other "troublesome occurrences," it seems that the king had used the money, so deposited, for his own purposes; for as long afterwards as the year 1301 the abbess and convent petitioned the king in council, setting forth that he had taken out of their treasury, in the cathedral of Exeter, the money appropriated to the purchase of lands

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their distress, this considerate bishop completed, August 5, 1314, the appropriation of the parish church of Donesford, which, it seems from the licence of King Edward I., dated July 13, 1290, Bishop Quivil had intended to assign to their use. Three days later, the convent bound themselves to pay four marks annually to the dean and chapter in their exchequer at Exeter, on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (May 3).

On June 16, 1333, Bishop Grandisson appropriated to their use the rectorial tithes of Rockbear. Of the profits, one mark was to be allowed to the abbess "ad cameram suam;" two shillings to each of the nuns; and as the convent beer had been found to be very indifferent, the bishop required that it should be improved by the weekly addition of a bushel of malt, "ut de proventibus ecclesie de Rockbeare assignetur ad cervisiam suam meliorandum singulis septimanis unus busellus frumenti" (Reg. vol. ii. fo. 7): the rest of the profits was to be applied "in augmentum coquine in festis duplicibus."

Collinson, in his History of Somersetshire, vol. iii. p. 26, says that the rectory of Sampford Arundell in that county was appropriated to the convent by Bishop Bytton, with the consent of Sir John Arundell. The register of that bishop has unfortunately perished. It is certain, however, that the appropriation had long before been sanctioned by the legitimate authority, namely, that of the bishop of Bath and Wells. (See post, note to Num. X.) They presented also to Okeford and Dowland*, in Devonshire, and Morden, in Dorsetshire.

In Bishop Stapeldon's Register may be found the endowment of Dunsford. The bishop assigns to the vicar a house and garden on the south part of the church, and a close, the nearest to the garden, on the east part, which has a path passing in the midst, with all the alterage and tithe of hay and apples, with the great tithes "de villis de Folforde et Clifforde."

In the same register is the taxation of Burlescombe vicarage, dated Nov. 20, 1324. The vicar John was to have the usual manse and courtilage of his predecessor, but was to pay ten-pence yearly to the abbess and convent for an acre and a perch of their glebe, "ad sustentacionem cujusdam mortarii ardentis in ecclesia antedicta." Mention is made in the document of S. Theobald's chapel in Burlescombe, and the mills of Knaphille and Pogham. In Bishop Brantyngham's Register, vol. i., the "honesta capella Sancti Theobaldi" is described as adjoining the monastery; and it further informs us, that there were chapels of All Saints and of S. Thomas "infra monasterium de Legh," as also a chapel dedicated to the Holy Trinity at West Legh in Burlescombe parish.

A proceeding was instituted in the consistorial court of Sarum, before John Maydenheth, canon of Sarum, and vicar-general to Bishop John Waltham, at the suit of Thomas Chaplyn, William Holbele, John Partrigh, and others of the poor of Morden parish, against the abbess and convent of Canonslegh, on Sept. 22, 1389. It was at length decreed, Jan. 18, 1392, that the latter had illegally withdrawn the wonted payment of twenty shillings per annum to the poor, which thenceforth was to be regularly made, and they were condemned in a penalty of ten pounds, to be paid that year to the poor of the parish aforesaid.

An oval seal of the nunnery represents the youthful S. John, with a lamb and cross resting on a medallion, under a canopy; but the legend of the impression is nearly effaced.

The following names of abbesses have been recovered:

Matilda de Tablere, whom Bishop Quivil, October 28, 1284, "benedixit in abbatissam de Legh, que sibi juravit canonicam obedienciam." (Reg. fo. 126.)

Petronilla de Clare occurs in 1308. On January 12, 1319-20, Bishop Stapeldon (Reg. fo. 146) appointed her a coadjutor. She must have died shortly after; for

Margaret Aucher or *Aunger* was blest her successor at Clist, Aug. 24, 1320. On Dec. 18, 1328, Bishop Grandisson licensed her to lease to an ecclesiastical person, for a few years, the fruits and profits of the church of "Duelond, quam in usus proprios obtinetis." (Reg. vol. ii. fo. 102.) For many years before her death her health was greatly impaired. Bishop Grandisson had witnessed the change in her constitution, and, finding it confirmed by the reports of respectable persons, allowed her, in 1334, the use of white-meats during the approaching fast of Advent, provided she could avail herself of the dispensation without scandal to others, "esum lacticiniorum pro sustentatione nature dicto durante jejunio indulgemus, proviso quod alias sine scandalo utaris cautius hoc indulto." (Reg. vol. ii. fo. 25.) In S. Nicholas' cartulary, Exon., is an agreement of this prioress about a watercourse in Dunsford, A.D. 1333, with John de Gordone, prior of S. Nicholas. She died in the summer of 1345. To this abbess Bishop Grandisson addressed the following excellent mandate on June 23, 1329:

"Johannes, etc. dilecte filie domine abbatisse monasterii de Legh nostre diocesis, salutem, etc. Quum honestas mulieres vagari non convenit vel frequentibus virorum cœtibus immisceri (quod precipue in religiosis mulieribus propter castitatis naufragium districtius est servandum) ne, moniali modestia sexusque verecundia impudenter abjectis, extra monasterium cum fatuis discurrant in Illius offensam cui integritatem suam voluntate propria devoverunt, religionis in opprobrium, et scandalum plurimorum; quocirca vobis in virtute obedientie et sub pena excommunicacionis majoris ex certis causis firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus moniales domus vestre septa monasterii sub quocumque colore ante visitationem nostram sine licencia nostra speciali egredi nullatenus permittatis ad tantam videlicet distanciam, que ipsas eadem die non sineret remeare; ut sic, a publicis et mundanis spectaculis omnino separate, Deo servire liberius et, lasciviendi opportunitate sublata, eidem corda sua et corpora valeant diligentius custodire."

Juliana Lampre succeeded Oct. 18, 1345.

Christina Edewis followed, whose institution is not recorded.

Lucy Warre was blest by William Courtenay, bishop of Hereford, in 1371, in virtue of Bishop Brantyngham's permission, dated London, June 8. (Reg. vol. ii. fo. xi.) She died Oct. 11, 1410.

Mary Beauchamp succeeded Dec. 3, 1410, and died Dec. 26, 1449.

Jane Arundell succeeded March 19 following. The form of consenting to her election is inserted in Lacy, Reg. vol. ii. fo. 250, as follows:

"I suster Johan Arundell, mynchyn of the monastery of Synt John the Apostell and Evangeliste and Etheldrede the virgyn of Canonlegh and the order of Seynt Austyn in the diocesis of Excet, order and rule of the holy Fader Seynt Austyn in the saide monastery expresse professid, yn laful age ysette, electe yn abbasse of the said monastery and ofte wt instaunce and grete requeste yn the party of my susteryn and mynchyns of the saide monastery requirid that to the eleccion of ham of me I made that I scholde yeve my consente, I the forsaide Johan willyng not to withstande ne contradie the will of Almyghty Godde, to the worshipp of the Blessed Trinite, Fader, Sone, and Holy Gost, also to the worshipp of Seynt Johan Apostell and Evangeliste and Seynt Etheldrede the holy virgyn yn whos namys and worshipp owre conventuall churche abovesaide is worthely and holily is halwid, beyng yet yune the tyme of laws, as I am enformed, to yeve my consent aforesaide to the foresaide eleccion by my susteris abovesaide of me made, I consente by this present wrytyng."

by the Countess Matilda, and praying that the manors of Bradninch and Kennington, then lately escheated by the death of Edmund earl of Cornwall, might be assigned to them in satisfaction of the sum of £672 so taken. The petitioners were referred to the king's treasurer and barons for satisfaction. This proceeding is not in the printed rolls of parliament, but is stated in a short report in the Year-Book, Edw. I. fo. 43; from which it appears that the barons of the Exchequer declined to grant to the abbess the custody of the newly-escheated lands until they had taken the king's pleasure. It must not be inferred that the sum deposited was considered as equivalent to the value of the two large manors alluded to, but only that the custody was requested, by way of security for repayment. It is further stated in the report, that the countess had been obliged by the pope to make the deposit before the necessary grace or licence was accorded. Whether the ladies ever got the money after all, is not very clear.—S.

* Dowland rectory passed to the Aylworths of Canterbury. Walter Aylworth, gent., sold it for £230 to Thomas Stafford, April 25, 1586. By the marriage of Bridget Mary, only daughter and heir of Hugh Stafford, of Pynes, esq., in 1735, to Sir Henry Northcote, bart., the rectory came into the Northcote family, and is still their property.

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On her decease, Christina Edewik was prioress, and the petition of her and the convent to the earl of Warwick and Sarum for a licence to elect a successor is inserted, without date, at the end of the Harleian cartulary.

Elizabeth Fouhill or *Fowell*, who held her dignity for many years, and was the last abbess. We collect from Stevens' Monasticon (Appendix, vol. ii. p. 17) that King Henry VIII. had promised the site of her monastery to Richard Pollard, but that she succeeded in putting off the evil day for a while. The respite of its suppression continued from the autumn of 1536 to Feb. 16, 1538-9. Upon surrendering her house she was gratified with a pension of £40.

	£	s.	d.
To Thomesyn Sutton, prioress, was assigned	5	–	–
Sabyne Cobilstone	4	–	–
Alice Bonde	4	–	–
Philuppe Fortescue	4	–	–
Helen Ayssheford	4	–	–
Agnes Pery	4	–	–
Johane Bowyer	4	–	–
Margaret Sydenham	4	–	–
Elizabeth Chudeley	4	–	–
Agnes Bratton	4	–	–
Johane Abree	4	–	–
Elizabeth Carewe	5	–	–
Margaret Pollerd	5	–	–
Christian Holbene	4	–	–
Agnes Dulond	4	–	–
Mary Pomeroy	4	–	–
Sibell Fowell	2	–	–
The sum of all the yearly pensions	£109	–	–

The abbess Elizabeth Fouhill, Oct. 7, 1517, leased to John and Agnes Iryshe and their two daughters, for their lives, a tenement and garden adjoining in Hempston Arundell, alias Little Hempston, as also six acres of land there; all which premises are "gleba ecclesie de Hempston." Rent, 10*s*.

On Oct. 4, 1527, in consideration of £13. 6*s*. 8*d*., she leased to John Irish, his wife and daughter, a tenement called East Townsend; another in Thorne, called Bawdensplace; a meadow called Longmede; another tenement in Thorne, called Tadisplace; two closes of the barton, called Bodelegh and Harryscroft; another called Six Acres; a cottage called Youngscot; a close called Batysgore; all in the manor of Chepyn, in Somersetshire, to hold the same for their several lives. Rent, 38*s*.; heriot, 40*s*.

On Dec. 2, 1530, she leased to John Iryshe "the Lady's barn," with the rectorial tithes of Rockbear, for forty years; rent, £6.

On June 12, 1536, she granted to John Haidon, gent., an annuity of twenty shillings, charged on the manor of Rockbear.

On Nov. 1, 1536, she leased Dowlond chapel, with the rectory, to William Herde, for twenty years; rent, £69. 4*s*.; the lessee to find a sufficient chaplain.

On Sept. 1, 1538, "in consideratione multorum laborum et beneficiorum" of John Iryshe, she appointed him receiver of the abbey rents in Devon, Dorset, and Somerset, with an annuity of £4.

On April 11, 1539, she leased to Alice Frye, widow, and Nicholas her son, for their lives, Netherton farm, and a cottage called Bremlecot; rent, £6; the said tenants to find meat and drink for the officers of the abbess, and hay and oats for their horses when they held their courts at Netherton.

King Henry VIII., Dec. 30, 1539, leased to Thomas de Soulemont, of London, gent., the site and precinct of the late monastery of Canonsleigh with various parcels of land which were in the occupation of the late abbess, "ad usum hospicii sui," as also the tithes of sheaf and the rectories of the parish churches of Okeford and Burlescombe; to hold the same to the said Thomas de Soulemont and his assigns from the feast of Michaelmas last past, for the term of twenty-one years, at the yearly rent to the crown of £23. 14*s*. 2*d*.; viz. for the site of the said monastery and the said lands, £16. 14*s*. 2*d*., and for the tithes of the rectory of Okeford, 60*s*., and the tithes of the rectory of Burlescombe, £4.

In the thirty-fifth year of his reign, the same king granted the site of the monastery to Sir John S. Leger, knight.

The Columb family possessed it till 1658. Later purchasers of the site were James Smith, esq., and Sir William Breton, of Burlington-street, in the parish of S. James, Westminster, knight, who, on June 15, 1765, sold it to John Browne, of Pall Mall, esq., for £10,000. It afterwards became the property of his son, the present John Browne, esq., major in the eleventh light dragoons, under the will of his father, dated Sept. 13, 1793, who, in 1821, sold it in parts and parcels; when the mansion was demolished.

The Essex property was granted to Sir John Rainsforth, knight, in 32 Hen. VIII. (Newcourt's Repertorium, vol. ii. p. 98. 373. 421.)

The manor of Dunsford was conveyed by Henry VIII., with its church and rectory, to Sir John Fulford, knight, and Henry Colles, esq., June 11, 1544.

Num. I.

Carta Walteri de Clavilla pro canonicis de Legha.

(Ex cartulario monasterii de Legh, Harl. MSS. No. 3660.)

Bartholomeo * Dei gratia Exonie episcopo et toti capitulo ejusdem ecclesie Walterus de Clavile salutem. Noverit paternitas vestra quod ego Walterus de Clavile pro anima Roberti comitis et pro animabus antecessorum meorum et pro salute Willielmi comitis † et Hadewis comitisse et heredum suorum et pro salute mea et uxoris mee et heredum meorum dedi et concessi ipsorum assensu in quietam elemosinam ecclesie Dei et S. Marie sanctique Johannis Evangeliste de Legha et canonicis secundum regulam S. Augustini ibidem Christo famulantibus ecclesiam de Burwoldescumbe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum terra quam illi superaddidi, viii videl' acras quas ad luminare ecclesie dedi, et cum dimidia virgata terre Byestebrok ‡ et ecclesiam de Duelande § cum omnibus pert' et cum dimidio ferlingo terre quam illi superaddidi, et ecclesiam de Mordona cum omnibus appendiciis suis, et cum dimidia virgata terre quam illi superaddidi, et totam terram prope ipsum locum de Legha sitam ab aquilonali parte aqueductus veteris molendini a colle de Wlflega || usque ad calceiam de vivario, et ipsum vivarium ipsis concedo, et duas acras ab occidentali parte vivarii, et inde totam terram sitam ab aquilonali parte aque de Linor ¶ usque ad aquam de Swiliende **, videlicet, totam terram meam de Legh in planis, pascuis, pratis, silvis, et aquis; et ferlingum terre de Ruheknolle †† et silvam de Ruhe-

* He was bishop from 1161 to 1184.

† Earl of Gloucester, 1147 to 1173.

‡ That is, a half virgate by Eastbrook.

§ The following deed, contained in the Harleian cartulary, would seem to indicate that the priory had not then been endowed with this church. As Dowland had belonged to the Clavilles from the date of Domesday (see vol. i. fo. 112 b.) it is not impossible that the Walter de Duelonde mentioned in the deed may be a synonym of the founder:

"Bartholomew Dei gratia episcopus Exonie universo clero per episcopatum constituto salutem et benedictionem. Notum vobis facimus quod Walterus de Duelonde secundum convencionem in carta decessoris nostri bone memorie Roberti secundi comprehensam liberam et quietam fecit ecclesiam de Duelonde in manu nostra a solucione xii denariorum quos ad edificacionem Exoniensis ecclesie solvere consueverat. Et hoc factum est ut Exoniensis ecclesie construccio cicius et melius promoveretur, et predicta ecclesia ab exaccione indebite consuetudinis imperpetuum liberaretur. Quod ut ratum permaneat sigilli nostri et sigilli Exon. capituli impressione confirmavimus. Facta est autem hec liberacio anno mclxii. ab incarnacione Domini."

In the same book is a charter of William bishop of Exeter, respecting certain tithes in dispute between the churches of Wynkelegh and Dowland. Date 1238.—S.

|| Wolvelegh, in other deeds. Wulvietus or Wulfus was the Saxon possessor of much of Claville's land, as is apparent in Domesday.

¶ Lunor, in some charters. The name is still known in Burlescombe.

** Sweyland, in some deeds. The "fovea de Swylie" also occurs.

†† Now called Rocknel.

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knolle, et molendinum et totam molturam terre mee de Burwoldescumbe et de Suraple* cum omnibus pertinenciis suis illis concedo, et ubicunque voluerint facere molendinum conductum aque et locum molendini et viam ad molendinum per mediam terram meam illis confirmo; et communes pascuas terre mee annuo, et molendinum de Widecumba† et totam multuram ipsius terre ipsis confirmo, et VI acras propiores molendino adhibeo, et totam terram de Nithertona‡ et totam terram de Northauda§ cum omnibus pertinenciis ipsarum terrarum in planis, etc. liberas quietas et solutas ab omnibus exactionibus querelis et consuetudinibus et ab omnibus secularibus serviciis. Et ut hec mea donacio rata et inconcussa permaneat sigilli mei astipulacione eam roboravi. Hujus autem donacionis et concessionis testes sunt hii,

Joheta, uxor mea
Willielmus filius meus
Adeliza filia mea
Radulphus de Clavilla, Gilbertus de Clavilla } fratres mei
Robertus presbyter de Burwoldescumbe
Asco, capellanus ejus
Rogerus presbyter de Columstoca
Ismael filius ejus
Walterus presbyter de Sandford
Ranulphus presbyter de Blacaburga
Arnaldus presbyter de Hoccawrda
Rogerus presbyter de Holecumba
Simon filius Rogeri
Nicholaus Lamprei
Willielmus filius ejus
Stephanus de Aysforde
Walterus, Willielmus, Ricardus, Robertus, Simon } filii ejus
Robertus de Morlega
Michael filius ejus
Willielmus Peverel
Willielmus filius Stephani
Hugo de Clavilla
Willielmus Burnel
Mabilia filia mea
Agnes filia mea
Hadewis, filia mea
Baldewinus de Tuzsainz
Ricardus, Johannes } fratres ejus
Hector, filius Baldewini
Alexander de Beohulla
Willielmus de Harpetrewa
Willielmus de Southedona
Willielmus de Stanlega.

[This donation was confirmed, on the donor's petition, by William earl of Gloucester, "in curia mea coram baronibus meis," by a charter testifying that the donor and his son "in manum ceperunt acquietare supra memoratas elemosinas versus me et heredes meos de omni seculari servicio." See the same cartulary, eod. loco.]

Num. II.

Alia carta ejusdem pro eisdem.

(Ex eodem cartulario.)

Walterus de Clavile omnibus, etc. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego W. de C. pro salute mea et pro salute antecessorum et successorum meorum dedi et concessi ecclesie Dei et S. Marie Sanctique Johannis Evangeliste de Legha totam decimam reddituum meorum in omnibus terris meis, scilicet, decimam reddituum de Burwoldescumbe et de Suraple et decimam reddituum de duabus Beohullis‖, et decimam reddituum de Lumene¶ et de Duelande et de Widecumbe et de Mordona cum omnibus pertinenciis predictarum terrarum, totam videlicet decimam reddituum meorum in gablis et in redditu molendinorum, et in redditu ovium de Hockeday**, et in redditu de bruhere de Mourdona, et decimam XIIII solidorum de terra Roberti filii Guinard de Treveris in perpetuam elemosinam a me et meis heredibus prefate ecclesie reddendam. Et ut hec donacio, etc. Hiis testibus; Roberto presbytero de Burwoldescumbe, Aszone capellano, Osberto capellano de Mordona, Rogero presbytero de Holecumbe, Willielmo Peverel et Nicholao Lamprei et filio ejus Willielmo, Roberto de Morlega, et Michaele filio ejus, Stephano de Haisford, et Waltero filio ejus.

[The donations of Walter were afterwards confirmed by his son William.]

Num. III.

Carta ejusdem de terra de Cadewilla.

(Ex eodem.)

Walterus de Clavile omnibus hominibus suis Francis et Anglis, etc. Noverit universitas vestra me concessisse et in escambium terre de Aisse dedisse Radulpho de Clavile fratri meo tres ferlingos terre in terra de Cadewilla pro servicio suo liberam et quietam et solutam ab omni servicio, excepto hutiban††, ad ipsam prescriptam terram pertinente. Et ut hec donacio, etc. testibus, etc.

[This deed is followed by one in which Henry de Clavile gives the above land of Cadewilla to the canons, with warranty. Cadwell was, it seems, added to Lomele or Loman manor at the date of Domesday (vol. i. fo. 112). William, son of Walter Clavile, the founder, also gave to the canons his lands of Westcot, in Burlescombe parish, formerly held by Richard Coppa and William Fender, for which the canons paid ten marks in recognicionem; also a ferling of land in Huntelande, late in the tenure of Walter Hayrun, together with Hayrun himself and his sequela.

There are further grants by the lords of Burlescombe, of Hestsuthedon, De la Slade, and the mariscus of Muleham.

In 1311, John de Claville, lord of Burlescombe, confirmed to the abbess and convent of Leigh the property belonging to the late priory at Morden in Dorsetshire.

On May 5, 1 Edw. II., John de Clavilla confirmed generally all the previous donations of the family, "Deo et ecclesie beate Marie, Sancti Johannis Evangeliste, et beate Etheldrede de Legh," &c.

In 19 Edw. I. Hugh de Ralegh, lord of Widecombe, confirmed to the abbess the tithe of his rents at Widecumbe, videlicet, 3*s.* 4*d.* granted by his predecessor Walter de Claville, lord of Widecombe.]

Num. IV.

Carta regis Henrici secundi donationes Walteri de Clavilla confirmans.

(Cart. inspex. 3 Edw. III. m. 18.)

Henricus Dei gratia rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie beate Marie et Sancti Johannis Evangeliste de Lega, et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, omnes subscriptas rationabiles donationes a Waltero de Clavilla

* i. e. Sourapple, now called Appledore, and Sour, or South Appledore.

† That is, Widecombe Raleigh, formerly Widecombe Claville.

‡ This manor of Netherton is in Farway parish, and has been the property of the Prideaux family since the reign of Queen Elizabeth. A chapel dedicated to S. Stephen in Farway parish was licensed by Bishop Lacy, June 26, 1426.

§ Northwoda, in other charters.

‖ Now called Buehill.

¶ See subsequent grants of lands in Uplowman, by the lords of Halberton, post, Num. X. in notis.

** See note, ante, p. 75, and Glossary, post, voc. Berbiage.

†† See ante, p. 37, 70. in notis.

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eis factas et per cartam Willielmi comitis Gloucestrie confirmatas; scilicet: ecclesiam de Burewoldescumba cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum viii. acris terre, quas idem Walterus dedit ad luminare ipsius ecclesie, et cum dimidia virgata terre Biestebrock; et ecclesiam de Duelonde cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum dimidio ferlingo terre, quam Walterus in incrementum ipsi ecclesie dedit; et ecclesiam de Mordona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et cum dimidia virgata terre, quam Walterus superaddidit; et totam terram prope ipsum locum de Lega, situm ab aquilonali parte aque ductus veteris molendini a colle de Wolfvelegha usque ad calceiam vivarii, et ipsum vivarium, et duas acras terre ab occidentali parte vivarii, et inde totam terram sitam ab aquilonali parte aque de Lunor usque ad aquam de Suliende; videlicet, totam terram ejus de Lega, et unum ferlingum terre de Roueknolle, et silvam de Roueknolle, et molendinum, et totam molturam terre de Burewoldescumba, et Suraple cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et conductum aque et locum molendini ubicumque illud facere voluerint, et communia pascua terre ipsius, et molendinum de Widecumba, et totam multuram ipsius terre, et sex acras terre, propinquiores ipsi molendino, et totam terram de Nytherton, et totam terram de Northwode cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et totam decimam reddituum suorum in omnibus terris suis, scilicet, decimam reddituum de Burwoldescumba, et de Suraple, et decimam reddituum de duabus Beohill, et decimam redditus de Lumen, et de Duelonda, et de Widecumba, et de Mordona, cum omnibus pertinentiis predictarum terrarum, totam, scilicet, decimam reddituum suorum in gablis et in redditu molendinorum, et in redditu ovium de Hokkeday*, et in redditu broyherie de Mordono, et decimam xiiii. solidorum de terra Roberti filii Guinard de Trever in perpetuam elemosinam a prefato Waltero et heredibus suis predicte ecclesie reddendam. Quare volo, etc. Testibus, magistro Waltero de Const[antiis], Godfr. de Luci, Ranulpho de Glanvill, Reginaldo de Courtenay, Rogero Bygoto, Waltero de Dunstanvilla, etc. Apud Wintoniam.

Num. V.

Carta Johannis comitis Moretoniæ de quibusdam redditibus in Allingeston.

(Ex eodem cartulario.)

Johannes comes Moreton† omnibus amicis suis Francis et Anglis presentibus et futuris salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse pro salute anime mee et pro salute animarum antecessorum et successorum meorum Deo et ecclesie S. Marie et S. Johannis apostoli et evangeliste de Legh et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus redditus quatuor hominum in Allingeston, scil. de Osberto de Allingeston dimidiam marcam, et de Edwino de Allingeston vi$^{s.}$ et x$^{d.}$, et de Eliot de Allingeston xxx den., et de Aluredo Stiward xxxii den., et preterea xvi den. de vasto in eadem villa‡. Quare volo etc. quod prefata ecclesia et canonici habeant et teneant predictos redditus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum xvi den. de vasto integre plenarie et quiete ab omni seculari exactione. Hiis testibus, Stephano Rid cancellario meo, Ricardo Flandrensi, Willielmo de Monte acuto, Waltero Maltravere, magistro Benedicto, Ricardo de Rundehal. Apud Marleberg.

[Roger de Allingeston releases to Henry prior of Legh and his convent all right to his land of Allingeston, in his manor of South Tawton.

John, the king, May 10, in the third year of his reign, confirmed the above grant made by him "dum essemus (comes?) Moreton."]

* In Dugdale the word "ovium" is mistaken for "dominii."

† He was earl of Mortain from 1189 to 1199, during part of which time his possessions were seized by Richard I. in consequence of his revolt. See Mémoire sur le Comté de Mortain, par L. du Bois, p. 161. —S.

‡ The sum of these rents, viz. 20*s*., continued to constitute the whole property of the abbey in South Tawton down to the time of its dissolution. See the Valor of Hen. VIII., post.—S.

Num. VI.

Carta Stephani de Aysford pro canonicis de Legh.

(Ex eodem.)

Sciant tam presentes quam, etc. quod ego Stephanus de Aysford dedi et concessi ecclesie S. Marie Sanctique Johannis Evangeliste de Legh unum ferlingum terre de Swyliende, totam, scilicet, terram ad orientalem partem aque de Swyliende sitam, et unum ferlingum terre de Pogeham in puram, etc. liberam ab omnibus exactionibus querelis et consuetudinibus et, preter hutiban §, ab omnibus aliis serviciis. Et ut hec mea donacio rata existat, sigillo meo eam roboravi, et hos testes adhibui, etc. [Attested by Radulphus and Peter, canons; Nicholas, the donor's son; Griffin, his nephew; several persons, "homines meos de Aysforde," and "dominam uxorem meam, Agnetem;" Radulphus de Clavile, and several others.]

[The deed is followed by various other donations of the lords of Aysford in Swyliende, in the wood of Byrche, the wood of Rouknolle, &c., and several grants of rents. By one of these it appears that the Clavilles were the chief lords of the land granted by the Aysfords. They are confirmed to the abbess and canonesses by John de Aysford, by a deed dated die S. Dionisii, 34 Edw. I.

There are also grants of lands in Holebrooke by Roger de Moryston, Robert de Beohille, and Stephen de Vaddethon.]

Num. VII.

Carta Willielmi de Lumene pro canonicis de Legh.

(Ex eodem.)

Omnibus sancti matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus de Lumene salutem in Domino. Noverit, etc. me assensu et consensu heredum meorum et pro salute anime mee et pro anima Johanne uxoris mee et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum et maxime cum corpore meo et cum corpore prefate Johanne uxoris mee, dedisse, etc. Deo et ecclesie S. Marie et S. Johannis Evang. de Legh et canonicis ibidem Deo servientibus, Walterum filium Jacobi de Wytenehc nativum meum cum tota sequela sua et dimidium ferlingum terre in Wytenehc ||, quam Jacobus pater ejus tenuit, habend. et tenend. imperpetuum in puram et perpetuam elemosinam de me et heredibus meis cum omnibus pertinenciis ejusdem terre et liberis consuetudinibus suis libere, etc. Testibus, Fulcone Panell, Simone Rogone, Hugone Peverell, etc.

[The above is followed by a charter of John de Coggan to the prior and canons of seventy acres of land in Ofcolm, with specified bounds; all his land of Pynstoneslade (now Penslade) in the same manor, with the villains inhabiting there and their sequelas; and a ferling at Smethenecocktha (now Smithincott) in the same manor. Testibus, Will. de Bykelegh, then sheriff of Devon, Roger de Moriston, and others.

There are also a series of grants to the priory of lands, &c. in Thorn S. Margaret in Somerset, by Baldewyn and others, lords of Thorne, including the jus patronatus of the church (tempore Joel de Valletort, sheriff of Somerset), lands in Wodehulle, Berdeslegh, Sweteforde, Wellesforde, Buturknolle, Wodelane, and other places.]

Num. VIII.

Carta Radulphi de Boty priori et canonicis de Legh.

(Ex eodem cartulario.)

[The premises granted are thus described:]—Totam terram meam integram quam Jordanus de Pogeham tenuit quondam matre mea, illam, scil. que jacet inter

§ Ante, Num. X., note.

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Lynor descendendo usque ad pontem de Pogeham .... reddendo inde annuatim mihi et heredibus meis duos solidos ..... Pro hac donatione dederunt mihi predicti canonici unam marcam argenti in recognicionem, et concesserunt tremulam vacuam molendini sui de Pogeham*, salvis molturis propriis, et dominorum de Burwoldescumbe et de Asford. Testibus, Willielmo de Claville, etc.

[Another grant of the same Ralph gives "totam terram meam que appellatur Seleham que jacet inter boscum de Roueknolle et viam que extendit inter Legham et Westecote," etc.

By another it is recited that William Boty gave to the priory a hamlet (hamel) called Butisham, on the occasion of his wife's death.

Walter Boty, lord of Botuston, confirmed to the canonesses of the church of Legh land in Botuston, called Burglonde, given by his father Ralph to the canons, together with a penfold for impounding their distresses.

There are various other grants by the same family of Boty.]

Num. IX.

Compositio inter priorem et conventum de Plympton et priorem et canonicos de Legh circa electionem prioris de Legh.

(Regist. Bronescombe, fo. 16.)

Hec est amicabilis compositio facta inter priorem et canonicos de Plympton ex parte una, et priorem et canonicos de Legh ex altera parte, super controversiis inter ipsos motis coram venerabili Patre S[imone] Dei gracia Exonie episcopo, scilicet, cum prior in ecclesia de Legh fuerit eligendus, hoc episcopo Exonie debet prenunciari, ut in propria persona per se vel per aliquem alium quem voluerit loco sui destinare intersit electioni. Similiter priori de Plympton debet nunciari, ut ipse intersit electioni si voluerit, ita tamen quod non habuerit vocem in electione, nec per episcopum nec per priorem impediatur, quominus ille prior constituatur, quem elegerint canonici de Legh de corpore ecclesie sue de Legh. Si autem non consenserint in aliquem de gremio ecclesie sue de Legh, tunc priusquam ad aliquam aliam decurratur ecclesiam, de ecclesia de Plympton aliquem sibi eligent in priorem. Si autem non consenserint (quod absit) in aliquam personam predictarum ecclesiarum, de aliqua conventuali ecclesia ejusdem ordinis et regulari aliquam idoneam personam in priorem sibi assument. Ex quo autem fuerit ibi prior secundum supradictum modum electus et per Exonie episcopum confirmatus, habeat plenam potestatem canonicorum recipiendorum et regendorum et plenam administracionem omnium ad ecclesiam de Legh pertinencium. Preterea prior de Legh corriget excessus canonicorum de Legh et alia emendabit que fuerint ibidem emendanda cum consensu canonicorum suorum. Si autem tantus et talis fuerit excessus (quod absit) ut per priorem et canonicos de Legh sine scandalo non valeat emendari, tunc prior et canonici de Legh significabunt priori de Plympton, ut caritative ad domum eorum veniat consilium eis in corrigendis excessibus impensurus. Et per hanc composicionem sopita sunt omnia litigia inter eos prius exorta et omnes exactiones et contenciones hujusmodi sunt remisse. Si non per consilium predictorum excessus in dicta domo poterint emendari, Exonie episcopus, qui pro tempore fuerit, eos secundum Deum emendabit. Acta sunt hec Exonie quarta feria post festum Sancte Trinitatis, anno incarnationis Domini MCCXIX, presentibus domino Exonie episcopo, Henrico archidiacono Exonie, S. ..... archidiacono Totton, Radulpho archidiacono Barnstaple, magistris Ysaac et I. canonicis Exonie, et multis aliis.

* See this explained ante, pp. 64, 183, in notis.

Num. X.

Carta regis Edwardi primi confirmans abbatissæ et canonicabus de Legh donationem annui cujusdam redditûs in Allingdon per Johannem regem olim factam prioratui de Legh.

(Cart. inspex. 3 Edw. III. m. 18.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dominus Hibernie, et dux Aquitanie omnibus, ad quos presentes littere pervenerint, salutem. Cum dominus Johannes quondam rex Anglie avus noster dudum per cartam suam dederit et concesserit priori et canonicis tunc in prioratu de Leye, Exoniensis diocesis, commorantibus, viginti solidatas annui redditus percipiendas in Allinggedone de quibusdam tenentibus ejusdem ville eisdem canonicis et eorum successoribus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, et jam, ex mutuo assensu et voluntate nostri et diocesani loci, loco canonicorum predictorum canonice ponantur in prioratu supradicto, nos, eisdem canonicabus gratiam facere volentes, concessimus eis pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, quod ipse canonice redditum predictum adeo libere et plenarie habeant et percipiant sibi et successoribus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, sicut canonici predicti redditum illum ante transmutationem taliter de eis factam percipere et habere consueverunt, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Teste meipso apud Exon. septimo die Jan. anno regni nostri quarto decimo †.

† There was a grant to the abbess of a fair of five days in Legh, dated April 26, 14 Edw. I.; and of a weekly market there, on May 13, eod. anno.

It may be here convenient to notice shortly some of the principal instruments contained in the Harleian cartulary, and not inserted above in the text.

The appropriation of Mordon to the priory was confirmed by the bishop of Sarum in 1263. An agreement respecting this church, dated 1262, recites its appropriation to the prior for 100 years and upwards.

The church of Hockworthy and the lands there came from the Chivethornes and Bernevilles, and the grant was confirmed by John, bishop of Exeter, A.D. 1186 to 1191. The appropriation was subsequently confirmed by Bishop Henry (Marshall), 6 Non. Mart. Pontif. anno VIII.

Roger de Arundel gave the church of Little Sandford to the prior and canons, "ad ampliandum divinum cultum et sancte hospitalitatis beneficium."

The gift was confirmed and the appropriation sanctioned by Savery, bishop of Bath and Wells (A.D. 1192—1205), by an instrument attested by Alexander, dean of Wells; Richard, abbot of Muchelney; Thomas, dean of Taunton, and others. There was a subsequent confirmation by a fine before the justices in eyre, 27 Hen. III., in the time of John Arundel, and many other ordinances and confirmations in the same reign. In one, dated 1248, it is recited that the prior received an annuity of 20*s.* out of the church of Sandford Arundel by the ordinance of Jocelin, bishop of Bath and Wells.

There is a grant, by the above Roger to the prior, of ten acres of land in his demesne of Saberslade in the manor of Sandford, with common of pasture; and other grants, by the same family and that of the Crispins who represented them by intermarriage, of various other lands and rents in the manor.

Nicholas de Arundel granted to the prior and canons that they should be quit of suit to his hundred of Sandford; and that, if any plea in his court of Sandford could not be determined ("non poterit adchevari") without the canons, one of them should be present in the court once in a year, or in two or three years, or should send a substitute upon being warned in their court of Legh.

Roger Crispin granted to the abbess and convent Cnappeslade and Maydenwelle in the same manor, 4 Edw. II.

There are also grants to the prior of lands of the Arundels in Hemmeston, confirmed by deeds and fines, dated 47—49 Hen. III. Also grants of lands in Childlomene to the canons by William de Boys or de Bosco, lord of Halberton or Hauberton, with a release of suit to the hundred of Halberton.

Under Netherton are grants by William Colewill of lands in Clanfield, Blacklonde, and Somerdon.

By Roger de Poltimore, of lands in Sweterigge or Suthrigge.

By William le Harpur, of lands in Coddeshers, Woodham, Bromlegh, &c.

In one of the last-mentioned deeds the donor warrants and acquits the canons in respect of the land against the king and the lords of Colewill, &c., from scutage and all royal service, and submits himself,

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Num. XI.

Licencia regia dandi et tenendi manerium de Rockbear datum per comitissam Matildam de Clare abbatissæ de Legh.

(Ex originali penes Thomam Porter, de Rockbear, arm.)

Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitannie omnibus ad quos presentes littere pervenerint salutem. Licet de communi consilio regni nostri providerimus quod non liceat viris religiosis seu aliis ingredi feodum alicujus ita quod ad mortuam manum deveniat sine licencia nostra et capitalis domini de quo res illa immediate tenetur, volentes tamen dilecte nobis Matilde de Clare comitisse Gloucestrie et Hertford graciam facere specialem, dedimus ei licenciam quantum in nobis est quod manerium de Rokebere cum pertinentiis in comitatu Devonie dare possit et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo abbatisse et conventui de Legh tenendum et habendum sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum; et eisdem abbatisse et conventui quod manerium illud a prefata comitissa recipere possint tenore presencium similiter licenciam concedimus specialem: nolentes quod eadem comitissa aut predicte abbatissa et conventus racione statuti predicti per nos vel heredes nostros inde occasionentur in aliquo seu graventur, salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius serviciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud sanctum Severum in Vasconia xv die Octobris anno regni nostri quintodecimo (1287).

Num. XII.

Licentia episcopo Exoniæ quod manerium de Dunsford dare possit canonissis de Legh *.

(Pat. 18 Edw. I. m. 17.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. Licenciam dedimus Petro Exon. episcopo, quod ipse manerium suum de Dunesford et advocacionem ecclesie ejusdem loci cum pertinenciis dare possit et assignare dilectis nobis in Christo abbatisse et canonissis de Legh, habendum et tenendum eisdem abbatisse et canonissis et earum successoribus imperpetuum, etc. Teste rege apud Westm. xiii die Julii.

his heirs, and all his lands and goods, to the coercion of the sheriff for the time being, as a security.

Grants and releases also occur, by Nicholas Fitzwalter, of rents and land in De la More and Butisham, Lomene, and Morlegh.

Some deeds in 1206, &c., between the prior of Legh and the abbot of Quarr show that the abbot had a mill at Forwood, and other property in Netherton.

Under Exeter, the principal owners of the property are Morice, son of William Coleprust, John de Okestone, Herberd de Pyn, Roger Emery, Daniel de Longchamp, Walter de Poucenot or Pauncevot, and others.

Under Schydingho or Sydinghow (now usually considered synonymous with Manningtree) is the grant by Matilda de Clare, countess of Gloucester and Hertford, to the abbess and canonesses of Legh, of the above manor, which had been purchased by her of Hubert de Royly, and confirmed by the crown, 14 Edw. I. It is followed by numerous additions and confirmations by various donors, in which the names of Mistelegh, Manytre, Manstoneslonde, Coulelonde, Ardelegh, a mount called Bergh, and lands in Mistlegh and other parishes in Essex. The countess received at the same time and from the same donor a grant of lands in Little Welstede and Guthelefford or Gudeleford, in Suffolk. The lands in Essex are partially noticed in Newcourt's Repertorium, vol. ii. pp. 98, 373, 421.

Under Hockeford appears the grant of that manor by Gilbert, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, son of Matilda, to the abbess and convent, A. D. 1288, and various other title-deeds of that property.

Under Rokebeare is the grant of the same Matilda de Clare to the abbess of the manor and advowson of that place, which she appears to have purchased of Robert Burnel, bishop of Bath and Wells. The grant is licensed by the crown, 15 Edw. I., and by Hugo de Curtenay of whom the manor is stated to have been held by her in the same year.

Under Northlegh it appears that Gilbert de Clare, to whom the manor had come by descent from the countess Matilda, granted or confirmed it to the abbess and convent. The grant is licensed 7 Edw. II. by the crown, and both manor and advowson were confirmed by subsequent grants. It also appears that the countess had bought the property of Nicholas de Moryston. It was confirmed by Henry of Lancaster, the chief lord of the fee, to hold by the fourth part of a knight's fee, A. D. 8 Edw. II. This confirmation recites the death of Earl Gilbert.—S.

* The bishop petitioned the king in parliament for this licence, representing the poverty of the house. 1 Rot. Parl. 55.

Num. XIII.

Donatio manerii de Donesford abbatiæ de Legh per episcopum Exoniensem ad instantiam comitissæ Matildis de Clare.

(Ex cartulario supradicto.)

Sciant presentes, etc. quod nos Petrus, divina miseratione Exon. episcopus, ad instantiam nobilis mulieris domine Matildis de Clare comitisse Gloucester et Hertford et pro salute anime mee et anime ejusdem Matildis et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum et suorum, dedimus, etc. Deo et ecclesie beate Marie, et S. Johannis Evang. de Legh et abbatisse et canonicabus ejusdem loci ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris, manerium nostrum de Donesford quod habuimus ex dono domini Johannis de Blakeford cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et escaetis cum advocacione ecclesie manerii ejusdem in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, habendum et tenendum predictis abbatisse, etc. totum manerium predictum cum advocacione ecclesie predicte cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis adeo plene et integre prout in carta capitali, quam supradictus Johannes nobis inde fecit, continetur, quam cartam una cum presenti predictis abbatisse, etc. liberavimus de nobis et heredibus nostris libere et quiete ab omni servicio exactione et demanda seculari sine aliquo retenemento nostri vel heredum nostrorum imperpetuum. Et ut hec donacio, etc. Hiis testibus; dominis Olivero de Dynham, Henrico de Ralegh, Roberto de Deneys, Roberto de Radynton, Hugone de Ralegh, Warino de Stane, Rogero de Potteford, militibus; Hamone de Pedreton, Roberto de Malestone, Rogero de Loges, et aliis.

[This is followed by the grant of John de Blakeford, chyvaler, referred to above, rendering to him one penny at Michaelmas yearly, and by another grant by the same to the bishop, authorising the bishop to exchange it with the dean and chapter for the manor of Clyst Hynton. Then follow confirmations of the above grants by Sir John de Mandevile and Sir Robert Fitz Payn, the elder, chief lords of the same manor; the former being enrolled before the king's justices, 14 Edw. I.; the latter being dated April 7, 6 Edw. II.

A suit arose between the chapter and the abbess on the right of patronage, which was quieted by a reference to the bishop in 1314.]

Num. XIV.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Donesford.

(Stapeldon Regist. fol. 86 b.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Puritatem religionis, quam, dextra ubi sponsi plantavit, in sponsis suis nos decet jugiter confovere et ipsius necessitates relevare remediis oportunis. Sane proponente dudum nobili muliere comitissa Gloucestrie et Herford religiose domus de Legh canonicarum nostre dyocesis fundacione defuncta, dum vixit zelo celitus inspirato ad congruam sustentacionem canonicarum in numero quinquegenario, qui adhuc perpetualiter ad ipsius instanciam institutis ibidem viget, ditasse in terris redditibus et possessionibus ac aliis perpetuis incrementis; pia postmodum ipsius desideria, concurrentibus quibusdam mundi molestiis, prepedivit preventrix mors amara, adeo quod quicquid eisdem religiosis mulieribus circa salubre propositum predicte comitisse remanet per eandem assignatum, ad parcissimum eciam earundem et familie sue necessitate cotidianum victum sufficere non valebit; eisdem siquidem virginibus Christi sponsis, propter hujusmodi temporalis subsidii carenciam, affectu paterno condolemus et vicibus

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alternis ex eo medullitus spiritus noster exultat, quod eas Altissimus sponsavit in fide, quas seculum non fedavit set reliquit incorruptas, in sexu nimirum fragili probatissimam religionis intuemur scalam. Illic conspicimus summum modestie usum, sororitatis devotum affectum, pacem animi, communicacionem onerum, mutua obsequia, discipline vigorem, obediencie amorem, vinculum caritatis, carnis servitutem, legendi et orandi libertatem, vigiliarum excubias, quietem meditacionis, devocionem psalmodie. Quia insuper in predicta domo frequenter offeruntur, propter ipsius celebrem famam que in omnes regni Anglie fines exivit, virgines generose; ne tam hec quam cetere dum subsidia corporalia mendicant, a divina contemplacione tepescant, de misericordia Jhesu Christi ac beate et gloriose virginis et matris sue Marie, necnon beatorum apostolorum suorum Petri et Pauli nostrorum patronorum suffragiis confidentes, habitis super hoc cum capitulo nostro et ecclesie nostre Exoniensis communi et diligenti tractatu et deliberacione solempni, vocatis nichilominus ad hoc omnibus et singulis qui fuerint in hac parte evocandi, de ipsius capituli nostri necnon omnium quorum intererat communi et unanimi consensu, ecclesiam parochialem de Donesford nostre dyocesis, que de predictarum religiosarum mulierum patronatu existit, que quidem mulieres manerii ejusdem loci optinent dominium, propter quod per eas utilitas ipsius ecclesie procurari poterit efficacius et augeri, dictis religiosis mulieribus, abbatisse videlicet et conventui de Legh canonicarum earumque successoribus, appropriamus, et eciam in proprios usus concedimus perpetuo possidendam cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis; salva competenti vicaria in predicta ecclesia taliter per nos appropriata per nos aut successores nostros taxanda et ordinanda, ad quam predicte abbatissa et conventus nobis et successoribus nostris in qualibet vacacione ipsius vicarie personam ydoneam presentabunt, et salva eciam predicto capitulo nostro suisque successoribus annua quatuor marcarum pensione, quam predicte ecclesie de Donsford dictis abbatisse et conventui et earum successoribus nomine ipsius ecclesie de Donsford propter evidentem utilitatem ejusdem ecclesie imposuimus et imponimus, ac contemplacione venerabilium virorum dominorum decani et capituli ecclesie nostre predicte qui dictarum mulierum et predicte ecclesie de Donsford utilitates et profectus hactenus suis auxiliis consiliis et favoribus efficaciter procurarunt et ipsos similiter procuraturos firmiter speratur in futurum, perpetuis futuris temporibus quolibet anno in festo Invencionis sancte Crucis predictis decano et capitulo in scaccario ipsorum Exonie fideliter persolvenda. Salvis nichilominus nobis et successoribus nostris juribus episcopalibus, auctoritate et dignitate episcopali, loci eciam archidiacono qui pro tempore fuerit suo jure integro remanente semper et illeso. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium presentes literas sigilli nostri munimine duximus roborandas. Et nos predicti decanus et capitulum premissis omnibus et singulis gratum prebemus consensum pariter et assensum, sigillumque nostrum commune presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in capitulo nostro Exonie tam sub sigillo nostro quam sub sigillo dictorum decani et capituli quinto die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M^mo. CCC^mo. XIIIj^mo. Et optinuerunt literas inductionis domino archidiacono Exoniensi vel ejus officiali directas, sub dato apud Chuddelegh, viij. die mensis Augusti.

Num. XV.

Ordinatio vicariæ de Donsford.

(Stapeldon Regist. fol. 100 b.)

Ecclesie de Donsford de consensu religiosarum mulierum abbatisse et conventus de Legh verarum patronarum ejusdem, videlicet quod vicarius suprascriptus (Hamundus de Hendre) et successores sui vicarii in eadem habeat et habeant nomine vicarie predicte, domus ubi presbyter ibidem morari consuevit, una cum toto gardino ex parte australi ecclesie predicte et cum clauso proximiori illi gardino ex parte orientali ipsius gardini ubi quedam semita transit per medium, et cum toto altilagio dicte ecclesie in quo decima feni pomorum et curtilagiorum nunc existencium cum vanga excultorum in dicta parochia debeant comprehendi. Et quod percipiat et percipiant, nomine dicte vicarie, majores decimas de villis de Foleford et Clyfford tam de dominicis quam de terris quas tenentes eorundem locorum tenent in eadem parochia in villis et de dominicis antedictis. Onus vero reparacionis et sustentacionis cooperture, vitri fenestrarum cancelli dicte ecclesie, librorum et aliorum ornamentorum dicte ecclesie ad rectorem pertinencium, postquam semel per predictas religiosas premissa sufficienter reparata fuerint et inventa, ad predictum vicarium et successores suos in eadem pertinebit temporibus secuturis; et solvent vicarii loci archidiacono procuracionem, synodaticum, et cathredraticum, aliis oneribus dicte ecclesie ad prefatos abbatissam et conventum pertinentibus; salva eciam episcopo et successoribus suis predictam ordinacionem augendi, minuendi, declarandi, et eciam in totum mutandi potestate, si, prout, et quando vidimus et viderint expedire. Et tenentur predicta abbatissa et conventus in predicta area ad predictam vicariam superius assignata edificare suis sumptibus domos competentes in quibus vicarius loci residere valeat et morari, et interim habeat vicarius inhabitacionem aule et cameraram adjacencium et aliarum domorum sufficiencium pro statu suo de domibus rectorie predictis abbatisse et conventui reservatis, quas ipse religiose mulieres reparare et sustinere suis sumptibus tenebuntur, quousque domus vicarie edificate fuerint, ut est dictum. In cujus rei etc. Datum vicesimo secundo die Decembris apud Peynton, anno Domini M°CCC°XIV.

Num. XVI.

Taxatio et ordinatio vicariæ et ecclesiæ de Burdelescombe.

(Stapeldon Regist. fol. 182.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus permissione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum dominus Johannes Atte Mulle, presbiter, nuper fuerit auctoritate nostra ad perpetuam vicariam in ecclesia de Burdelescombe nostre diocesis per nos de novo taxandam et ordinandam, quam quidem ecclesiam abbatissa et conventus de Legh canonicarum optinent in proprios usus, ad ipsorum presentacionem admissus et institutus canonice in eadem, ut tam pro quiete ipsorum abbatisse et conventus, quam vicarii predicti et aliorum vicariorum qui pro tempore erunt ibidem, sciri valeat in quibus porcionibus hujusmodi vicaria consistere debeat temporibus secuturis, nos tam de expresso consensu abbatisse et conventus predictorum quam domini Johannis vicarii antedicti, ipsam vicariam ut in subscriptis porcionibus consistat taxamus ac eciam ordinamus, videlicet, quod idem vicarius et successores sui qui pro tempore erunt ibidem habebit et habebunt mansum cum curtilagio quod capellani parochiales ante admissionem et institucionem dicti domini Johannis in vicariam predictam habere et inhabitare consueverunt, ac eciam unam acram et perticatam terre eidem manso et curtilagio propius adjacentes de terra sanctuarii dictarum abbatisse et conventus, unde annuatim reddet et reddent vicarius et vicarii memorati decem denarios sterlingorum ad sustentationem cujusdam mortarii ardentis in ecclesia antedicta. Volumus eciam et ordinamus quod dictus dominus Johannes vicarius et successores sui, qui pro tempore erunt ibidem, percipiat et percipiant nomine vicarie predicte omnes decimas tam majores quam minores de curtilagiis nunc existentibus infra limites parochie dicte ecclesie qualitercumque provenientes ac eciam omnes alias minutas decimas et oblaciones quascumque ac alia omnia et singula in dicta parochia que appellacione altilagii consueverunt contineri, exceptis duntaxat oblacionibus libere familie inter abbathiam de Legh canonicarum et devocionibus factis in eadem, exceptis eciam mortuariis

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tocius parochie antedicte ac oblacionibus ad capellam Sancti Theobaldi in dicta parochia de Burdelescombe provenientibus decimisque silve cedue per totam parochiam antedictam, necnon duorum molendinorum, videlicet, Knaphille et Pogeham ac minutis decimis omnibus et singulis tocius abbathie predicte et terrarum dominicarum abbathie ejusdem, ac de incrementis animalium quorumcumque abbatisse et conventus predictorum, dumtamen in proprio dominico suo depasta fuerunt; quas quidem oblaciones mortuaria decimas una cum majoribus decimis tocius parochie de Burdelescombe antedicte, exceptis decimis majoribus quas pro vicaria superius assignavimus, volumus predictis abbatisse et conventui auctoritate presentis nostre ordinacionis integraliter remanere: ita quod si curtilagia, de quibus premittitur et ex quibus vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit percipere deberet majores decimas et minores, in agriculturam extra curtilagia futuris temporibus forsitan sint redacta, vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit extunc tantum percipiat de porcione ad predictos abbatissam et conventum superius assignata quantum vicarius de hujusmodi curtilagiis in culturam redactis percepturus fuerit juxta arbitrium boni viri; et si aliqua terra que nunc est arabilis et extra curtilagia futuris temporibus forsitan sit redacta, prefati abbatissa et conventus de hoc decimas omnes percipiant sicut essent alias percepturi. Volumus nichilominus et ordinamus quod dictus vicarius et successores sui qui pro tempore erunt omnia onera ordinaria necnon invencionem sustentacionem et reparacionem librorum matutinalium et aliorum ornamentorum ecclesie prelibate ad rectorem ipsius ecclesie communiter pertinencium, postquam idem libri et ornamenta primo et semel per abbatissam et conventum predictos competenter inventa fuerint et reparata, una cum invencione panis et vini et similium in divinis officiis inibi celebrandis omnibus futuris tunc temporibus integraliter suis propriis sumptibus subeant ac agnoscant; extraordinaria vero onera reperacio et sustentacio cancelli dicte ecclesie de Burdelescombe ad abbatissam et conventum pertineant memoratos. Salva nobis et successoribus nostris episcopis Exoniensibus qui pro tempore erunt potestate dictam vicariam augendi minuendi seu de novo, si oportuerit, alias taxandi et ordinandi si et prout nobis et ipsis visum fuerit expedire. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum London. xx die mensis Novembris, anno Domini M°CCC° vicesimo quarto.

Num. XVII.

Notes of some extents of the abbey possessions, tempore Edward II., from the Harleian cartulary.

	£.	s.	d.
Netherton manor; no date; clear value yearly	9	2	7½
Rockbeare; date 1323; clear value	9	3	9
Dunsford; same date; value of manor	10	8	10½
Value of rectory, &c.	9	14	–
Clear yearly value of both	17	7	6¾

A note states that the issues of the franchises in this and other manors are not included, because they only cover the expenses of the steward.

Hockford; same date; no sum total.

A note states that none of the bond tenants can lawfully put their sons "ad literaturam *," or marry their daughters, or sell their stallions or colts, or an ox or steer (vitulatum) without licence of the lady of the manor.

Schydyngho, with the burgage rents, &c., of the borough of Manitre	28	19	4½
Guthelsford; same date	9	4	5¼
Legh; same date. Under this head are included Thorn, Chyldlomen, and lands in Ufculm, Widecumbe, &c. The total value is not given, but there are separate heads of the rectories, demesnes †, free tenants, bond tenants, tenants at will, mills, payments for wax, aids (auxilia), "hertsilver," the aruræ of tenants, and other services, the value of some of which is left in blank. The hertsilver is made up by five native tenants in Chyldlomene, each of whom holds by rent, aid, and 1*d.* "hertpeny." The same prohibition of putting the sons of bond tenants to literature occurs under Legh.			
Saundford Arundel; same date with the church	6	10	6
Northlegh, same date; not including the patronage of the church, of which the abbess then had only a moiety and presented in turn	2	5	9¼
Netherton; same date. This is supplemental to the extent already mentioned, and is imperfect at the end.			

Num. XVIII.

Valor Ecclesiasticus, tempore Hen. VIII.

Abbatia beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Johannis Evangeliste de Canonlegh infra archidiaconatum et diocesim Exonie in predicto comitatu Devonie.

Verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium predicte abbatie unde Elizabeth Fowell est abbatissa ejusdem domus, examinatus et approbatus coram commissionariis, scilicet,

Possessiones temporales dicte abbatie in comitatu Devonie.

Manerium de Dunsford.

	£	s.	d.
Valor per annum cum xij$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$ de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium Et cum xxxiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ de firma molendini Et cum vj$^{d.}$ de redditu piscarie ibidem Et cum xij$^{li.}$ ij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie finibus terrarum heriettis finibus terrarum extrahuris super annum et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis Summa	xxvj	viij	iij

* This restraint was very general among villeins or bond tenants. Instances are abundant. At Climsland, in Cornwall, a nativus "non mittet filium suum ad scholas." (Blount, Ten. p. 252.) In Brayles, co. Warwick, "non potuit filios coronare;" i. e. he could not make them tonsured priests. (Id. p. 248.) At Milton abbey, in Dorsetshire, he was likewise forbidden so to educate his son, "ita quod percipiat coronam." (Hutchins' Dorset. vol. ii. p. 436, 1st ed.) At Barton, in Hants, the virgarius "non potest filium suum clericum facere sine redemptione." (Custumal of the priory of S. Swithun, penes dec. et capit. Winton.) In 15 Rich. II., the Commons petitioned the king to ordain that no neif or villein should put his children to school in order to advance them by clergy; but the king justly refused their prayer. (3 Rot. Parl. 294.) The object of these prohibitions is explained by Littleton (Tenures, sect. 202): "It seemeth that if a villein enter into religion and is professed, the lord may not take nor seise him, because he is dead in law."—S.

† Among the demesnes of Legh is a "cultura" of arable, "super la knolle juxta volatile woodcoccorum."

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Inde resolutum priori Sancti Nicholai Exonic et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu et cursu aque currentis dicto molendino	–	ij	iij			
Et Philippo Champernon militi et heredibus suis pro att' gurgitis dicte aque super terram suam annuatim	–	–	vj	–	vj	j
Et Willielmo Mayne ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	–	iij	iiij			
Summa						
Et remanet				xxvj	ij	ij

Manerium de Rockebear.

Valor per annum cum vj$^{li.}$ ix$^{d.}$ de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium						
Et cum cviij$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$ de redditu pratorum de Estmede et Westmede						
Et cum vij$^{li.}$ xvij$^{d.}$ de redditu terrarum dominicalium						
Et cum xiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ de vendicione operum				xxxj	xv	iij
Et cum xij$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie, pannagio porcorum, redditu pasture, bosci, venditione bosci, heriettis, finibus terre et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis						
Summa						
Inde solutum Johanni Cherchill ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum				–	vj	iij
Et remanet				xxxj	ix	–

Manerium de Netherton.

Valor per annum cum ij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ de redditu assise liberorum tenencium						
Et cum viij$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$ obolo quadrante, de redditu assise custumariorum tenencium ibidem						
Et cum vj$^{li.}$ de redditu terrarum dominicalium						
Et cum xvj$^{s.}$ de redditu firme molendini ibidem				xviij	xix	vj ob' q'
Et cum lxvj$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie, heriettis, finibus terre, vendicione bosci et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii communibus annis						
Summa						
Inde resolutum abbati de Quarrea et successoribus suis pro pastura super montem ibidem per annum vj$^{d.}$						
Et Johanni Chechester armigero et heredibus suis de quodam annuali redditu pro hurdisyve * [hurdsilver?] ibidem per annum j$^{d.}$				–	iiij	vij
Et Johanni Clappe ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum iiij$^{s.}$						
Summa solucionis						
Et remanet				xviij	xiiij	xj ob' q'

Manerium de Hockford.

Valor per annum cum cxv$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ de redditu assise custumariorum tenencium						
Et cum ix$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ de redditu terrarum dominicalium						
Et cum xvj$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ exitibus manerii et vendicionis operum ibidem				xix	xv	xj
Et cum lxxj$^{s.}$ xj$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie, heriettis, finibus terre, et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii communibus annis						
Summa						
Inde resolutum heredibus Johannis Sydenham et heredibus eorum de quodam annuali redditu per annum iiij$^{s.}$						
Et solutum domino Regi et heredibus suis ad turnum vicecomitis Devonie annuatim ij$^{d.}$ obolum †				–	ix	ij ob'
Et Johanni Saunder ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum v$^{s.}$						
Summa solucionis						
Et remanet				xix	vj	viij ob'

Manerium de Canonlegh.

Valor per annum cum xiij$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ obolo quadrante de redditu assise tenencium ibidem						
Et cum xx$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$; de redditu heredum de Aysshford iij$^{s.}$, Gorhill vj$^{s.}$, tenencium in Burlescomb xx$^{d.}$, et Hempston Arundell x$^{s.}$						
Et cum xj$^{li.}$; de redditu terrarum dominicalium ibidem x$^{li.}$, et in Sowdon et Pynslade xx$^{s.}$ remanencium in tenura dicte abbatie				xxxj	iiij	xj ob' q'
Et cum xvj$^{s.}$ de redditu terrarum bertone in manibus tenencium						
Et cum xiij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$ de redditu molendini						
Et cum iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie, finibus terre, et aliis casualibus per annum						
Summa						
Inde solutum Stephano Glanfild ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum				–	viij	–
Et remanet				xxx	xvj	xj ob' q'

Chilloman et Southtawton.

Valor per annum cum xxxij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ de redditu assise tenencium in Chilloman						
Et cum xx$^{s.}$ de quodam annuali redditu in Southtawton predicto per annum				–	lij	v
Summa clara						

* See ante, p. 232.

† See auxilium or aid, mentioned ante, p. 108.

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	£	s.	d.
Godelefford in comitatu Suffolk.			
Valor per annum cum viij$^{li.}$ de redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	vij	xviij	–
Inde resolutum . . . . . seneschallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum ij$^{s.}$			
Et remanet			
Manytre in comitatu Essex.			
Valor per annum cum xx$^{li.}$ v$^{d.}$ de redditu assise tenencium ibidem sic dimisso ad firmam cuidam Willielmo Budde pro termino vite sue per indenturam dicte abbatie; summa clara	xx	–	v
Mourdon in comitatu Dorset.			
Redditus assise ibidem valoris per annum clarus	–	–	vj
Seynt Margarettis Thorne in comitatu Somerset.			
Valor per annum cum lxxiij$^{s.}$ de redditu assise tenencium convencionariorum ibidem . .			
Ex cum xx$^{s.}$ de redditu terrarum dominicalium ibidem per annum	iiij	xiij	–
Summa . . .			
Inde resolutum annuatim Anne regine Anglie et heredibus suis de quodam annuali redditu . . . . . £. – s. – d. xiij			
Et eidem regine et heredibus suis pro hurdesylva [hurdsilver] per annum . . . . . – – j ob'			
Et Ricardo Warr militi et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu exeunte de premissis per annum . . . . . – iij j			
Et Edwardo Stradlyng et heredibus suis de quodam annuali redditu ibidem per annum . . . . . – – j ob'	–	vij	ix
Et archidiacono de Taunton et successoribus suis de precio quatuor modis sigali pro quodam annuali redditu exeunte de premissis per annum . . . . . – iij iiij			
Summa solucionis			
Et remanet	iiij	v	iij
Sampford Arundell in predicto comitatu Somerset.			
Valor per annum cum liiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ de redditu assise tenencium ibidem			
Et cum xij$^{d.}$ de perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ibidem communibus annis	–	lv	iiij
Summa clara			
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium dicte abbatie per annum clare	clxiiij	–	xxj
Scilicet possessiones spirituales dicte abbatisse.			
Decima garbarum in predicto comitatu Devonie.			
Decime garbarum ecclesiarum de Dunsford, ix$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$; Hockworthy, lx$^{s.}$; Rockebear, vij$^{li.}$ iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$; et Burlescomb, iiij$^{li.}$, in predicto comitatu Devonie, valoris communibus annis prout particulariter patet super eorum capita*	xxiij	xvj	viij
Summa			
Inde resolutum annuatim decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione exeunte de decimis garbarum ecclesie de Dunsford predicte . . . – liij iiij			
Et Johanni Seccomb vicario perpetuo de Hockworthy et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pensione exeunte de decima garbarum de Hockworthy predicto per annum . . . . . – xiij iiij			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procurationibus iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$, sinodatico et cathedratico ij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$, per annum . . . . . – v ix			
Et solutum episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis exeuntibus de Hockworthy predicto . . . . – – xiij	iiij	vij	iiij
Et Johanni Garnyston vicario perpetuo de Rockebear et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione exeunte de decima garbarum de Rockebear predicto per annum . . . . . – x –			
Et abbati Sancti Augustini de Bristoll et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pensione per annum exeunte de decima garbarum de Burlescomb ut de precio quatuor modis sigali iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ et in denariis vj$^{d.}$ – iij x			
Summa			
Et remanet	xix	ix	iiij
Rectoria de Dowlond in predicto comitatu Devonie eidem abbatie appropriata.			
Valor communibus annis, videlicet,			
In redditu assise de le glebelond . . . . . – xviij –			
Et in libero redditu Johannis Wolcote . . . . . – v –			
Et in decima garbarum . . . . . iiij – –			
Et in lana . . . . . – xxvj viij			
Et in agnellis . . . . . – x –	viiij	–	xij
Et in oblacionibus . . . . . – v –			
Et in omnibus decimis et aliis proficuis contentis in libro paschali . . – xvj iij			
Summa			

* The sums must be supposed to be placed over the name of each church immediately preceding them respectively.

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Inde resolutum episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis	–	–	xiij			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$, sinodatico et cathedratico communibus annis ij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$, . .	–	v	ix	–	vj	x
Summa						
Et remanet clare . . .				vij	xiiij	ij

Dorset.

Mourdon in comitatu Dorset.

Et integra summa decime garbarum ibidem valet per annum sic dimissa ad firmam cuidam Johanni Adam per indenturam pro termino vij annorum incipiente termino illo quarto die Julii 23 Henrici VIII., summa clara				xj	x	–

Somerset.

Rectoria de Sampford Arundell in predicto comitatu Somerset eidem abbathie appropriata.

Valet communibus annis, videlicet,

In decima garbarum	–	lxvj	viij			
Et in lana	–	xv	–			
Et in agnellis	–	v	iiij			
Et in oblacionibus	–	iiij	vj	–	cxvj	x
Et in omnibus decimis et aliis proficuis contentis in libro paschali per annum	–	xxv	iiij			
Summa						
Inde resolutum annuatim Willielmo Lowton vicario perpetuo ibidem et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione per annum . .	vj	–	–			
Et archidiacono Exon. et successoribus suis pro procuratione vi$^{s.}$ viii$^{d.}$, sinodatico et cathedratico per annum iij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$, ...	–	x	ij	vj	x	ij
Summa						
Summa totalis possessionum spiritualium predictarum				xxviij	xiij	vj
Summa totalis omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium predicte abbatisse per annum				ccij	xv	iij
Inde resolutum annuatim domino episcopo Exon. et successoribus suis ad visitationem suam pro procuratione communibus annis . .	–	viij	x			
Et Hugoni Pollard armigero seneschallo omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–	–	cxij	ij
Et Thome Sydnam auditori ibidem pro feodo suo per annum . . .	–	xxiij	iiij			
Et Johanni Yrysh generali receptori omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–			
Et remanet clare				cxcvij	iij	j
Inde pro decima				xix	xiiij	iij ob' q'

[From Bishop Vesey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105 b, it appears that the customary payment made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation was,

De abbatissa Canonleigh pro abbatia, 26*s.* 8*d.*
Pro ecclesia sive rectoria de Dowland, 3*s.* 4*d.*
De ecclesia sive rectoria de Hockworthy, 3*s.* 4*d.*]

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The Priory of Cornworthy,

IN THE DEANERY OF TOTNES.

N the archdeaconry and deanery of Totnes, and about midway between Totnes and Dartmouth, stood the priory of S. Mary, of Cornworthy. The foundation has been assigned to the family of Edgecumbe, but the preponderance of evidence seems to be in favour of the Zouches*.

In the registers of the see of Exeter, the priory is generally styled Augustine. In one or two instances, indeed, it is said to be Benedictine; but this is probably a mistake of the bishop's secretary. The community was small. Tanner, in his Notitia, says it was founded for seven religious women; but only five nuns had a voice at the election of Honora Vyvyan, in May, 1461. On account of the poverty of the convent, it was generally exempted from paying the king's tenths, the clear rental of its possessions at the dissolution of monasteries being found not to exceed £63. 2*s*. 10*d*. The religious presented to the churches of Cornworthy, to Clawton in the deanery of Holsworthy, and to Merland in the deanery of Torrington. At his triennial visitation the bishop was in the habit of receiving from the prioress 5*s*. for each of the several rectories of Cornworthy, Merland, and Clawton. (Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105 b.)

On December 31, 1333, Bishop Grandisson granted permission to the community to admit within their precincts a respectable female called Alice, wife of John Damaryle, provided she maintained herself without expense and inconvenience to the nuns, kept suitable hours, and was discreet in receiving secular persons. The permission was to last until the ensuing Michaelmas.

In the will of Richard Holrygg, vicar of Brixham, dated April 4, 1416, and proved May 4 in that year, we read the following disposition:—"Lego monialibus de Corneworthy unam peciam argenti cum cooperculo, et cuilibet earum unum coclear, et viginti solidos ad distribuendum inter eas†."

The following prioresses have been found in the registers:—

Jane Fishacre, who died early in 1334.
Mabilla de Bradford succeeded, April 29, 1334.
Jane Lucy, who died Oct. 3, 1411.
Eleanor Blake succeeded Feb. 28 following.
Margaret Wortheham. She resigned her office early in 1461.
Honora Vyvyan succeeded her May 28 of that year.
Thomasina Dynham occurs as prioress June 15, 1501, when John Redmayne, prior of Totnes, renounced his claim of twenty-six shillings yearly pension from the convent of Cornworthy, and also to certain tithes and profits "infra limites et fines ecclesiarum de Cornworthy et Clauton, exceptis decimis cujusdam molendini simul cum usibus et consuetudinibus in piscaria infra parochiam de Cornworthy." For such disclaimer, Thomasina and her successors agreed to pay to the priors of Totton 13*s*. per annum; 6*s*. 6*d*. at Candlemas, and 6*s*. 6*d*. on August 1. Should this payment be in arrear two months after either term, then she was to pay 40*d*., to be doubled every succeeding month. (Bp. Redmayne's Register, pp. 35, 36.) This prioress resigned her office late in the year 1519.
Avisia Dynham, elected as her successor on the 30th of the ensuing month of January, and confirmed on February 4, was the last prioress. To her bishop Veysey addressed the mandate or admonition contained in the Appendix, post, Num. II.

Under the next head of Totnes priory will be found a curious letter of Peter Edgecumbe, soliciting the temporal property of this priory and of that of Totnes.

In 1553, there remained only £3. 6*s*. 8*d*. in charge for annuities, but no pensions. (Browne Willis's Abbies, vol. ii. p. 60.)

The site of the priory was granted, in 2 Eliz., to Edward Harris and John Williams. For some generations it continued in the Harris family: it afterwards came to the Bassetts; and about the year 1800 Lord de Dunstanville sold it to John Holditch, esq.

The impression of the seal of the priory in the Augmentation Office is very imperfect; nothing remains but the door of the tower of an ancient church, and two tiers of windows above. All that is left of the legend are a few letters.

A chapel of S. Mary Magdalene, in Cornworthy parish, is mentioned in Brantyngham's Register (vol. ii. fol. 93).

Merland, or S. Peter's Merland, or Petermarland‡, within the deanery of Torrington, is an impropriate rectory, but was never dependent on Frithelstock priory, as Ecton asserts (Thesaurus, p. 119). The curacy is in the nomination of the impropriator, and is now exempt from all ecclesiastical jurisdiction, and subject only to the visitation of the impropriator himself. It is a distinct parish, and has no dependence on, or connexion with, any other. The duty required from the impropriator is only a monthly service, and the clear yearly value of the curacy consists in a fixed sum of ten pounds charged upon the tithes. The above is the information returned by the commissioners appointed by Bishop Keppel, on Sept. 30, 1763. S. Peter's Merland never paid first-fruits or tenths: there is neither institution nor induction to it. It neither pays fees, nor is subject to the bishop's court; and there is no parsonage or any ground attached to the rectory. There was a grant in fee to Thomas Reeves and George Evelyn, 2 Eliz., of all the rectory of Marland, reciting a lease to Sir Richard Greenfield, 23 Hen. VIII., to hold by

* Cornworthy, Tetcot, and Clawton, all belonged to Juhel at the Domesday Survey. Lustleigh, also, in which the priory possessed lands, may have been one of the Leighs assigned in the record to the same owner. The foundation of the priory may therefore be ascribed with confidence either to him or to some of those who succeeded him in the honor or lordship of Totnes; but we have no charter of foundation to enable us to ascertain the real donor. The claim of the Edgecumbes is grounded on the loose application of the title of founder to the patron for the time being. (See the observation in the notes to Totnes priory, post, p. 238.) The Zouches, whose enjoyment of the lordship of Totnes for many generations gives some probability to their claim to be called the founders, were a family of Breton origin, a junior branch of the counts of Porhoet, the head of which assisted at the Conquest. (See Dom. Morice's Bretagne, vol. i., Table Genealog., p. 21.)—The occasion of his assuming or receiving the name of La Chouche or La Souche (stipes or stock) does not appear. It may be remarked that many of the early sobriquets of Breton families were singular, and sometimes not very complimentary, whether expressive of moral qualities or of personal peculiarities; as Pillevoisin, Trousse-l'âne, Lâche-pied, Cornu, Barbe-torte, and Trop-a-de-nez. (Dom Morice, Supplem. vol. i. Pref. ch. 6.)—S.

† Bishop Grandisson had previously bequeathed to them five marks, and the same amount to the other two nunneries in the diocese, viz. Polslo and Canonsleigh.

‡ Merland occurs in Domesday as the land of Tetbald Fitz Berner. The church had a vicar formerly, whom bishop Bronescombe, in August, 1269, enjoined, on pain of forfeiting his vicarage, to pay ten marks yearly to the convent. (Regist. p. 43.)

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socage and per fidelitatem. The present proprietor is the liberal and venerable John Moore Stevens, archdeacon of Exeter, and canon of Exeter cathedral, to whom we are indebted for this information. His great uncle, Richard Stevens, esq., of Winscot, purchased the tithes from Henry Lord Rolle, who died in 1759.

Num. I.

Interdictio sepulturæ in cemeterio de Tetcot ad damnum monialium de Corneworthy.

(Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 220 b.)

Joannes, etc. dilectis filiis decano de Holdesworthy et rectori ecclesie de Pyworthy nostre diocesis salutem, etc. Licet, sicut didiscimus, sepultura omnium parochianorum ecclesie sive capelle de Tettecote dicte diocesis, exceptis domino et domina ibidem qui pro tempore fuerint, ad ecclesiam de Clauton ejusdem diocesis et dilectas filias priorissam et moniales de Corneworthy, quibus ipsa ecclesia appropriata canonice dicitur, notorie pertineat et pertinere consueverit cum mortuariis ac ceteris funeralibus ab antiquo, quidam tamen, prout audivimus, cimiterium dicte ecclesie sive capelle de Tettecote per venerabilem patrem dominum Richardum Dei gracia Waterfordensem episcopum virtute commissionis nostre dedicatum esse astruentes, in eodem mortuorum corpora sepelire in prejudicium dictarum religiosarum mulierum satagunt sepelire; cum autem intencionis nostre non fuit nec esse debuit ad dedicandum dictum cimiterium in jacturam dictarum mulierum prefato venerabili patri committere potestatem, nec idem pater, sicut ex relacione ipsius accepimus, terminos ecclesie egressus fuit vel excessit; vobis mandamus quatenus in dicto cimiterio, in quo in prejudicium dictarum mulierum quamlibet sepulturam interdicimus, penitus et expresse sepulturam esse inhibitam et interdictam, ut prefertur, ibidem et locis vicinis ubi magis conveniens fuerit celeriter et solempniter publicetis. Et si forsan a tempore dicte ecclesie nuper dedicate per dictam personam aliqua corpora ibidem in cimiterio sepulta fuerint, ea sub pena excommunicacionis infra quadraginta dies faciatis exhumari et in cimiterio dicte ecclesie de Clauton canonice sepeliri. Presentes literas et omnia in eis contenta ad noticiam omnium quorum interest, sublato more diffugio deducti, et nos de hiis confectis in premissis reddentes hinc ad mensem fideliter certiores. Datum apud Chuddelegh xix die Marcii mccc tricesimo octavo.

[The commission to consecrate the church and cemetery bears date February 18. At the bottom of the above entry is an enumeration of churches and altars dedicated by the above Richard, bishop of Waterford: among them is "Tettecote cum cimiterio."]

Num. II.

Mandate of the bishop to the convent of Cornworthy.

(Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 7.)

John, by God's permission bishop of Excet, to owre wel belovyd systers in Criste, the priores and covent of Corneworthy, salutyng in our Lord Jhu. Forasmych we enterly desyre to purge the slaunder that hath ensued yn yõ howse by trasgression of religion, we have sende youe certyn our ordinances accordinge to the lawys of holy church yn Engleshe, the rather by you to be understond and kept as hereafter folowynge shall evydently apere. Ffurst we commaunde youe, prioress, in vertu of obedience to see Divine serves in due tyme, place, and forme by the hoole covent, except age, sykenes or other lawfull evydent cawse lett, be devoutly withowte vayne comunicacon celebrate accordynge to yõ nombre, as yn other devoute places of yor religion it is observed and kepte. Fforthermore, nyghtly ye, priores, with all the covent, to rest in one dorter, all severall chambers and backedores utterly excluded. Also in the fratry togeders take your repast, attendyng to yor contemplative lectour there to be redde. Also that ye use no pompos apparell, but such as ys used in the sadde howses of your religion. Also we inhibette youe to receve sugeners withowte our speciall licence, commaundynge youe, priores, in vertue of obedience to remove from yor house withyn a moneth after the recepcon hereoff all the servauntes nott necessary for the place, and also Bryton and his wyffe, for consideracons reasonable which we shall disclose unto youe hereaft; alway ye and the covent havynge in yor remembrance the thre substancialls of yor religion which ye have professed; ffyrst, obedience, forsakynge yr awn wylle; secunde, chastite, for the violacon whereoff withoute great repentance and hye mercy of God, is sorrow ppetuall; the thyrde, abdicacon of properte, forsakynge the worldle solicitude. Ffro the bett conservacon whereoff, and that ye, priores, may the rather give yourselffe to contemplacon and religious conversacon, we utterly inhibet youe to intermeddle yn yor awne persone with any uttwarde husbandre, wandrynge yn the fylds and other prophane places irreligiously oute of the priorie; and that all such exteriour besynes be done by some discreet virtuouse man, that can and woll diligently and polytyckly do the same. Thes premisses with all other rulis and observaunces of yor religion accordyng to ye nombre, we commaunde youe, priores, under the payne of the lawe to be effectually kepte, opynly published, redde, and declared, that ye and yor systers too, herynge them, may observe the same to the confusyon of our goostly enymye the devyll, salvacon of your sawles, honour of religion and owre excuse before God. God encrease youe with hys vertue and hys grace.

Wryten the place, day of the month, and yere above sayd. [Chudleigh, Jan. 19, 1520-1.]

Num. III.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Henry VIII.*

Prioratus (sive abbathia) de Corneworthy in decanatu Tottonie et in diocesi Exonie in comitatu Devonie.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum tenementorum rectoriarum decimarum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Avisia priorissa beate Marie de Corneworthy predicte infra aliquem archidiaconatum in comitatu predicto aliqualiter modo scesetus existit, ut postea patet ex fundacione.

Possessiones spirituales dicte priorisse in comitatu predicto.

Corneworthy in decanatu et diocesi predictis in comitatu predicto.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet, per annum cum pro decima garbarum.	xj	xj	ij			
Et pro lana et agnis	–	xl	–			
Et pro omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus	–	lxxix	iiij			
Inde solutum priori de Totnes et successoribus suis annuatim pro quadam annuali pencione	–	xiij	–	xvj	viij	v
Et archidiacono Tottonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus annuatim	–	v	–			
Et pro sinodatico	–	ij	v			
Et pro visitacione episcopo predicto et successoribus suis annuatim	–	–	xx			
Et remanet clare						

* The abstract of the minister's account gives no material information that is not contained in the valor, and is therefore omitted here.

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Claweton in decanatu et diocesi predictis in comitatu predicto.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, cum decima garbarum et omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus, xiiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, sic dimissa per indenturam Johanni Haddon seniori pro termino quinque annorum.						
Et lxvj^{s} viij^{d} pro terra sanctuarii sic dimissa per indenturam Antonio Blakedon pro termino vite sue.				xvij	x	xj
Inde solutum archidiacono predicto et successoribus suis annuatim .	–	v	–			
Et pro sinodatico	–	ij	v			
Et pro visitacione episcopo predicto et successoribus suis annuatim .	–	–	xx			
Et remanet clare						

Merland in decanatu de (Torrington) et diocesi predictis in comitatu predicto.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum, cum decima garbarum et omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte rectorie pertinentibus, iiij^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, sic dimissa per indenturam Johanni Magge pro termino septem annorum.						
Inde solutum archidiacono (Barum) et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus annuatim	–	v	–	iiij	iiij	ij
Et pro sinodatico	–	ij	v			
Et pro visitacione episcopo predicto et successoribus suis annuatim .	–	–	xx			
Et remanet clare						
Summa omnium possessionum spiritualium prioratus predicti				xxxviij	ij	vij

Possessiones temporales dicti prioratus.

Manerium de Corneworthy.

Redditus assise liberorum et custumariorum tenencium per annum . .	xiij	xvij	ij			
Et de terris bartone ibidem per annum	xij	–	–	xxv	xvij	xj
Et de finibus terrarum unacum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis communibus annis	–	–	ix			

Lustlegh.

Redditus ibidem pro certis parcellis terre, videlicet, vi^{s} viij^{d} receptis ibidem de Johanne Caselegh.				–	xiiij	viij
Et viij^{s} receptis de Johanne Dover.						
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium prioratus predicti				xxvj	xij	vij
Summa omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium in comitatu predicto				lxiiij	xvj	ij
Inde solutum Johanni Adams seneschallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum				–	vj	viij
Et Johanni Peny receptori omnium et singulorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum				–	xxvj	viij
Et remanet clare				lxiij	ij	x
Inde pro decima				vj	vj	iij ob'

Priory of S. Mary, Totnes,

IN THE DEANERY OF TOTNES.

ON the north-east side of the parish church of Totnes stood the priory of S. Mary, a cell of the great Benedictine abbey of SS. Sergius and Bacchus at Angers. It was endowed, during the reign of William the Conqueror, by Judhell, Juhel, or Joel, the pious founder of the house of S. Mary Magdalen at Barnstaple, which has been already noticed. Roger de Nonant*, who succeeded to Joel's estates, was at first very hostile to this infant establishment, but afterwards so befriended it as to be mistaken by Leland for its original founder†.

Totnes was brought by Mellisent, heiress of William de Cantelupe, to Eudo la Zouche; and the presentation to the

* Called *Nuuatte* by Leland (1 Coll. p. 80). The identity of the letters *n* and *v* in early writing has occasioned his name to be written indifferently Nonant or Novant, and sometimes Nuvant and Nunant. There are several places of this name in Normandy, one of which constituted an ancient barony. It is observable that as early as the Domesday Survey the Clerks of S. Mary held Follaton under Juhellus. (1 Domesday, fol. 109 b.)—S.

† The term "founder" is constantly applied to the representatives of the original benefactor. In the case of this very priory the Edgecumbes called themselves founders merely because they had become possessed of the patronage by the attainder of the real descendant of Juhel and the grant of the crown. (See the letter to Cromwell, inserted hereafter, p. 240.) This use of the word is particularly pointed out by Kennett, in the Glossary to his Parochial Antiquities, and is there illustrated by examples.—S.

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priory subsisted in this family until the accession of king Henry VII., when the head of the family was attainted for supporting the cause of Richard III., and the right of patronage was conferred by the crown on Peter Edgecumbe*.

The conventual church of S. Mary was dedicated by bishop Bronescombe, on Nov. 17, 1259. That bishop's Register (fol. 10) shows that this church was distinct from, though contiguous to, the parish church. William Ryder, by his will dated Nov. 18, 1432, desires to be buried in the cemetery of the parish church, "in itinere processionali juxta ecclesiam prioris et conventus Totton ex opposito magni altaris ejusdem ecclesie." (Lacy Reg. vol. iii. fol. 502.) It is, however, possible that the parish church was the nave of that of the convent.

The oval seal of the convent is rude and imperfect. In the Monasticon Anglicanum it is stated that the common seal of this priory, in Cart. Antiq. Off. Aug. D. 39, represents a female figure sitting in a chair, holding a rod in her right hand, whilst before her stands a female child with an open book. Part of the inscription is lost; what remains runs thus:—

S . PRIORI . (S . SCE . MAR) RIE . DE . TOTON.

The amount of the rental of Totnes priory was, at the dissolution of the house, £124. 9*s.* 2½*d.*

Priors.

Rivallon, who witnessed an award of Robert Fitzwilliam, in a dispute between the monks of Tywardreth and Philip de Treverbyn, in the time of Henry II. (Ante, p. 40, Num. VIII.)

John occurs prior in a deed between 1198 and 1216.

G—— de Molesiâ is mentioned in a deed prior to the commencement of the episcopal registers†.

Nicholas occurs in 1259, and as late as March 3, 1283. His agreement with Walter, the vicar of the parish church of Totnes, dated Jan. 30, 1260, is set forth in the Appendix. During Nicholas's superiority a deed of covenant was executed between his convent and that of Tywardreth respecting a portion of the tithes in Brixham parish. The deed sets forth that the prior and convent of Tywardreth had been accustomed to receive two parts of the tithes of the demesne of Wodehiwisse; but that they agreed to accept, in lieu of such portion, the yearly sum of 8*s.*, to be paid to the said prior or his attorney at Totnes, within the octave of the Assumption of our Lady (Aug. 15–22). Walter, the vicar of Totnes, was a witness to this agreement. This pension of 8*s.* continued to be paid until the dissolution of the religious houses.

John de Vendagio admitted March 12, 1284–5.

Galfridus occurs as prior in 1297.

Jocelyn. He died July 22, 1322. This prior was severely admonished on March 23, 1316–17, by bishop Stapeldon, and threatened with the heaviest ecclesiastical censures if he persisted in his scandalous neglect of the duty of residence. (See Register, fol. 118.) This bishop's register shows that numerous ordinations were held by him in the conventual church of Totnes.

Robert de Conkâ succeeded Jan. 13, 1322–3. Bishop Grandisson, in obedience to a writ for that purpose, informed king Edward III., Sept. 12, 1334, that this prior and his monks held "in proprios usus" the parish churches of Totnes, Brixham, and Cliston, taxed at £36. 13*s.* 4*d.*, and received the following pensions. (See Reg. vol. ii. fol. 184.)

From Alurington (Ermington?)	church	2 marks.
Stokenham	. . . . .	20 shillings.
De la Pole	. . . . .	15 shillings.
Pyworthy	. . . . .	10 shillings.
Corneworthy	. . . . .	1 mark.
Ashprington	. . . . .	half a mark.
Loddiswell	. . . . .	half a mark.
Harberton‡	. . . . .	6 shillings.

The extent of this priory, taken under the king's commission in 11 Edw. III., will be found in the Appendix, post, Num. III. The reason why this priory survived the general suppression of alien priories in the fifteenth century will be seen under the head of Barnstaple.

Prior Robert was suspended Dec. 24, 1348, for his dilapidations and imprudence: he seems, indeed, from his general habits, to have been better adapted for a sportsman than a religious. His anniversary is entered in the obituary calendar of S. Andrew's monastery at Tywardreth, in Cornwall, on March 3.

Michael Bouges admitted Dec. 25, 1354.

John le Rouges succeeded. He died in 1372.

John Bovers or *Rovers* was the next prior. He died in 1382. In 1375 bishop Brantyngham certified to king Edward III. that the appropriation of Clyston church was valued at £40 per annum; of Totnes parish church at £10; of Brixham church at £40; and that Ermington church paid annually to the priory two marks, and Cornworthy 30 shillings.

Thomas Swynforde, a Cluniac monk of S. Andrew's, Northampton, was collated by bishop Brantyngham, per lapsum temporis, on March 18, 1382–3, and resigned after governing the house twenty-four years.

John Southam, instituted June 11, 1407. He presented to Broadclist church in 1413.

Thomas Southam occurs as prior in 1415. In the summer of 1439, bad health and advanced age obliged him to resign. He retired on a pension of 24 marks per annum and was to be allowed the chamber which he had built in the priory. (Lacy's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 180.)

Richard Stoke, instituted Aug. 27, 1439. He died very late in 1458. This prior, by his deed, bearing date April 3, 1449, 27 Hen. VI., granted £10 "operi novi campanilis fiendi in occidentali parte ecclesie parochialis Tottonie." Leland, in his Itinerary, mentions this belfry "as a greate steple tower, and the greatest belles in al those quarters‡." The remnant of his seal, representing the assumption of the blessed Virgin, and himself below in the attitude of devotion, is singularly beautiful.

William Harry, confirmed Feb. 5 following, patron Sir William Zouche, knight, at the nomination of king Henry VI. He died prior after a government of thirty-three years. An inquisition, Jan. 19, 1478–9, found that this prior and his convent were entitled to two-thirds "omnium fructuum decimarum et oblacionum ecclesie de Broadclist," and the vicar thereof to the other third. (See Courtenay's Reg. fol. 79.)

By a deed of Feb. 16, 1487, it appears that Thomas Cater, the collector of Tywardreth priory in Cornwall, had waited on this prior for the accustomed annual pension of 8*s.* yearly due from Totnes convent, arising "from two partes of the tythes coming and growing of the lond of Wodehiwisse, in the parishe of Brixham." The answer of the prior was—"I am to blame that my ffader, the priour of Tywardreth, is behinde unpaid a year or two of his pension; the cause is I have had and yet have such grete costs and charges that yet I maye not paye him, but ye may telle the fader priour that shortely I shall paye him bothe the pension and the arrearages." On Harry's death,

* In No. 36 of the cartulary of S. Nicholas' priory, Exeter, is a deed of Millisenta, daughter and heiress of William de Cantilupo, the lady of Totnes, and relict of Eudo la Zouche, confirming the deed of William de Braosa, her grandfather, which granted one tonell of wine, or two marks of silver to purchase such wine, "ad celebrandas missas." (See also 1 Rot. Hund. 83.)

† The following is the tenor of the deed:—

"Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit G. de Molesiâ, prior Tottonie, et conventus ejusdem loci salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse fratribus leprosis de Totton duas missas in unaquaque ebdomade per annum in secunda et sexta feria et unam missam in die pasche et aliam in die nativitatis Domini. Et si forte aliquando acciderit quod misse predicte in predictis feriis non celebrantur in aliis feriis sine causa perficiantur. Pro hac autem concessione nostra predicti leprosi reddent annuatim iij solidos sacristarie nostre ad quatuor anni terminos, scilicet, ad pascha ix$^{d.}$, ad nativitatem Sancti Johannis Baptiste ix$^{d.}$, ad festum Sancti Michaelis ix$^{d.}$, et ad nativitatem Domini ix$^{d.}$ Si vero contigerit quod predicti redditus ad prenominatos terminos non reddantur, calix capelle eorum ad namium capiatur et capella a divinis officiis cessare provideatur. Hanc autem concessionem fideliter tenendam presenti carta nostra et sigilli nostri appositione confirmavimus. Hiis testibus, Eustachio subpriore, Moricio sacristario, Waltero Flandrensi, et multis aliis."

‡ In the will of William Gylys, vicar of this parish church, dated April 22, 1537, is the following: "I bequeth to the hye store of our Blessed Lady for my name to be set yn Seynt Georgy's beed roll, x$^{s.}$, and my grette pricked song boke. Item, I bequeth to the store of Jesus, vj$^{s.}$"

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William Coke succeeded on the presentation of king Henry VII., Feb. 15, 1490–1, "ratione minoris etatis Petri Eggecombe, filii et heredis Richardi Eddegecumbe."

John Redmayne occurs as prior June 15, 1501, in a composition with Thomasyne Dynham, prioress of Cornworthy, respecting tithes and profits "infra limites et fines ecclesiarum de Cornworthy et Clauton." (See the whole set forth in Bishop Redmayne's Register, fol. 35–6.) On his resignation,

Robert Gyll, alias *Hill,* admitted April 25, 1503, on the presentation of Sir Peter Eggecumbe, knight, who continued to present until the dissolution. On whose death,

Henry Goon was instituted March 3, 1526–7. He resigned five months after, on securing a pension of forty marks. Bishop Veysey licensed him, July 10, 1527, to canvass for the pension. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 52.)

Edmund Coker, a monk of Glastonbury, succeeded Aug. 12, 1527, and resigned Feb. 24 following.

Thomas Rychard succeeded on the 27th of the same month, and was the last prior. At the dissolution of his house he obtained the rectory of S. George, Exeter. His will, made Aug. 10, 1553, was proved April 14, 1564.

The revenues of the priory were valued in 1536 by Bishop Veysey at £124 9*s.* 4¼*d.* per annum; and the chantry on Totnes bridge, then served by John Ryder, at £4 13*s.* 4*d.*

In Willis's History of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 68, we read that in 1553 here remained only £3 6*s.* 8*d.* in charge in annuities, and nothing in pensions; and amongst pensions to incumbents of chantries, 1553, we find "To William Riscotte, £6; to William Bowden, £5; to Christopher Canon, incumbent of S. Mary's, £5."

In the 33d year of King Henry VIII., the site of the priory was granted to Katharine Champernon, John Ridgway, and Walter Smith. Sir Peter Edgcumbe had endeavoured to obtain the temporalities of this priory and of Cornworthy, but failed in the attempt. The following letter, which he addressed to Secretary Cromwell, will be acceptable to our readers. It is to be found in Cotton MSS. Cleopatra, E. iv. page 258.

"Affter my most harty recommendacyons with lyke thancks ffor your goodnes to me att tymes shewyd, and thys ys to advertysse yow that here ys moche communycacyon and brute that all abbeys pryorys and nunrys under the cler yerly valew off cc^{lb} schall be suppressyd, nottw'stondynge hyt ys nott as yett in thes parties oponly knowen the occacyon off suppressyon nor who shall take most benyffyte therby nor to whate usse hyt schall rest at lengthe. But trew hyt ys that I am by the kyngges ffather by hys graunt to my poare ffather made to hym and hys issue male ffounder off the pryory off Tottenes and the nunry off Cornworthye in Devonsschyre and ev'ry off them be under the valew off cc^{lb}. And as to Tottenes the pryor ther ys a man off goode vertuus converssacyon and a good viander and I can do no lesse with my truthe and dewty but to advertyse yow off that I know trew in this cause, hartely besechynge yow so to advertyse the kyngges highnes, and that I in my most umbyll maner beseche hys grace to order me in this cause as onne that wyll juberd lyff and goods to do hys grace trew service, and hartely besseche allmyghty God longge to presserve hys most nobyll persson and yow so to serve hyss hyghnes. Fro' my poare howse the day off annuncyacyon of our lady, ywr aun

"P. Eggecombe.

"Mr. Secretary, in case hyt be sso that the kyngges pleasure maye be by your meanys so good that the prior of Tottenes maye enioye the spirituall promocyons, and hyt wyll be no better ffor hym and hys bredere to leve on, and I to have the temperal possessyons of parte thereoff, the sunner ffor concyderacyons that I am ffounder off bothe howssys, I promysse yow by this my wrytynge to concyder yowr favor and sute as I trust to please yow, and yff ye thinck my sute nott ressonabyll I referre me and my cause to yor order under the kyngges hyghnes above all others lyvynge, and so I trust yow and herein I hartely praye yow to know ywr pleasure."

The preceding is decidedly a letter written by Sir Piers Eggecombe (now spelt Edgcumbe) to Sir Thomas Cromwell, the noted vicar-general of Henry VIII. Sir Piers, who had been sheriff of Devon, 10 Hen. VII. and 20 Hen. VIII., was son of Sir Richard Eggecombe, comptroller of the household and privy councillor to the former of these monarchs, who employed him as ambassador to various states, and was father of Sir Richard Eggecombe, who built Mount-Edgcumbe house. He appears to have been well known to Cromwell*. The result of a careful comparison of some of the following authorities fixes the date of the letter to March 25, 1536. Vol. 12, Rym. Fœd. 279. 328. 348. 357. 362. 394. Vol. 13, Idem, 296. Vol. 14, Idem, 478. 529. Stat. 27 Hen. VIII. c. 28. And see Prince's Worthies of Devon, p. 281, et seq., and 2 Collier's Eccl. Hist. pp. 155. 180.

Some other ecclesiastical establishments at Totnes may be here noticed.

There was a chantry super pontem, "ad finem pontis de Totton," dedicated to S. Edmund, king and martyr, and S. Edward the confessor, to which the Zouch family presented.

The chapel of the Holy Ghost and of S. Catharine at Warlond, near Totnes, was begun to be erected 1270; "proxima die Veneris post festum Sancti Matthei apostoli (1269) recepit dominus episcopus seysinam domuum et gardini Walteri le Bon et uxoris sue Agathe de consensu eorundem in presencia multitudinis et precepit ut capella ibi construeretur in nomine Sancti Spiritus et beate Katharine virginis†." (See Bronescombe's Register, fol. 47.) It was sacrilegiously profaned in the autumn of 1384, when brother Thomas Person was custos, as we learn from bishop Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. Generally a priest of the Holy Trinity House of Hounslow, in the diocese of London, was appointed to serve this chapel, who was called magister domus Sancti Spiritus de Warlond; but the collation to it was absolutely vested in the bishops of Exeter. Chapels of this order were often chosen for places of burial; for Pope Honorius the Third, by his bull directed to William and his brethren of the order of the Holy Trinity, dated April 25, 1224, granted the privilege of burial to their houses. "Sepulturam preterea locorum vestrorum liberam esse decernimus ut eorum devocioni et extreme voluntati, qui se illic sepeliri deliberaverint, nisi forte excommunicati vel interdicti sint, nullus obsistat."

Amongst these wardens we have met with Robert de Dunyngton; on whose appointment to be prior of Hounslow, in 1378, Thomas Person above-mentioned was declared his successor. He died A.D. 1401. Hugo Heynus was collated April 8, 1401, by bishop Stafford (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 53); on whose resignation William Nywenton was collated on Sept. 27, 1427; on whose death Nicholas Lynyet, alias Lyner, was collated July 11, 1437; on whose death bishop Bothe collated Richard Dobyns, alias Tabyn, May 24, 1474; on whose death bishop Arundell collated Nicholas Byll, Oct. 26, 1503. At last bishop Oldham, in 1508, appropriated this hospital of the Holy Ghost to the vicars choral of Exeter cathedral. This arrangement seems to have given great offence to William Tompson, a brother at Hounslow, who intruded himself into the hospital, but was forced to make humble submission to the bishop "in capella beate Marie," within the episcopal palace without Temple Bar, London.

* The frequent offer of bribes to the vicar-general subjects his character to grave suspicion. When Latimer wished to save Malvern priory, he offered him two hundred marks. Lord Chancellor Audley, in suing for S. Osith's in Essex, held out a bribe of £20. Sir Thomas Elliot, in petitioning for some suppressed lands, promised him the first year's fruits of whatever he should obtain.

† The following is the deed by which Le Bon became possessed of the land from the wife of Andrew Le Scot:—

"Noverint omnes hoc scriptum visuri vel audituri quod ego Gelleta, que quondam fui uxor Andree Le Scot, in propria viduitate mea quietum clamavi Waltero Le Bon et heredibus suis vel suis assignatis totum jus et clamium quod habui vel habere potui nomine dotis in tota terra cum pertinenciis quam Andreas Le Scot quondam maritus meus habuit in la Werelande pro una marca argenti quam idem Walterus mihi dedit pre manibus; quod ne tractu temporis alicui vertatur in dubium in testimonium veri huic scripto sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Tottoniam die lune proxima ante festum Sancti Elphegi anno regni regis Henrici xxx^{mo} sexto (1251). Hiis testibus, Ricardo de la Olant, Roberto de Dertemuth, Ricardo Russel, Galfrido de Stock, Radulpho Page, Petro de Fonte, Nicolao de Dunelmo, et aliis."

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Between the town and the river Dart was the ancient chapel of Peter, coeval with the Conquest, mentioned in Num. I. of the Appendix. To such as should become its benefactors Anthony, cardinal bishop of Aquileia, granted an indulgence of one hundred days. His letter is dated Rome, Nov. 25, 1421; and from its tenor John Thomas and his wife Jane, with Stephen de Lafount, appear to have been the founders. To the visitors and benefactors of the chapel Bishop Lacy, April 25, 1422, granted an additional indulgence of forty days (Num. IV. post).

Leland mentions "a lazar-house on the south part of the town endowed with sum landes" (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 37). This is probably the house in favour of which Bishop Lacy, on Jan. 24, 1437, granted an indulgence to true penitents who should contribute "ad sustentacionem pauperum et leprosorum hospitalis Sancte Marie Magdalene Totton. (Register, vol. iii. fol. 153.)

Bishop Stafford, on Dec. 14, 1417, licensed John Shapwick to have service performed "in capella Sancte Trinitatis infra mansum sive habitacionem suam de Boghedon (Bowden) in parochia de Totton." (Register, vol. i. fol. 237.)

Num. I.

Carta Juhelli filii Aluredi †.

(Ex autogr. apud S. Sergium et Bacchum, Andeg.)

Omnibus sancte Dei ecclesie cultoribus notum fore volumus quod Juhellus filius Aluredi dedit Deo et sanctis martyribus Sergio et Bacho et abbati loci et domno Tetbaldo monacho qui ibidem presentialiter erat loco omnium fratrum, ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Toteneio cum omnibus ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, et decimam omnium maneriorum suorum et census totius burgi, et omnium exiturarum de Totenesio totam decimam. Et hoc etiam in dono suo misit, ut si aliquod maneriorum suorum de manu sua dando vel vendendo ejiceret, decimam indubitanter sanctis retineret. Donavit etiam duas terras que sunt subtus castellum, id est, Foletonam et Grestonam, cum liberis et servis, et ante burgum quamdam exclusam cum piscatore [piscaturâ?] et ad Sabbatum cencedicum [?] duarum piscaturarum suarum, id est, Asprintone et Corneude ‡ et decimam caseorum suorum, vitulorum, ovium, lanarum, porcellorum et totius substantie sue. Insuper etiam donavit sanctis supradictis campum qui est subtus ecclesiam, eam, videlicet, partem quam in manu sua tenebat, et quod alii habebant in eodem campo promisit se eisdem sanctis donaturum, cum quo terram Seutini presbyteri donavit, et terram Ansquitilli presbyteri, quam tenebat Rotbertus Tornator, cum capella Sancti Petri, et quecunque homines sui sancto Sergio et Sancte Marie donarent, ita tamen ut servitium exinde non amitteret, concessit. Fecit hanc elemosynam pro Willielmo rege Anglorum, de quo illum honorem habebat, ut Deus eum salvum et incolumem conservaret et post hujus vite decursum ad eternam vitam perduceret. Fecit etiam hoc donum pro semetipso et pro animabus antecessorum suorum, id est, patris sui et matris sue et fratris sui Rotberti et omnium consanguineorum suorum vivorum et mortuorum. * Dedit autem hec omnia Juhellus absque ullo retinaculo, sicut dictum est, Deo et sancto Sergio solida et quieta in manu domini Tetbaldi, ecclesiam ei tradidit per clavem monasterii et cordam signi, et cum ipsius cultello donum super altare misit. Fecit autem hoc donum coram multis bone memorie viris, quorum ista sunt nomina; Martinus de Walis, Richardus ejus homo, Rogerius senescallus, Ansgotus presbyter, Rogerius presbyter, Hubertus presbiter, Ansquitillus presbiter, Turgis miles de la Forest, Odo senescallus, Warinus dispensator, Radulfus Malban, Rotbertus Tornator, Godefredus filius Achardi, Rainaldus Durandus, Rogerius homo Dalini de Ver, Warinus et Gaufridus et Rainaldus homines Sancti Sergii, et multi alii. Sane Hubertus§ et Anschitillus presbyteri feudum quod primitus tenebant de Juhello petierunt humiliter a domno Tetbaldo, qui ibidem loco abbatis et omnium fratrum erat, ut eis feudum, quod primitus tenuerant, concederet tali pacto ut subjecti essent Sancto Sergio et abbati et omnibus fratribus et per omnia fideles et proprii capellani. Quod eis concessit per deprecationem domni Juhelli coram supradictis testibus et revestivit propria manu.

Mortuo autem Willielmo rege filius ejus Willielmus successit in regnum, et, Juhello de Totenesio expulso, hereditatem ejus Rogerio de Nonant donavit. Qui Rogerius, imprimis monachis mala plurima intulit, sed postea interventu ipsius regis Sancto Sergio sicut Juhellus in eisdem verbis omnia concessit, et a monachis viginti libras illius monete accepit, et uxor ejus dimidiam marcam auri. Contigit autem ut idem rex in Normanniam veniret, et cum eo iste Rogerius. Domnus vero abbas Acchardus regem adiens ut concessionem suam confirmaret, ipso Rogerio interveniente, rogavit. Rex vero prius beneficium loci suppliciter petiit, et illud accipiens a domno abbate, sigillum suum gaudens et ampliora promittens donavit. Hujus rei testes sunt comes Hugo, et Rotbertus filius Aimonis.

† This document, divided into two heads by Dugdale at the asterisk *, is expressed in so ambiguous a form, that it is not easy to say where the charter ends and the narrative of subsequent events begin. Charters in the narrative form are not unknown, but the above seems to be extracted from á register or record of events intermixed with muniments, of which there are many instances.

‡ *Corneude* should probably be written *Corneorde*, i. e. Cornworthy, not Cornwood.

Num. II.

Ordinatio vicariæ de Totton.

(Bronescombe Regist. fol. 10 b.)

Universis, etc. Walterus, etc. Orta dudum inter dilectos filios Nicholaum priorem et conventum ex parte una et Walterum perpetuum vicarium ecclesie Totton ex altera super portionibus vicarie predicte materia questionis, tandem, filio pacis interveniente, partibus ipsis in presentia nostra constitutis promittentibusque ac jurantibus sacramento in verbo Dei corporaliter prestito stare ordinacioni nostre et se subponentibus voluntati nostre in omnibus, nos, quiete, tranquillitate, et utilitate partium predictarum consideratis, cujuslibet contencionis tollende causa inter partes easdem, taliter ordinamus, videlicet quod predictus Walterus ipsius ecclesie, sicut prius, vicarius existat et ipsi ecclesie et parochianis eidem honeste et honorifice in omnibus serviciis ad vicariam ecclesie predicte spectantibus deserviat. Et pro omnibus obvencionibus et proventibus quos de ecclesia beate Marie (de) priore et conventu predictis nomine vicarie percipere consuevit et quos suo perpetuo ejusdem priori et conventui remisit et quietos clamavit de predictis priore et conventu per manum ejusdem prioris vel ejus assignati in predicta ecclesia beate Marie decem marcas sterlingorum percipiat annuatim, quas predictos priorem et conventum ei solvere et reddere teneri volumus terminis infra scriptis; scilicet, infra quindenam resurrectionis dominice v. marcas, et infra quindena festi Sancti Michaelis mense Septembris v. marcas. Item habeat idem vicarius consuetas obvenciones racione confessionum provenientes et unum denarium missalem tantum quolibet die quo aliquid oblacionis usque ad unum denarium vel amplius evenerit. Habeat quoque idem vicarius quicquid sibi ex testamentis deficiencium‖ racione parochie sue legatum sibi fuerit sine qualibet diminucione, salvis legatis ad matricem ecclesiam spectantibus. Omnes vero obvenciones alias et proventus ipsius ecclesie undecumque provenientes dicti prior et conventus absque omni impedimento contradiccione et reclamacione predicti vicarii et suorum successorum cum integritate percipiant annuatim. Et ne presens nostra ordinatio in residue convencionis scrupulum relabatur, ordinamus, statuimus et partibus ipsis sub debito prestiti sacramenti precipimus, ut ordinacionem nostram diligenter et fideliter attendant et observent et nullatenus contraveniant, sub pena xl solidorum, quam tociens commissam intelligi et nobis solvi volumus a parte contra hanc nostram ordinacionem veniente quotiens contra eam expresse fuerit attemptatum seu eam non observari contigerit. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus literis penes utramque partem divisim remanentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Peynton iii kalendis Februarii, consecracionis nostre anno secundo. [1259–60.]

§ This Hubertus seems to be the person named *Seutinus* above.

‖ This probably refers to legacies "pro decimis oblitis," which were very common.—S.

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Num. III.

Extenta prioratus de Tottoneys.

(E bundel. priorat. alienig. 11 Edw. III.)

Transcriptum indenture facte inter Johannem de Langeton, clericum, seniorem assignatum per commissionem domini regis ad capiendum et seisiendum in manum ipsius regis omnes terras et tenementa bona et catalla quecumque omnium Gallicorum tam secularium quam religiosorum et aliorum quorumcumque de dominio et potestate regis Francie in comitatu Devon, et Petrum de Veel, vicecomitem ejusdem comitatus, de omnibus bonis et catallis tam jocalibus et bladis in terris crescentibus quam aliis rebus quibuscumque inventis in prioratibus Tottoneys et Sancti Jacobi juxta Exoniam et omnibus locis eisdem prioratibus adjacentibus, videlicet, vicesimo tertio die Julii anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum undecimo per prefatum Johannem in manum regis captis et prefato vicecomiti liberatis, videlicet:

Ornamenta ecclesie. — In primis 11 calices pretium cujuslibet xiii*s.* iiii*d.* Item iij paria vestimentorum debilium pretium cujuslibet vj*s.* viij*d.* Item iij cape chori debiles pretium cujuslibet iiij*s.* Item . . . . tunice Dalmatice pretium x*s.* Item ij missalia pretium cujuslibet vj*s.* viij*d.* Item ij antiphonaria pretium cujuslibet v*s.* Item j portiforium pretium vj*s.* Item ij gradalia pretium cujuslibet ij*s.* Sm^{a} . . . .

Aula; camera.—Item in aula ij pelves cum uno lavatorio pretium iij*s.* Item unum lavatorium pendens per catenam pretium vj*d.* Item j banker pretium vj*d.* Item iij tabule mensales cum . . . trescellis et ij formulis, pretium xviij*d.* Item in camera ij lecti, pretium v*s.* Item j banker pretium vj*d.* Item ij zone veteres de serico cum apparatu de argento pretium . . . Item iiij coffre vacue pretium cujuslibet vj*d.* Item j wytewel, pretium xij *d.* Summa xix *s.*

Panetria.—Item in panetria iij mappe cum ij mallis, pretium j*s.* vj*d.* Item xij coclearia de argento pretium cujuslibet xij*d.* Item j ciphus de argento pretium vj*s.* viij*d.* Item . . . dolia vacua, pretium ij*s.*

Coquina.—Item in coquina xviij disci de peautre cum xviij salsariis, pretium iij*s.* Item iiij olle enee pretium cujuslibet vj*s.* viij*d.* Item j parva olla enea, pretium ij*s.* Item j tripes, pretium ij*s.* Item ij patelle enee pretium cujuslibet xij *d.* Item j craticula cum j aundir' pretium xij *d.*

Pistrina.—Item in pistrina j plumbeum ad braciandum, pretium . . . Item x cune cum ij tinis pretium ij*s.* vj*d.* Summa lxv*s.* viij*d.*

Stabulum.—Item in stabulo unus palafridus cum sella, pretium xl*s.* Item unus alius equus, pretium vj*s.* viij*d.* Summa xlvj*s.* viij*d.*

Decima ecclesie.—Item habet ecclesiam Tottoneys in proprios usus, unde decime garbarum venduntur hoc anno Edmundo Pyrye pro centum solidis solvendis ad festum Sancti Michaelis proximo sequens. Summa patet.

Ayshpryngton locus adjacens prioratui Tottoneys.

Aula.—Est ibidem in aula j pelvis cum uno lavatorio pretium xviij*d.*

Boveria.—Item in boveria iij affre, pretium cujuslibet iiij*s.* Item sunt ibidem xvj boves pretium capitis viij*s.* Item una vacca sterilis, pretium v*s.* Item sunt ibidem lvij hogastri pretium capitis x*d.*

Bladum in terra crescens.—Item sunt ibidem v acre frumenti in terra crescentis, pretium acre iij*s.* iiij*d.* Item xiiij acre siliginis pretium acre iij*s.* Item vj acre ordei pretium acre ij*s.* Item iij acre et dimidium pisarum pretium acre ij*s.* Item v acre grossarum avenarum pretium acre ij *s.* Item xlvij acre avenarum minutarum, pretium acre ij*s.* Item est ibidem fenum quod valet per estimationem xx*s.* Summa xiij *li.* xij*s.* viij*d.*

Grafton (Garston) locus adjacens eidem prioratui.

Boveria.—Item sunt ibidem in boveria iij affre pretium cujuslibet iiij *s.* Item xv boves pretium cujuslibet viij *s.* Item ix vacce pretium cujuslibet vj *s.* viij *d.* Item iij bovata, pretium cujuslibet iiij *s.* Item v boviculi pretium cujuslibet ij *s.* Item iiij vituli pretium cujuslibet viij *d.* Item c oves utriusque sexus pretium capitis ix *d.* Item xxx agni pretium capitis v*d.* Item xvj auce pretium cujuslibet ij *d.*

Bladum.—Item sunt ibidem blada in terra crescentia, videlicet, una acra et dimidium frumenti, pretium iiij *s.* Item xx acre siliginis pretium acre iij *s.* iiij *d.* Item . . . acre ordei pretium acre iij *s.* Item iij acre pisarum pretium acre xx*d.* Item c acre avene pretium acre xx *d.* Item sunt ibidem iij pecie casei, pretium cujuslibet vj *d.* Summa xxxiij *li.* xvj *s.* viij *d.*

Uppeton in parochia de Brixham, locus adjacens eidem prioratui.

Boveria.—Sunt ibidem iiij affri debiles pretium cujuslibet v *s.* Item sunt ibidem ij porci pretium cujuslibet xviij *d.* Item xxxiiij oves utriusque sexus, pretium cujuslibet viij*d.* Item . . . . . agni pretium cujuslibet v*d.* Item viij auce pretium cujuslibet ij*d.* Item xl pult. pretium cujuslibet obolum.

Bladum in terra crescens.—Item sunt ibidem xvj acre frumenti in terra crescentis pretium acre iiij *s.* Item xvj acre ordei pretium acre iij*s.* Item dimidium acre fabarum, pretium ij*s.* Item xvj acre avene pretium acre ij*s.* Item iij acre pisarum, pretium acre xviij*d.* Item est ibidem fenum quod valet per estimationem v*s.*

Decima garbarum.—Item habet decimas garbarum ecclesie de Brixham que estimantur hoc anno cum capella de Thurchton [Churchston?] ad xl marcas. Summa xxxvj *li.* xvj*s.* iij*d.*

Cliston locus adjacens eidem prioratui.

Item sunt ibidem iij tabule mensales cum sex trescellis, pretium xij*d.* Item in coquina iij olle enee pretium xij*s.* Item una patella . . . . . Item j buket ferro ligatus pretium vj*d.* Item in pistrina vj dolia vacua pretium cujuslibet vj*d.* Item ij cime pretium cujuslibet iiij*d.* Item est ibidem j affra . . . . . pretium v*s.* Item vj boves pretium cujuslibet vj*s.* viij*d.* Item una vacca, pretium v*s.* Item ij juvence pretium cujuslibet iij*s.* Item vj boviculi pretium cujuslibet iij*s.* Item . . . . . pretium cujuslibet viii*d.* Item sex porcelli, pretium cujuslibet iij*d.* Item xxx oves utriusque sexus, pretium capitis ix*d.* Item xxxvij agni pretium capitis iiij*d.* Item xij auce, pretium cujuslibet ij*d.* Item sunt ibidem viij acre siliginis crescentis in terra, pretium acre iiij *s.* Item viij acre avenarum pretium acre xx*d.* Item est ibidem fenum quod valet per estimationem xij*s.* Item habet decimas garbarum ecclesie de Cliston que estimantur hoc anno ad xx marcas. Summa xxij*li.* xj*s.* j*d.*

Summa summarum cxvij*li.* xix*s.* x*d.*

Num. IV.

Indulgentia pro capella S. Petri*.

(Penes archidiaconum Tottoniæ.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Edmundus miseratione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Pietatis operibus totiens credimus insistere quociens mentes fidelium ad devocionis opera per allectiva indulgentiarum munera propensius excitamus. Cupientes igitur ut capella S. Petri apostoli prope burgum de Tottoneys nostre diocesis dignis frequentetur honoribus et a Christi fidelibus jugiter veneretur, de omnipotentis Dei immensa miseracordia et beatissime Virginis Marie genetricis ejusdem, necnon et beatorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli patronorum nostrorum omniumque sanctorum meritis et precibus confidentes, cunctis Christi fidelibus de peccatis suis vere penitentibus et confessis, qui ad dictam capellam causa devotionis accesserint et ibidem ad honorem Dei et dicti Sancti Petri oracionem dominicam cum salutatione angelica dixerint mente devota, seu ad sustentationem ejusdem aliqua de bonis sibi a Deo collatis grata contulerint,

* Anthony, cardinal of Aquileia, granted an indulgence of 100 days to all benefactors and pious pilgrims to this chapel of S. Peter, " prope burgum de Tottoneys, infra eundem burgum et mare situata," who shall pray " pro animabus Johannis Thomas, burgensis dicti burgi et Johanne ejus uxoris, suorumque liberorum, consanguineorum, et benefactorum, ac pro anima Stephani de Lafownt." This indulgence is dated from Rome, Nov. 25, 1421, the fifth year of the pontificate of Martin V.

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legaverint seu quovismodo assignaverint subsidia caritatis, quadraginta dies indulgentie misericorditer in Domino concedimus per presentes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum Tottonie vicesimo quinto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini MCCCCXXII° et nostre translationis anno secundo.

Num. V.

Valor Ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII. vol. ii. p. 367.

Domus sive prioratus beate Marie de Totton in decanatu Totton, et in diocesi Exonie.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum pencionum decimarum oblacionum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Ricardus prior domus et ecclesie beate Marie de Totton predicto infra aliquem archidiaconatum aliqualiter in jure monasterii predicti modo seisitus existit prout postea patebit ex fundacione.

Manerium de Ayssheprynglon.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	34	6	2			
De perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	15	10			
Inde solutum Johanni Somayster et heredibus suis pro redditu unius gurgitis super terram suam currentis ad molendinum dicti prioris per annum	–	1	–	35	1	–
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Bryxham.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	9	14	8			
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	–	5	10	9	12	6
Inde solutum priori de Tywardreth in comitatu Cornubie et successoribus suis pro decimis garbarum de Woodhuysh per annum	–	8	–			
Et remanet clare						

Garston et Totton.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium ibidem per annum	5	7	6½			
Redditus assise tenencium tam per indenturam quam ad voluntatem ibidem per annum	7	12	8	13	10	10½
Et pro firma molendini per annum	–	10	8			

Garston.

Redditus assise firme ibidem per annum	5	–	–

Volaton, alias Folaton.

Redditus assise firme ibidem per annum	9	–	–

Stert.

Redditus assise firme ibidem cum uno prato vocato *Priours mede* et le *marshis* cum uno orto monasterio predicto adjacente per annum	3	–	–			
Inde solutum Johanni Stephans rectori de Dertyngton et successoribus suis pro decima firme predicte annuatim	–	10	–			
Et custodi domus Beate Marie Magdalene de Totton et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu per annum	–	–	6	5	11	–
Et custodi ecclesie de Totton predicto et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu per annum	–	–	2			
Et majori et ville Totton et successoribus suis per annum	–	–	4			
Et magistro et sociis suis et successoribus suis collegii domini regis in Cantebreg, vocati God's howse, pro quadam pencione annuatim ibidem per annum	2	–	–			
Et remanet clare	–	–	–			

Manerium de Brode Clyst et Exon.

Redditus assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per indenturam et ad voluntatem per annum	5	13	4			
Inde solutum priori Sancti Johannis infra civitatem Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu per annum	–	4	–	5	8	4
Et majori et communitati Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu per annum	–	1	–			
Et remanet clare	–	–	–			

Summa omnium possessionum temporalium	68	1	8½
Inde solutum Johanni Gilbert capitali senescallo omnium possessionum prioratus predicti pro feodo suo per annum	1	6	8
Et Willielmo Huckemore subsenescallo pro feodo suo per annum	–	13	4
Et Willielmo Franckelyng receptori generali omnium possessionum predictarum pro feodo suo per annum	2	–	–
Et Andree Hillersdon auditori omnium possessionum predictarum pro feodo suo per annum	1	13	4
Summa allocationum	5	13	4
Et remanet clare	62	8	4½

Possessiones spirituales predicti prioris de Totton.

Vicaria de Bryxham.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pensionem de vicaria predicta per annum	1	6	8

Vicaria de Loddiswyll.

Percipit annuatim unam annualem pensionem de vicaria predicta per annum	–	6	8

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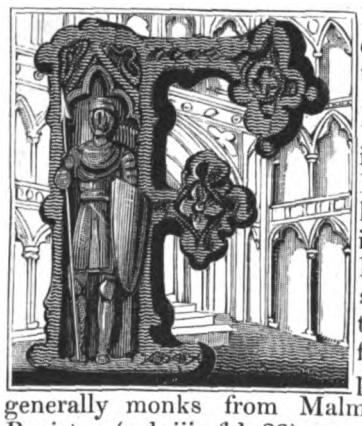
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Priorissa de Corneworthy.						
Percipit annuatim unam annualem pensionem de priorissa predicta per annum				–	13	–
Rectoria de Totton.						
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum decimis tam majoribus quam minoribus, videlicet:						
Annuatim de Johanne priore de Plympton	–	6	8			
Et de custode collegii vicariorum de Kalender Hay annuatim	–	2	–			
De Henrico Fortescue de Ermyngton armigero, annuatim	–	8	–			
Et de Seynt Mary Doole (dole?) annuatim	1	–	–			
De Petro Eggecomb milite annuatim	–	15	2½			
De decimis personalibus parochialium de Totton annuatim	15	–	–	22	12	4
Et pro omnibus aliis decimis oblacionibus predicte rectorie pertinentibus annuatim . . .	5	11	9			
Inde solutum archidiacono predicto pro procuracione annuatim	–	6	8			
Et pro sinodatico	–	2	5			
Et pro visitacione episcopo predicto, &c. annuatim*	–	2	2½			
Rectoria de Brodeclyst.						
Decima garbarum ibidem valet per annum £47 et sic dimittitur ad firmam per indenturam Johanni Crugge pro termino annorum.						
Inde solutum . . . . . abbatisse de Syon et successoribus suis pro decimis terre de Clyst per annum	–	8	10			
Et . . . . priori Sancti Nicholai Exonie et successoribus suis pro decimis terrarum dominicalium de Est Clyst annuatim	–	4	8			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus annuatim	–	4	6	45	17	2
Et pro sinodatico ibidem per annum	–	3	4			
Et pro visitacione episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis annuatim	–	1	6			
Et remanet clare						
Summa totalis omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti prioris Tottonie				70	15	10
Resolucio denariorum.						
Inde solutum vicario Tottonie et successoribus suis pro uno annuali pencione per annum	8	–	–			
Et diversis pauperibus in elemosinis in die cene Domini annuatim ex provisione fundatoris ibidem	–	5	–	8	15	0
Et rectori de Dertyngton et successoribus suis annuatim pro decima firme de Stert . .	–	10	–			
Summa allocacionum						
Summa omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium monasterii predicti clare				124	9	2½
Inde pro decima				12	8	11¼

Pilton Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF BARNSTAPLE.



FROM Domesday it is evident that the manor of Pilton was part of the possessions of the great benedictine abbey of Malmsbury † in Wiltshire in the reign of Edward the Confessor. Leland, in his Itinerary, (vol. iii. p.114.) states, that "King Ethelstane gave Pilton lordship to Malmesbyri." When the cell of Our Lady was founded there does not appear; but the members were generally monks from Malmesbury; and from Lacy's Register (vol. iii. fol. 83) we collect that its priors were perpetual, that is, when once appointed to the office could not be removed without being convicted of a canonical fault. They also performed the duty of the ordinary parish priest of Pilton, and are therefore frequently described in the episcopal registers as instituted "ad prioratum et ecclesiam parochialem de Pilton." The property of the house was small, as most of the lands in the neighbourhood were in the possession either of Barnestaple priory or the abbey of Cleve. In 21 Edw. I. it possessed property in "Saintemarilegh," now Mariansleigh, of the gift of some ancestor of the Pomerays of Berry (Testa de Nevil. 190‡).

The site of the priory was on the north side of the present parish church, and we believe the quire of the monks extended eastward of the church tower; perhaps in the north aisle was the chapel of S. James, where a daily mass was offered for the souls of the Tracy family (see Appendix, No. I).

The names of the following priors have been recovered:

Ralph occurs as prior about the year 1200, in a deed respecting the Lepers' House at Pilton (see Archæologia, vol. xii. p. 211).

Adam was admitted prior May 4, 1261.

Richard de Ralegh, or *Iwelegh*, succeeded August 29, 1282.

John de Stanlegh was appointed December 2, 1283.

William Wrockeshale occurs December 27, 1311. He died early in 1316.

* In Vesey's register, vol. ii. p. 105 b, it is stated that the bishop, on his triennial visitation, received 6*s.* 8*d.* for Totnes, and the like sum for Broadclist rectory.

† Maidulf, an Irish monk, founded here a small poor monastery, called from him Maidulfsbury, afterwards corrupted into Malmesbury. Aldhelm was his illustrious disciple.

‡ The church of Mariansleigh was dedicated to S. Marina. The grant of the manor and advowson by Reginald de Mohun to Berlinch abbey is in Lacy's register, vol. iii. fol. 272.

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Henry de Peckyngehall was instituted April 29, 1316 (see Bishop Stapeldon's Register, fol. 112); he resigned in the spring of 1336.

John de Bockynham succeeded on the 17th of the following May.

John de Lakenhull followed, who died early in 1349.

Simon de Aucneye, instituted May 8 of that year, was prior about four months, when he became abbot of Malmesbury, and died in office in 1360.

John de Rodebourne, confirmed October 12, 1349.

Thomas Brokenborwe, admitted January 25, 1362.

John occurs as prior in the year 1397.

William Charleton succeeded the following year, and held his office until his death in the winter of 1412.

Richard Kingeswode succeeded on the 4th of the following January, 1412-13. He died in December 1421.

Thomas Evesham. He died early in 1434. He satisfactorily proved his right to some landed property in North Molton, from which some persons were seeking to exclude him on the ground that the priors of Pilton were not perpetual, but removable at pleasure. See Bp. Lacy's return, dated March 9, 1429, to the king's writ, dated March 9, 1429. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 83.)

William Worcester, admitted July 23 that year. On July 8, 1438, bishop Lacy allowed him to have service in capellâ suâ de Legh, in parochiâ de Merwode (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 141). From the same register (fol. 240) we learn that the priory presented to Ashford Church. From the same register (fol. 118) we collect that much dissension had existed between this prior and his community, as proprietors of Pilton parish church, and Hugh Lyton, the prior of Barnstaple, and his convent, respecting the boundaries and limits of the respective parishes, and concerning the right of taking tithes in the lands of Puntyngdon, and in a meadow belonging to John Chichester, esq. lying on the east side of Pilton fosse, commonly called Hollyfforde. Bishop Lacy, always the friend of peace, was anxious to settle this difference, and, being on his visitation at Pilton, summoned the parties before him on July 15, 1435, when they agreed to leave the decision of their claims to him. He accordingly examined the following persons:

Thomas Pyllond, esq., aged	74
Walter Worthy	60
John Cole	48
Walter Hayne	30
John Patryck	46
John Hoo	60
John Perkat	70
John Jonys	40
John Wheton	56
Laurence Smyth	40
Thomas Drew	40
John Pycard	46
Stephen Cole	53
John Junner	76
Baldwin Andrew	40
John Vaylok	40

who deposed, that the boundaries of Barum and Pilton commenced at the wooden cross on the south side of the fosse leading from Barnstaple to Pilton, commonly called Pilton fosse; and so ascending from that cross on the south side of the leat of the mills belonging to the prior of Barnstaple unto the angle of the garden of the said prior of Barnstaple, and so along the hedge of the said garden ascending on the south side of the said mill-leat, to a close called Stanburgh lying on the south side of the said leat; and thence ascending through two closes, then in the occupation of Thomas Paswore of Barum, on the same side along the prior of Barnstaple's land to Pyggestake, as the path between Ralegh wood on the north part and the prior of Barnstaple's wood called Holewode on the south part leads and points out. Such, as far as the memory of the witnesses could trace, and as far as they could collect evidence from the oldest persons then and before, were ever accounted the true and ancient boundaries; consequently that the meadow of John Chichester was always reputed as being within Pilton parish, and titheable to Pilton priory; and the same they deposed of Potyngdon or Puntyngdon.

They further deposed that a dispute once existed between Simon Cole, prior of Barnstaple, and William Charleton, prior of Pilton, as to the right of the latter to take tithes on the contested lands, when cultivated by the prior and convent of Barnstaple; but that the question was settled by the intervention of mutual friends, and every kind of tithe continued, as before, to be paid to Pilton priory.

Bishop Lacy took time to consider all the merits of the case, and at length, on October 11, 1435, decided entirely in favour of Pilton priory, and confirmed the ancient boundaries. In his generosity, he presented ten marks to each of the priories, to keep them in good humour with each other.

Leland says, that "one Stawford, a merchant of London, made the causey and bridge at each end of it betwixt Berstaple priory and Pilton." We know from the same register, (fol. 357,) that Bishop Lacy had encouraged the faithful to contribute to the work as early as January 3, 1451*; and again Bishop Veysey, April 22, 1521, invited his flock to come forwards in aid "pontis et calceti inter villas de Barum et Pylton."

Prior William Worcester died in January, 1445-6.

John Andover succeeded him, but was elected abbot of Malmesbury the following year, and held that dignity until his death in 1462.

Robert Upton, admitted April 8, 1457, on the presentation of John Andover elected and installed abbot of Malmesbury; on whose death

Thomas Oldeston succeeded on August 26, 1472.

William Kyngswood, died in 1502.

John Bewmont, S.T.B., was admitted October 18, 1502, and died early in 1513.

William Alday succeeded March 22, and held office until his death.

Simon Rumsey followed on August 25, 1517, and died ten years later.

John Ross, the last prior, was confirmed his successor December 19, 1527: he and Richard Pilton and John Caw, alias Calre, subscribed to the king's supremacy, September 3, 1533. To this act was attached the splendid circular seal with its reverse, of which a rude engraving may be seen in plate xxv. vol. iv. of the last edition of Dugdale's Monasticon.

The obverse has three elaborate canopies; the centre one occupied by the patroness, the blessed Virgin Mary crowned and sceptred, supporting in her right hand the infant Saviour; the legend, with double roses between each word, is:

VIRGO . ROGA . PRO . ME . TOTUM . SEMPER . TIBI . DO . ME.

The canopies on either side contain angels.

The reverse has also three beautiful canopies. The centre occupied by the supposed founder, King Athelstan; on the dexter side is an escutcheon suspended to a tree and bearing a bird displayed. On the sinister side are his own arms; saltier gules and azure, on a mound a cross botonny, crowned or. The legend,

HOC . ATHELSTANVS . AGO . QUOD . PRESENS . SIGNAT . IMAGO.

At the dissolution of the priory, its site and adjoining estates were leased, December 4, 1536, by king Henry VIII. to Richard Duke, esq., for a term of 21 years; but the crown allowed six pounds a year out of the rent for the maintenance of a curate, and, strange to say, the church did not become a perpetual curacy till 1713. The fee was subsequently granted by the king to George Rolle, esq., who seems to have sold it shortly after to Sir John Chichester, knight. From that family it descended to the Sydenhams, Northmores, and Incledons, and is now the property of James Whyte, esq.

* Our bishops were great encouragers of the master masons, in the erection of bridges and causeways. In the beginning of bishop Bronescombe's register we read, that on November 3, 1259, "Obtinuit Thomas de Pente, cartam domini episcopi de protectione persone et rerum, ut reficiat pontes et calceas per episcopatum Exon."

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Christopher Maynwaringe, of Exeter, gent., by his deed executed April 29, 1585, 27 Eliz., in consideration of £30, conveyed to Thomas Walker, of Exeter, merchant, a stable and garden, in S. Paul's parish, Exeter, late part and parcel of the possessions of Pilton priory, and which had been purchased by George Maynwaringe, deceased, of John Blackaller, John Midwynter, William Hurst, William Buckenham, Thomas Prestwood, and John Peryam, citizens of Exeter, on April 1, 1550, 4 Edw. VI.

A fair was granted to Pilton, 18 Edw. III., 1344. (Rot. Cart.) Leland observes (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 114) that "Pilton stondeth by making of cloth."

We shall here notice some chapels and ecclesiastical buildings connected with Pilton.

Within Pilton churchyard stood S. Agnes' chapel, to which adjoined a chamber for a recluse. Here bishop Grandisson allowed a female* to retreat, Nov. 4, 1329, and May 24, 1332, "in quodam cubiculo olim erecto et capelle Sancte Agnetis in cemeterio ecclesie de Pilton contiguo." (Register, vol. ii. fol. 28. 151.)

Close to the churchyard was also erected S. Margaret's Leper Hospital. It is mentioned in a deed of settlement, entered into before Henry Marshall, bishop of Exeter, in 1197, as then governed by a superior or prior. A rent from a burgage in Barum was given to it in 1218 by Richard, son of Richard Fitz Walter, and a small rent from a garden in the same town, in 1264, by Philip Puleyn. Bishop Brantyngham, January 9, 1375, granted an indulgence of forty days to all sincere penitents who should contribute to the better support of its inmates. Happily this benevolent institution has not perished in the wreck of charitable property devoted to the poor. It is now vested in the feoffees of the parish, who elect a prior, brother, and sister, for life, and grant leases under the ancient seal of the house, inscribed

SIGILL . LEPROSOR . BEATE . MARGARETE . DE . PYLTON.

See an interesting report on this hospital by the late Benjamin Incledon, esq., read to the Society of Antiquaries in 1795, in the Archæologia; and also the report of the commissioners of charities.

A perpetual chantry existed in Pilton, "pro animabus Willielmi de Ralegh, militis, progenitorum et successorum suorum." Originally it was within the parish church, "in ecclesia parochiali de Pilton" (Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 146); but a few years later, certainly in 1354, it had been removed to Ralegh Court; for Bishop Grandisson describes it as "cantaria capelle Sancti Leonardi infra manerium de Ralegh in parochia de Pylton."

From the Raleghs this manor and house passed to the Chichesters, Hoopers, Bassets, and Incledons, and is now the property of Mr. Hodge, a banker of Devonport, who bought it of Robert Newton Incledon, esq. It is called Ralegh Park.

The last chantry priest, we believe, was John Ffrenshe, admitted Aug. 26, 1545, on the death of John Kyng, the late incumbent, on the presentation of Henry Fortescue, esq., in right of the jointure of Jane his wife, relic of John Chichester, esq., lately deceased. (Veysey's Reg. vol. i. fol. 117.)

A chapel for the Pillond family, at Pillond, was licensed March 17, 1371, by bishop Brantyngham; and on May 5, 1403, by bishop Stafford.

* By the constitution of Edmund, archbishop of Canterbury, none could become recluses "sine licentia loci diœcesani speciali." See Lynwode's Provinciale.

Num. I.

De missâ celebrandâ quotidie in capellâ beati Jacobi apud Pilton.

(Dugdale's Monasticon, vol. i. p. 261, new ed.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, W. . . . . Dei gracia abbas Malmesburie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos divine miseracionis intuitu ad instanciam et petitionem domini Henrici de Traci eidem Henrico concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse, videlicet, ut singulis diebus una missa pro defunctis in capella Sancti Jacobi in Pilton ab uno fratrum nostrorum ibidem commorancium, scilicet pro animabus Henrici de Tracy avi sui, et Oliveri patris sui, et Hawysie ave sue et omnium antecessorum et successorum suorum. Predicto eciam Henrico et prenominatis defunctis concessimus participacionem omnium bonorum que fuerint in ecclesia nostra et in aliis locis ad ecclesiam nostram pertinentibus, sicut uni ex nobis. In hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Testibus, etc.

Num. II.

Compositio de Pilton.

(Bronescombe, Reg. fol. 18. Vid. etiam Reg. Quivill, fol. 113.)

Kalendis Maii anno gratie m.cc.lxi. hec compositio facta est inter Walterum episcopum, decanum et capitulum Exon. ex parte una, et Willelmum abbatem conventum et monasterium Malmesburiense, Salesbir. dioc. ex altera. Videlicet, cum inter episcopum, decanum et capitulum Exon. et abbatem conventum et monasterium predictum super jure et possessione officii visitationis jure ordinario exercendi in cella beate Marie de Pilton Exon. dioc. ad predictum monasterium Malmesb. pertinente, necnon et modo instituendi et destituendi priores seu administratores in cella memorata, suborta esset materia questionis, tandem inter partes ipsas de litium fluctubus ad pacis quietem transire volentes, questio predicta in hunc modum realiter conquievit, videlicet, quod predictus episcopus et successores sui poterunt ipsam nomine suo et ecclesie Exon. cellam predictam de Pilton jure ordinario sine reclamatione de cetero visitare, et que correctione indigebunt in rebus et personis canonice instaurabunt, hoc adhibito moderamine ad gravamen sumptuum monasterii et celle predict. vitandum in hac parte, quod ejusdem loci priores dicto episcopo et ejus successoribus nomine cujuslibet procurationis, visitationis, debite seu debende, xx solidos sterlingorum duntaxat impendant†. Prefati itaque abbas et conventus Malmesb. et eorum successores dictam cellam Pilton, per mortem, cessionem, resignationem seu alio modo legitimo, vacantem, idoneas successive personas, priores seu administratores instituendos ibidem dicto domino episcopo et ejus successoribus de cetero presentabunt, qui curam, administrationem, seu regimen ab eodem episcopo et ejus successoribus recipient, et, nisi eis aliquid canonicum obsistat, sine difficultate admittent. Et ut hoc perpetuo inviolabiliter observetur inter partes, episcopus, decanus, capitulum, abbas et conventus predicti tenore presentium hujusmodi modo se obligant in perpetuum, et presenti scripto sigilla sua ad perpetuam rei memoriam alternatim apposuerunt.

† From Bishop Veysey's Register, vol. ii. fol. 105 b, we learn that the customary payment made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of Pilton was, besides the twenty shillings, "pro ecclesia parochiali sive rectoria ibidem, 6*s.* 8*d.*"

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Num. III.

Prioratus beate Marie Virginis de Pylton.

Verus et annuus valor omnium dominiorum maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum et aliarum possessionum quorumcunque tam temporalium quam spiritualium infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes Rosse prior monasterii beate Marie Virginis de Pylton predicta in decanatu Barnistapolie et infra jurisdictionem archidiaconatus Barnistapolie predicte Exoniensisque diocesis in comitatu Devonie aliqualiter modo inde seseitus existit in feodo seu aliter in jure monasterii sui predicti prout postea patebit.

Possessiones temporales predicti prioris.

Devon.

Manerium de Pylton predict' cum membris*.

	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	xiij	vij	iiij			
In redditu assise tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium in diversis parochiis existentium infra diocesim et comitatum predictum per annum	xv	xv	iiij			
Ultra iij$^{s.}$ solutos Henrico Duci Richemundie et heredibus suis pro redditibus suis pro capitali redditu annuatim imperpetuum.				xxii	xviij	viij
liij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ solutos Roberto Byrt capitali seneschallo monasterii predicti annuatim imperpetuum.						
xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ solutos Hugoni Yeo subseneschallo et auditori monasterii predicti per annum						
Et liij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ solutos Andree Elys ballivo et receptori denariorum monasterii predicti pro feodo suo per annum.						
Sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis, remanet clare						

Possessiones spirituales predicti prioris.

Rectoria de Pylton predicta appropriata priori ibidem.

	£.	s.	d.			
Valet in redditu assise de le glebe land	xij	xiiij	viij			
Exitus decimarum garbarum	vij	x	–			
Lane	–	xxx	–			
Agnellorum	–	xxj	–			
Vitulorum	–	vj	iij			
Porcellorum	–	ij	vj			
Porri	–	–	xx			
Lacticinii	–	–	xx			
Le hympe (hemp)	–	–	ij			
Pomorum	–	–	xx			
Feni	–	xxij	iiij	xxxiij	xiiij	– ob'
Oblacionibus	–	xxxij	–			
Decimis predialibus et aliis emolumentis in libro paschali existentibus per annum communibus annis	viij	ix	–			
Ultra viij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$ ob' solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione communibus annis.						
iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ solutos eidem episcopo ac archidiacono et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum.						
Et vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ solutos archidiacono Barnistapolie et successoribus suis pro procuracione annuatim imperpetuum.						
Sic omnibus allocacionibus deductis, remanet clare						
Summa totalis omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium predicti prioris de Pylton predicta				lvj	xij	viij ob'
Inde pro decima				–	cxiij	iij q'

* The "members" included property distinct from Pilton; for it is certain that the priory had other temporalities besides this manor. The ministers' accounts, tempore Hen. VIII., only answer for the fixed rent at which the whole property was demised, and therefore throw no light on the particular sources of revenue.

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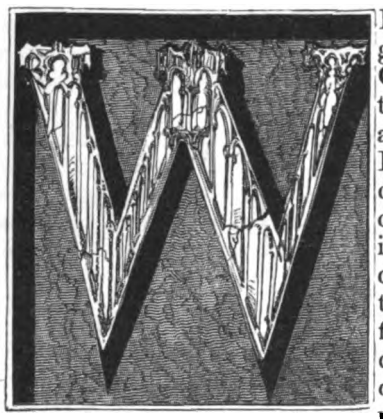
Otterton Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF AYLESBEAR.



ILLIAM the Conqueror granted the manors of Otterton, Otrinton, or Otterington, of Yarticombe *, and of Doniton (now called Dotton) to the great Benedictine abbey of S. Michael in Periculo Maris, in the diocese of Avranches (of which some notices will be found in the first part of this work, under the priory of S. Michael's Mount). In the reign of King John, if not before†, it became a distinct priory for four monks; and that king is said to have granted to the abbey the manors of Sidmouth‡ and Budleigh; but his supposed grant was probably a mere confirmation. The family surnamed Janitor, lords of Bicton, so called because they were keepers of the gate of the castle of Exeter and the gaol there, (see Testa de Nevil, p. 194,) were also donors of property in that lordship, as appears by deeds in the Appendix§.

Bishop Henry Marshall, by his deed dated Crediton, Aug. 31, 1206, appropriated Sidmouth church with several other benefices in the diocese of Exeter to the said abbey and convent to enable them to exercise greater hospitality, "ad peregrinorum et hospitum susceptionem." Bishop Brewer also confirmed the grant of Otterton church, with its chapel of La Hederland, for the same purpose; and the appropriation was duly ratified by Stephen Langton, archbishop of Canterbury, September, 1225.

During the wars between France and England, the manor and church of Sidmouth, together with Otterton and its dependencies, were often seized by our sovereigns, until at last King Henry V., April 20, 1415, annexed them to his noble foundation of Sion House, Middlesex, in whose possession they remained until the dissolution of that monastery in 1539.

The following names of priors have been preserved:—

Richard, as prior, attested a deed with bishop Bartholomew and Robert, the archdeacon of Totnes.

Nicholas occurs in 1205.

In the deeds of the vicars choral, Exeter, is the "finis concordie in curia domini regis apud vetus templum a die pasche in quindecim dies anno regni regis Johannis sexto," between Geffry de Aulemar, plaintiff, and Nicholas, prior of Otterton, deforciant, "de advocacione ecclesie de Wudebire;" the said Geffry, in consideration of thirty-three marks of silver, remised and quitted claim to the abbot of S. Michael's Mount and his successors, and to the priory of Otterton, "totum jus et clameum in predicta advocacione de se et heredibus suis imperpetuum." Abbot Jordan immediately afterwards resigned the advowson to bishop Henry Marshall. This prior occurs again in the year 1212.

Henry is mentioned in several deeds in the cartulary of Otterton. (See Appendix, post.)

William de Kernit or *Quernit*: he was elected abbot of Tavistock in 1220, and held that dignity four years. (See Cartul. p. 55.)

William Turkeville or *Tordeville* occurs as prior in the years 1227, 1229, and 1235.

William Uddewin. (Cartul. p. 52.)

John de Mamita, or *Medintta*, occurs as prior in deeds of 1251 and 1257. (Cartul. p. 59.)

Gaufridus Legat, the compiler of the custumale, of which more hereafter, occurs in a deed dated February 12, 1259. (Cartul. p. 56.)

William de Pratellis was admitted by bishop Bronescombe, Dec. 21, 1266. In his time bishop Bronescombe assigned to the vicar of Otterton "totum altalagium et totam decimam feni, excepta decima molendinorum et nutrimentorum alicujus prioris." (See Register, fol. 43, 1269.)

Richard Jordan was admitted by the same bishop "ad prioratum qui tanto tempore vacavit," April 10, 1276. This prior agreed to the taxation of Harpford made by bishop Quivil, June 14, 1284. He seems to be the Ricardus Blandoyt who granted in fee a messuage in S. Paul's-street, Exeter, to Nicholas de Wedergrave; but reserved to himself and succeeding priors a lodging therein at assize time. (See Appendix, Num. XVII.) That he lived to a great age is evident from Stapeldon's register, fol. 45.

Robert de Lovel, instituted April 27, 1310: he resigned in August, 1316.

Robert de Albodoyto ||, alias *Ryvo*, succeeded in the following September, but resigned in three years. He agreed to the composition concerning the vicarage of Otterton, dated February 5, 1317; on whose resignation,

Ogerius Bueys, alias *Cordon*, was presented by his abbot John, to bishop Stapeldon, July 25, 1319. (See his letter between fol. 152-3 of his register.) He held the office till his death thirty-three years later.

Thomas Sedile succeeded, May 30, 1352. The following bull of Pope Innocent VI., addressed to this prior and ratifying his institution, may be acceptable to our readers:

"Innocentius episcopus servus servorum Dei dilecto

* Bishop Stapeldon, on October 17, 1311, dedicated the high altar of the parish church of Yarcombe. (Reg. fol. 64.) Bishop Lacy, on April 9, 1421, licensed there a chapel of ease, dedicated to S. John.

† The donor of Budleigh is stated, in Testa de Nevil (p. 194), to have been Henry I., who gave it in lieu of lands bestowed by him on Reading abbey, and taken, as it should seem, from S. Michael's. (See Otterton Abstract, art. 34, post, Num. XX.) The writ in the close roll (cited post, Num. I.) shows a difference of opinion between the king's escheator and the prior as to the donor of the property. The prior alleges that Sidmouth and Budleigh, as well as Otterton, were given by the Conqueror. The escheator ascribes the gift of all to King John. The escheator was, at all events, wrong; for Otterton had been given before the Domesday Survey was compiled.—S.

‡ In the registers it is called "ecclesia Sancti Egidii de Sydemewe," and the rents of the tenants were formerly usually paid "ad festum Sancti Egidii." Leland (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 59) was strangely misinformed when he states that Sidmouth and Otterton were cells to Montburgh abbey. There was never any cell at all at Sidmouth.

§ The Pohers or Poers (whose name often occurs in Devonshire in connexion with places) were also benefactors. This family was of Breton origin, assuming the name of a place in Cornouaille, which became a vicomté. The name was formerly spelt (according to Morice, Bretagne; Preuves, vol. i. passim) Poukaer, Pochaer, &c.; probably a slight variation from Polcaer, in which form we should have no difficulty in discerning a Celtic origin.

In the Placita de Quo Warranto (fol. 174, 177) will be found the franchises claimed, temp. Edw. I., by the abbot of S. Michael, in Otterton, Budleigh, and Yarcombe; and in the latter entry we find the abbot impleaded by the crown as having no title to the manor of Budleigh. The result is not mentioned; but as the abbey continued to be the owner long afterwards, we may infer that the suit was dropped by the crown. There was, however, and perhaps still is, more than one manor of Budleigh. That of Otterton priory obtained the name of Budleigh-Sion after its transfer to the monastery of Sion. (Lysons' Devonshire, part i. p. 86.)—S.

|| "Albodoyto" seems to be the same name as that of "Blandoyt" alluded to above.

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filio Thome Sedile priori prioratus de Otriton ordinis Sancti Benedicti Exoniensis diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Religionis zelus, vite ac morum honestas, aliaque probitatis et virtutum merita super quibus apud nos fidedigno commendaris testimonio, nos inducunt ut te specialis favoris gratia prosequamur. Exhibita siquidem nobis pro parte tua petitio continebat, quod olim prioratu de Otriton ordinis Sancti Benedicti Exoniensis diocesis, quem quondam Ogerius ultimus ipsius prioratus prior dum viveret obtinebat, per ipsius Ogerii obitum, qui extra Romanam curiam diem clausit extremum, vacante, dilecti filii abbas et conventus monasterii Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris dicti ordinis Abrincensis diocesis veri patroni ejusdem prioratus et in possessione pacifica seu quasi juris presentandi priorem ad eundem prioratum existentes, te ad dictum prioratum sic vacantem et ab eodem monasterio dependentem, et per monachos ejusdem monasterii, cujus monachus expresse professus existis, solitum gubernari, venerabili fratri nostro Johanni episcopo Exoniensi infra tempus legitimum presentarunt, idemque episcopus te in priorem instituit dicti prioratus canonice nisi apostolice reservationes obstarent, tuque vigore presentationis et institutionis hujusmodi dictum prioratum pacifice assecutus illum diu tenuisti et possedisti, prout tenes et possides pacifice et quiete: cum autem sicut eadem petitio subjungebat, tu dubites dictum prioratum tempore presentationis seu institutionis hujusmodi fore dispositioni sedis apostolice reservatum, teque propterea posse super eo imposterum molestari; nos igitur volentes te in presbyteratus ordine constitutum premissorum meritorum tuorum intuitu favore prosequi gratioso, tuis in hac parte supplicacionibus inclinati, volumus, et apostolica tibi auctoritate concedimus, quod presentacio et institucio predicte, et quecumque inde secuta, perinde a dato presentium valeant et plenam obtineant roboris firmitatem, ac si dictus prioratus tempore presentationis vel institutionis hujusmodi dispositioni sedis predicte reservatus minime extitisset. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre concessionis et voluntatis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire; siquis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei, et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Datum Avinion II. Kal. Februarii pontificatus nostri anno quinto." [January 31, 1358.]

Simon Guarin. For his immorality and contumacy he incurred excommunication. Bishop Brantyngham, August 14, 1474, ordered publication of the sentence against him to be made in S. Mary's church, Exeter. Probably he returned to a sense of his duty.

From a French deed, dated London, December 1, 1389, it appears that the abbot and convent of S. Michael's had assigned to Sir Peter Courtenay, for the term of his life, the priory of Otterton with all its possessions, tithes, oblations, obventions, spiritual and temporal; and further had granted to his executors to hold and enjoy the "annus post mortem." By this deed Sir Peter acknowledged, that at the expiration of the term aforesaid the abbey and convent, as chief patrons and lords of the priory, should reenter as fully into their property and rights as before their grant made to him.

Thomas Paga, admitted Aug. 19, 1393.

Robert Magne was instituted Sept. 30, 1403, and appears to have been the last prior of Otterton. We have already stated that king Henry V. conveyed its possessions to Sion House.

Bishop Grandisson stated, in his return to the king's writ, that the priory in 1334 held, "in proprios usus," the parish churches of Otterton, Harpford, Sidmouth, and Yarticombe, at that time valued at £35 per annum, and received a pension of 5*s.* from Broadclist.

Forty-one years afterwards, bishop Brantyngham reported to the same King Edward, that Sidmouth church was valued at the annual sum of £20

Otterton church, at	20
Harpford, at	5
Yarticombe, at	20

and that Clyston church paid yearly to Otterton priory the sum of five shillings.

The manor of Yarticombe or Yarcombe continued in the crown until Queen Elizabeth granted it to Robert, earl of Leycester, and John Morley, esq., who sold it, Jan. 10, 1581, to Richard Drake, of London, esq. This gentleman sold it to Sir Francis Drake, knight, July 6, 1582, in whose family it still continues.

The manor of Otterton was purchased of Henry VIII. by Richard Duke, esq., a clerk of the Augmentation Court, for the sum of £1727 4*s.* 2*d.* This new proprietor, as we are told by Sir William Pole, (Collections, p. 151,) "bwilded a fayre howse in this place uppon an ascent over the river Otter, which driveth his milles underneath the howse." A part of this house is still to be seen near the church.

Some of the property included in the conveyance subsequently devolved to the family of Yonge, together with an interesting custumale or cartulary, now in the possession of Francis George Coleridge, of Ottery S. Mary, esq. To this gentleman, whose just appreciation of the value of the venerable document has led him to preserve it with more care than some of his predecessors have apparently bestowed upon it, we are indebted for a liberal permission to transcribe the instruments inserted in the Appendix.

Num. I.

Præceptum Regis escaetori suo, unde fundatio hujus prioratus constat.

(Claus. 6 Edw. III. m. 19.)

Rex dilecto sibi Henrico le Guilden escaetori suo in com. Somerset. Devon. et Cornub. salutem. Cum nos, nuper certiorari volentes super modo et causa captionis et detentionis duorum ferlingorum terre prioris de Oteryton cum pertinentiis in Buddele, necnon portus de Oterymuth ejusdem prioris una cum piscaria ipsius prioris in aqua ibidem per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Willielmum Trussel nuper escaetorem nostrum circa Trentam in manum nostram, et etiam super causa districtionis quam eidem priori fieri fecit pro quadam cantaria apud Oteryton sustentanda, et certa elemosina ibidem distribuenda, mandaverimus eidem Willielmo quod nos super modo et causa predictis redderet in cancellaria nostra certiores; ac idem Willielmus nobis certificaverit quod non cepit in manum nostram tenementa predicta, sed quod Robertus Selyman, nuper escaetor noster citra Trentam, predecessor suus, tempore substitutionis sue in officio predicto, inter alia terras et tenementa in comitatu Devon. liberavit sibi per indenturam duos ferlingos terre in Buddele et portum de Oterymuth cum piscaria, asserens unum ferlingum dicte terre necnon predictum portum cum piscaria esse in manu nostra occasione transgressionis quam abbas Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris per priorem suum de Oteryton fecit appropriando terram illam de Thoma le Brode et dictos portum et piscariam post publicationem statuti de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis editi; et alium ferlingum terre predictum esse in manu nostra ratione alienationis quam idem abbas inde fecit Nicholao Heraud; et quod dictum priorem distrinxit ad cantariam et elemosinam predictas faciendas pro eo quod, per memoranda de tempore Simonis de Bereford nuper escaetoris nostri citra Trentam penes ipsum existentia, invenit quod idem Simon asserebat se invenisse per inquisitionem coram ipso ex officio suo captam, quod Johannes quondam rex Anglie fundavit prioratum de Oteryton pro animabus progenitorum suorum, et ordinavit ibidem quatuor monachos ad celebranda divina ibidem imperpetuum, et ad distribuendum pauperibus ibidem venientibus qualibet septimana imperpetuum panem ad valentiam sexdecim solidorum, et quod idem rex dedit eisdem monachis, ad sustentandas predictas cantariam et elemosinam, maneria de Oteryton, Sidemuth, et Buddele, que valent per annum centum libre, quodque eedem cantaria et elemosina non modicum tempus subtracte fuerunt in prejudicium nostrum: et nos postmodum, ad prosecutionem ipsius prioris asserentis abbates loci predicti de dictis terra, portu, et piscaria a tempore quo non extat memoria semper usque ad captionem eorundem in manum nostram pacifice seisitos extitisse, et ipsos abbates, vel eorum aliquem, nulla terras

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seu tenementa in Buddele de prefato Thoma aliquo tempore, neque ante publicationem statuti predicti, neque post adquisivisse, et quod maneria predicta collata fuerint ecclesie sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus per celebris memorie Willielmum Conquestorem dudum Anglie regem, progenitorem nostrum, habenda et tenenda eisdem monachis et successoribus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam de quocunque onere quieta; volentes super premissis certiorari, mandaverimus prefato Willielmo tunc escaetori quod super premissis omnibus et singulis et aliis articulis ea contingentibus diligentem faceret inquisitionem; et jam per inquisitionem inde per prefatum Willielmum tunc escaetorem de mandato nostro factam et in cancellariam nostram retornatam compertum sit, quod predictus abbas per prefatum priorem suum de Oteryton sibi non appropriavit post statutum predictum unum ferlingum terre cum pertinentiis in Buddele, neque portum de Oterymuth cum piscaria in aqua ibidem, prout superius supponitur, et quod idem abbas et predecessores sui de eisdem ferlingo terre, portu, et piscaria, ut de jure ecclesie sue predicte ratione maneriorum suorum predictorum a dicto tempore quo non extat memoria, seisiti fuerint, et quod idem abbas non alienavit aliquam partem terre prefato Nicholao de manerio suo de Buddele quod de nobis tenet in capite, quodque maneria de Oteryton, Sydemuth, et Buddele collata fuerint per progenitores nostros Deo et dicte ecclesie Sancti Michaelis et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam absque aliquo onere cantariarum seu elemosinarum largitione facienda in prioratu predicto pro eisdem: Nos habita consideratione ad hoc, quod in certificatione thesaurarii et baronum nostrorum de scaccario nobis in cancellariam nostram de mandato nostro missa continetur quod rex Willielmus primus dedit in puram elemosinam dictum manerium de Oteryton cum pertinentiis abbatie de Periculo Maris in Normannia Montis Sancti Michaelis, et dedit abbatie de Radinges quando eam fundavit, volentesque eidem abbati in premissis fieri quod est justum, vobis mandamus quod manum nostram de predictis terra, portu, et piscaria cum pertinentiis sine dilatione ammoventes, necnon districtionibus faciendis eidem abbati ratione cantarie et elemosinarum predictarum supersederi facientes, vos inde ulterius non intromittatis, et exitus, si quos inde perceperitis, illis, quorum fuerint, sine dilatione restituatis, jure nostro inde in omnibus semper salvo. Teste rege apud Woodstok xxvij die Julii.

Num. II.

Literæ regis pro Radulpho L'Especk de terris in manerio de Otterton sine licenciâ regis obtentis.

(Pat. 5 Edw. III. par. 1, mem. 29.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Sciatis quod, cum celebris memorie dominus Willielmus quondam rex Anglie progenitor noster dedisset abbati de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris maneria de Otriton et Yertecome cum pertinentiis in comitatu Devonie, habenda et tenenda eidem abbati et successoribus suis imperpetuum; postmodum quidam Robertus quondam abbas ejusdem loci, assensu et consensu capituli sui, per cartam suam unum mesuagium et unam carucatam terre de predicto manerio de Otriton cum pertinentiis, et per aliam cartam suam unum mesuagium et unam carucatam terre de predicto manerio de Yertecome cum pertinentiis, Tholomeo de Otriton dedisset et concessisset, habenda et tenenda sibi et heredibus et assignatis suis de prefato Roberto abbate et successoribus suis imperpetuum per servicium reddendi pro predictis mesuagio et carucata terre de dicto manerio de Otryton viginti et quatuor solidos, et pro predictis mesuagio et carucata terre de dicto manerio de Yertecome quadraginta et octo solidos per annum, et faciendi quatuor sectas ad curiam ipsius abbatis et successorum suorum de Otriton, et quatuor sectas ad curiam suam de Yertecome; prefatusque Tholomeus et heredes sui, a tempore donationis et concessionis eidem Tholomeo sic facte, predicta mesuagia et duas carucatas terre cum pertinentiis de predicto abbate et successoribus suis per servicia predicta pacifice tenuisent, quousque Robertus Beyssyn et Isabella uxor ejus consanguinea et heres predicti Tholomei mesuagia et terram predicta cum pertinentiis Radulfo le Especk per finem inde inter eos in curia nostra coram justiciariis nostris de banco levatum, dederunt et concesserunt, habenda eidem Radulfo et heredibus suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum; quo pretextu idem Radulfus a tempore donationis et concessionis ei sic facte pacifice tenuit mesuagia et terram predicta cum pertinentiis usque ad tempus quo Robertus Selyman, nuper escaetor noster citra Trentam, eadem mesuagia et terram cum pertinentiis, occasione transgressionis quam asseruit ipsum Radulfum fecisse predicta mesuagium et terram cum pertinentiis adquirendo et ea ingrediendo, licentia nostra super hoc non optenta, cepit in manum nostram, sicque in manu nostra adhuc existunt, ut dicitur: Nos de gratia nostra speciali pardonavimus eidem Radulfo transgressiones, si que facte fuerint, in hac parte, et concessimus ei pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, quod ipse predicta mesuagia et duas carucatas terre cum pertinentiis rehabeat et teneat sibi et heredibus suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, aut aliorum ballivorum seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcunque. In cujus, &c. T. R. apud Wyndesores xv die Februarii. Per ipsum regem.

Num. III.

Carta Johannis Janitoris pro ecclesiâ S. Michaelis.

(Ex cartulario de Otterton, fol. 45, penes Fran. Geo. Coleridge, Arm.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Janitor, filius Rogeri Janitoris, consilio et assensu Isabele uxoris mee et fratrum meorum et omnium heredum meorum, dedi et concessi pro salute anime mee et Isabele uxoris mee et omnium antecessorum meorum, Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis in Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, homagium et servicium Willielmi de Hokesham, quod michi facere debebat de uno ferlingo terre cum pertinentiis, quod appellatur Assedewille, et de uno prato quod appellatur rode mede, et de uno alneto quod est situm juxta predictum pratum; et insuper dedi et concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi, ex voluntate Isabele uxoris mee et omnium heredum meorum, redditum dimidie libre piperis quod dictus Guillelmus de Hokesham pro predicto tenemento michi annuatim ad Natale Domini reddere tenebatur, faciendo inde hidagium quantum pertinet ad unum ferlingum terre sicut aliud ferlingum eodem servicio defenditur in eodem manerio. Pro hac autem donacione et concessione mea dedit michi Henricus tunc prior de Otriton de elemosina Sancti Michaelis dimidiam marcam argenti in recognicionem. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat hanc cartam sigilli mei impressione confirmavi. Hiis testibus, magistro Simone episcopo Exon., magistro Serlone archidiacono Exon., domino W. de Windone, magistro Ysaac, magistro Henrico de Warwik, canonicis Exonie; Rogero de Lideham, Ricardo de Sidimue, Roberto de Radeweie, sacerdotibus; domino Reginaldo de Albamara, Ingeraldo de Albamara, militibus; Rogero le Poer, Johanne de Buddelegh, Jordano de Toddewill, Radulfo de Clive, Tholomeo de Ottriton, Radulfo de Pinne, Stephano Breton, Willielmo de Hokesham, serviente domini regis, Elia clerico domini abbatis Tavistok, et multis aliis.

Num. IV.

Alia carta ejusdem Johannis.

(Ex eodem, ibid.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Johannes Janitor, filius Rogeri Janitoris, assensu et voluntate Isabele uxoris mee et omnium heredum meorum, dedi et concessi pro salute anime mee et Isabele uxoris mee et omnium ante-

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cessorum meorum Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam duas acras et tres partes dimidie acre prati mei jacentes inferius a capite prati mei ex orientali parte, et totum alnetum quod jacet inter dictum pratum et vetus benium* de Oteri, sicut fuit jus illorum de quo fuit quondam inter me et predictos monachos calumpnia, sicut mete petrarum in circuitu dividunt, tenendum et habendum libere et quiete, integre et pacifice. Ego vero Johannes Janitor et heredes mei tenemur defendere et warantizare predictas duas acras et tres partes dimidie acre predicti prati et totum dictum alnetum Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus contra omnes gentes in puram et perpetuam elemosinam nostram; et si forte contigerit quod predictas duas terras et tres partes dimidie acre predicti prati et predictum alnetum defendere et warantizare non poterimus, tenebimur ea excambiare loco competenti ad valorem cuncti prati et cuncti alneti. Pro hac autem donatione et concessione mea dedit michi Willielmus de Kernet, tunc prior de Otriton, de elemosina S. Michaelis quinque marcas argenti et unas husas† duorum solidorum in recognicionem, et Ysabele uxori mea duos solidos, et Willelmo fratri meo xii. denarios, et Bartholomeo fratri meo xii. denarios. Ego vero Johannes Janitor et omnes fratres mei juravimus hanc donacionem et concessionem firmiter tenere et observare. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat, hanc cartam sigilli mei impressione confirmavi. Hiis testibus, Guimundo capellano de Otriton, Adam, decano de Ailesbiere, Ricardo Flandrensi, Giliberto de Oskerewille, Willelmo de Hokesham, Radulfo de Clive, Johanne de Chotes, Jordano de Thodewille, Rogero le Poer, Rogero le Daldich, Roberto de Blakeburgh, Roberto preposito de Sidemue, Stephano Briton, Rogero filio Rogeri le Poer, Willelmo clerico, Elia clerico, et multis aliis.

Num. V.

Carta Willielmi Janitoris.

(Ex eodem, fol. 46.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus Janitor filius Rogeri Janitoris pro salute anime et omnium antecessorum meorum concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totam terram que jacet inter pratum Roberti de Blakeburgh usque ad moram de Coleton sicut mete patentes continent, scilicet, inter ipsas metas et manerium de Otterton. Et similiter eidem ecclesie Sancti Michaelis concessi et confirmavi homagium et servicium Willielmi de Hokesham, quod antecessoribus meis facere consuevit de uno ferlingo terre cum pertinenciis in Assidewille et uno prato quod appellatur Rodemede et uno alneto quod situm est juxta predictum pratum. Et similiter eidem ecclesie Sancti Michaelis concessi et confirmavi redditum dimidie libre piperis quem dictus Willielmus de Hokesham pro predicto tenemento antecessoribus meis annuatim ad Natale Domini reddere consuevit, sicut carte Johannis Janitoris fratris mei primogeniti plenius testantur. Pro hac autem concessione et confirmacione mea dedit michi Henricus tunc temporis prior Otterton unam marcam argenti de elemosina Sancti Michaelis in recognicionem. Ego vero Willielmus Janitor et heredes mei prescriptam elemosinam Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus contra omnes homines warentizare tenemur. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat hanc cartam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus, magistro Simone Exoniensi episcopo, magistro Serlone archidiacono Exoniensi, W. de Swindone, magistro Isaac, magistro Henrico de Warwic, canonicis Exonie; Rogero de Lithleham, Ricardo de Sidemue, Roberto de Radeweie, sacerdotibus; Reginaldo de Albamara, Ingeraldo de Albamara militibus; R. de Poher, J. de Toddewill, B. de Clive, Tholomeo de Otterton, W. de Hokesham, S. Bartone, H. de Porta, Elia clerico, et multis aliis.

* Synonymous with the *bedum* or mill-leet; see Ducange ad voc., and especially Adelung's abridged Manual of Ducange, voc. Bedum.—S.

† See Glossary, post.

Num. VI.

Confirmatio Radulphi Balistarii pro priore de Otterton.

(Ex eodem, fol. 47.)

Omnibus, etc. Radulphus Balistarius dominus de Buketon salutem. Noverit universitas vestra quod ego Willielmo de Tordeville priori Ottertonie et successoribus suis quietam [clamavi?] ab omni nativitate Edeth filiam Nicholai de Esdville, sibillam feminam Roberti Soete, et Matildam ferminam Jordani de Ottertone, cum omnibus suis sequelis que fuerunt quitate priori Ottertonie qui tunc temporis fuit tempore Johannis Janitoris quondam domini de Buketone. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Gaufrido de Aumebare, Jordano de Badesson, Johanne de Cotes, Jordano de Toddville, Tholomeo de Otterton, et aliis.

Num. VII.

Unio ecclesiæ de Articumbe cum abbatiâ S. Michaelis.

(Ex eodem, fol. 50.)

Universis, etc. Bartholomeus archidiaconus Exonie vicarius domini Exoniensis salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos post mortem magistri Walteri vicarii ecclesie de Articumba, inspectis cartis tam bone memorie Henrici et Willielmi Briwer tunc agentis in partibus transmarinis, episcoporum Exoniensium, quam eciam confirmacionem cathedralis capituli, consolidasse dictam ecclesiam de Articumba abbati et conventui Sancti Michaelis de Periculo Maris per Henricum priorem de Otterton, generalem procuratorem abbatis et conventus in Anglia, ut eam integre et pacifice possideant in perpetuum, hiis dumtaxat exceptis que ad vicariam ejusdem ecclesie tam auctoritate nostra quam consensu dicti procuratoris fecimus assignari; ut, scilicet, vicarius habeat imperpetuum xxx acras terre arabilis que simul jacent, scilicet, culturam que vocatur Wonaker cum prato et mora, et domo Jacob et orto quod tenuit, et aliam croftam que vocatur Aldelande cum mora et croftam que vocatur Stokelegh, et croftam cum prato quam Willielmus bedellus tenuit, et moram inter eandem croftam, et placeam que vocatur Forburi, et domos cum orto que capellanus tenuit, et domos cum orto et cum duabus acris que Walterus postea tenuit, ac quatuor acras terre cum domibus et orto que Robertus Bedellus tenuit, et unam acram et dimidium quas Willielmus Parke tenuit cum magno prato sub ecclesia.

Num. VIII.

Carta Roberti Poher pro ecclesia S. Michaelis.

(Ex eodem, fol. 52.)

Omnibus, etc. Robertus Poher salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me de consensu et assensu et voluntate domini Rogeri le Poher domini mei et heredum suorum et heredum meorum concessisse Deo et ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus Montanam de Cruc, unde antea calumpnia habebatur inter prefatam ecclesiam et antecessores meos et me, sicut prefata montana se extendit juxta viam versus austrum donec ultra Furzesplot, et inantea sicut mete patentes dividunt usque iterum ad magnum iter, ita videlicet quod nec ego nec heredes mei aliquid ibi vendicare possumus. Et pro hac mea concessione et quieta clamancia a me et heredibus meis imperpetuum facta, dominus Henricus tunc prior Ottertonie dedit michi decem solidos sterlingorum, et domino Rogero de Poher domino meo dimidiam marcam argenti. Ego autem et heredes mei sepedictam montanam ecclesie Sancti Michaelis et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus contra omnes homines warantizare tenemur, et ad

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majorem securitatem presenti pagine sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Willielmo de Hokesham, tunc hundredeman de Budelegh; Jordano de Tudewille; Radulpho de Penna; Johanne Janitore; Tholomeo de Ottertonia; Hamelino capellano, qui hanc scripsit; et hundredo de Budelegh, et multis aliis.

Num. IX.

Carta Britelli Jowas pro ecclesiâ S. Michaelis de Ottriton.

(Ex eodem, fol. 51.)

Sciant, etc. quod ego Britellus Jowas pro anima patris mei et matris mee et pro animabus antecessorum et successorum meorum quietum clamavi de me et heredibus meis Deo et ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Ottritona et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam totum jus meum et clamium quod habui in terra que vocatur Bisakenelond juxta aquam de Otri, unde placitum fuit inter nos per breve assise quam, scilicet, terram prefati monachi et eorum successores tenebunt et habebunt solutam et quietam imperpetuum. Concessi eciam quod terra de Brigeham sit communis transeuntibus, ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei nec prefati monachi aliquod proprium jus in predicta terra de Brigeham vendicare poterimus. Volo eciam quod aqua de Oteri sit divisa inter predictos monachos et me et heredes meos a Brigeham et sic inferius versus Bukenton, sicut fuit in die quo presens carta facta fuit; si vero contigerit predictam aquam ex alterutra parte terram vendicare, sit terra illa ipsius cujus fuit ante vendicionem per visum legalium hominum. Et concessit similiter ut piscaria sit communis tam prefatis monachis quam michi et heredibus meis secundum adjacenciam terrarum nostrarum. Pro hac autem concessione mea et quieta clamancia dederunt michi predicti monachi quatuor marchas argenti et dimidium. Et ut hec concessio et quieta clamancia mea rata et inconcussa inposterum permaneat presentis scripti munimine et sigilli mei apposicione roboravi. Hiis testibus; Willielmo de Lumene, Richardo de la Bushee, Serlone de la Bushee, Bartholomeo de Poher, Rogero de Daledichе, Johanne de Coches, Windone de Agenle, Richardo capellano de Sidemuhe, Phillipo clerico de Articumba, Richardo de la Porte, Tholomeo fratre ejus, Johanne clerico, et multis aliis.

Num. X.

Carta Jordani de Toddewill pro priore de Otterton.

(Ex eodem, fol. 53.)

Sciant, etc. quod ego Jordanus de Toddewill* excambiavi domino Henrico priori de Ottertona sendas [seldas?] quas habui in mercato de Sidemuwe, et unam acram prati que quondam fuit terra arabilis sitam juxta pratum Simonis de Whiepad et unam placeam prati in fine de Bruneham sicut mete dividunt inter nos. Et insuper adjeci duodecim denarios annuatim eidem priori reddendos in duobus anni terminis, videlicet, in pascha et in festo beati Michaelis equis porcionibus pro prato de la bedelerie de Buddelege et pro toto quod idem prior habet in mora de Buddelege, videlicet, corileto, et pro parte una placee terre sub falesia curie ejusdem prioris de Otterton, quam Rogerus filius Ivonis et Henricus de Cruce tenuerunt, que ducat usque ad magnam viam veteris pontis, et pro una acre terre in Breidon in parte australi versus villam. Et ut hoc ratum et firmum in posterum perseveret, presentem paginam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus; Roberto de Todevill monacho et tunc socio dicti prioris, Nicholao de Pesin, Richardo capellano de Sidemue, Roberto de Radeweie, Rogero le Poher, Johanne de Buddelegh, Tholomeo de Otterton, Stephano Britone, Rogero filio Ivonis, Henrico de Porta, et multis aliis.

* Now Tidwell, i. e. Tide-well.

Num. XI.

Carta Tholomei le Stabler pro ecclesiâ S. Michaelis.

(Ex eodem, p. 56 b.)

Universis, etc. Tholomeus le Stabler salutem. Noveritis quod ego dedi et concessi Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam de assensu omnium heredum meorum totam terram quam habebam vel habere poteram quocumque jure in villa de Otterton cum omnibus pertinenciis suis, cum domibus et ortis, pratis et omnibus aliis terris cultis et incultis in dicta villa vel extra villam sitis ubicumque sint, tenenda et habenda dictis monachis imperpetuum absque contradiccione seu reclamacione aliqua mei vel heredum meorum; renuncians pro me et heredibus meis omni juri quod habebam vel habere poteram in dicta terra et pertinenciis suis. Que omnia affirmavi fideliter observanda per proprium sacramentum. In cujus rei testimonium presentem cartam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Anno Domini M°.CC°.L^mo. septimo mense Decembri. Teste hundredo Otterton.

Num. XII.

Concessio terræ de Wiscumbe Michaeli de Boleville.

(Ex eodem, fol. 58.)

Abbas et conventus, etc. Noveritis nos communiter concessisse et hac nostra carta confirmasse Michaeli militi de Bolevil totam terram de Wiscumbe cum omnibus suis pertinenciis tanquam jus et hereditatem suam de qua nobis homagium fecit, tenendam et habendam predicto Michaeli et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum jure hereditario libere pacifice quiete integre in boschis, in pratis, in planis, in pascuis et pasturis, in viis in aquis et semitis, in molendinis, in omnibus libertatibus et locis ad predictam terram pertinentibus per liberum servicium xx solidorum sterlingorum nobis annuatim solvendorum in quatuor anni terminos pro omni servicio seculari exaccione et emenda nobis pertinentibus. Quod ut firmum et inconcussum permaneat, etc. †

Num. XIII.

Literæ abbatis Montis S. Michaelis, per quas dat potestatem priori de Otterton tradendi et concedendi terras suas incultas in Anglia.

(Ex eodem, fol. 59.)

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis vel eciam audituris Ricardus divina permissione humilis abbas Montis Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris totusque ejusdem loci conventus salutem. Universitati vestre notum fieri volumus nos fratri Johanni de Medintta, priori nostro de Otterton, dedimus et concessimus plenariam potestatem tradendi et concedendi loco nostri terram nostram incultam quam habemus in Anglia, sicut est boschagium et essartum atque marescum vel consimilia, ubicunque vel quibusque voluerit, dum tamen de consilio hominum nostrorum juratorum ac fide dignorum in Anglia existencium ad utilitatem dicti prioratus fiat tradicio antedicta. Nos autem dictam tradicionem gratam habebimus et habemus futuris temporibus sicut superius est expressum. In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari. Datum anno Domini M°.CC°.L^mo, primo mense Maii.

† It appears from another deed, (fol. 55 of the cartulary,) that Wiscumbe was at one time a fief held by Henry de Wiscumbe of Roger de Daledich, and by Roger of the abbey of S. Michael. This was the state of things when Robert de Courtenay was sheriff, and William de Kernet prior.

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Num. XIV.

Quieta clamatio totius juris Beatriciæ filiæ Folcardi in quibusdam terris in manerio de Articumbe.

(Ex eodem, fol. 85.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Beatricia filia Folcardi de Articumbe consensu et assensu omnium heredum meorum Deo et ecclesie beati Michaelis de Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus quietum clamavi totum jus meum et omnem reclamacionem quam habui vel habere potui in septem ferlingis terre cum pertinenciis in manerio de Articumbe quos clamavi versus predictos monachos per breve domini regis de recto in pleno hundredo de Axeministre. Pro hac autem quieta clamacione mea dedit michi et heredibus abbas et conventus Montis Sancti Michaelis de Periculo Maris unum ferlingum terre qui dicitur Churlebrok, tenendum et possidendum jure hereditario imperpetuum sicut carta ipsius abbatis et conventus testatur; et per manus Henrici tunc temporis prioris de Otterton de elemosina Sancti Michaelis sex marcas argenti in recognicionem, et Willielmo filio meo primogenito duodecim denarios, et Richardo filio meo postnato duodecim denarios. Et ad majorem hujus rei securitatem ego Beatricia filia Folcardi et filii mei predicti totum predictum jus nostrum et omnem reclamacionem nostram quam habuimus vel habere potuimus in predictis septem ferlingis terre cum pertinenciis in Articumbe, tactis sacrosanctis evangeliis, in pleno hundredo de Axeministre abjuravimus. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat hanc cartam meam sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Hiis testibus.

Num. XV.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Otterton cum aliis ecclesiis abbatiæ S. Michaelis in Periculo Maris.

(Ex eodem, fol. 49.)

Omnibus, etc. Henricus Dei gratia Exonie episcopus salutem. Ad universitatis vestre perveniat notitiam quod nos karitatis intuitu concessimus Deo et ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Monte in Periculo Maris et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ad peregrinorum et hospitum susceptionem ecclesias sequentes in episcopatu nostro constitutas cum primo vacaverint in proprios usus suos in puram et perpetuam eleemosynam habendas et possidendas cum pertinenciis suis; videlicet, ecclesiam de Otrinton cum capella sua de Lahedreland; ecclesiam de Sithemuge; ecclesiam de Articumb; ecclesiam de Harpeford*; et in Cornubia ecclesiam de Morre's. [Moresk] et ecclesiam Sancti Hilarii, salva honesta sustentatione capellanorum ecclesiis illis deservientium qui nobis et successoribus nostris de episcopalibus respondeant, salvis eciam nostris jure et auctoritate episcopali in omnibus. Et ut hec nostra concessio rata et inconcussa permaneat in perpetuum, eam presenti scripto et sigilli nostri appensione confirmavimus. Datum Criton pridie kal. Septembris pontificatus nostri anno xii°. Hiis testibus; Galtero et Henrico Cornubie et Exonie archidiaconis, et ceteris.

Num. XVI.

Demissio terrarum in manerio de Erticumba pro termino annorum.

(Madox's Formulare Anglicanum, p. 307.)

Hec est conventio facta anno incarnationis Domini m.cc. tricesimo quarto die Sancti Hylarii inter Guillelmum priorem de Otriton, et Jordanum Oliveri militem; videlicet, quod predictus prior tradidit et concessit predicto Jordano totum mansum quod Henricus Poke tenuit in manerio de Ertecumba cum moris et wasto et aliis pertinentiis, et medietatem tocius terre arabilis cum pertinentiis quam dictus Henricus tenuit; alteram vero medietatem terre arabilis retinuit predictus prior in dominico suo, et totum pratum quod idem Henricus tenuit ad sindregabulum †, et moram jacentem inter dictum pratum et rivulum qui vocatur Cheldewilleslake in longitudine ejusdem prati. Et pro ipsa mora predictus prior concessit predicto Jordano totum campum integre cum mora eidem campo pertinente qui vocatur Riwellande, et preterea totam moram jacentem inter duas aquas a dicto prato usque ad regalem viam. Predictam vero terram, sicuti predictum est, predictus Jordanus habebit et tenebit ad terminum viginti annorum subsequencium, libere, integre, et quiete, in omnibus locis et rebus, reddendo inde annuatim priori Otritone qui pro tempore fuerit sex solidos sterlingorum, videlicet, ad pascha octodecim denarios, ad festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste octodecim denarios, ad festum Sancti Michaelis in Septembre octodecim denarios, et ad natale Domini octodecim denarios, pro omni servicio et exactione; salvo regali servicio quantum ad eamdem terram pertinet; ita tamen quod heredes dicti Jordani vel assignati sui post mortem ejusdem Jordani in dicta terra cum pertinentiis nichil poterunt reclamare. Si vero predictus Jordanus infra terminum viginti annorum obierit, poterit predictam terram cum pertinentiis usque ad finem dicti termini cuicumque voluerit legare et assignare, salvo predicto priori redditu et servicio; et si predictus Jordanus ultra finem predicti termini supervixerit, predictam terram tota vita sua tenebit sub forma predicta; in fine vero predicti termini, predicta terra cum pertinenciis priori Otritonie qui tunc fuerit sine omni contradiccione et impedimento heredum dicti Jordani vel assignatorum suorum remeabit; salvo predicto Jordano vel assignatis suis wannagio ‡ ultimi anni et eorum mobilibus. Si vero predictus prior predictam terram cum pertinenciis garantizare predicto Jordano non poterit, tenentur eidem Jordano reddere racionabilem custum suum per visum legalium et discretorum hominum dicti prioris et aliorum. Pro hac autem conventione predictus Jordanus fecit juramentum fidelitatis abbati et conventui Montis Sancti Michaelis de Periculo Maris, et priori Otritonie. Et ut hac conventio integre et fideliter ex utraque parte teneatur, mutua scripta sigillorum suorum impressione predicti prior et Jordanus corroboraverunt. Testibus hiis, Roberto de Stantune, Gaufrido de Pomeria, Rogero de Cotelega, militibus; Jordano de Tondevill §, Bartholomeo de Otriton, Henrico de Gata, et multis aliis.

Num. XVII.

Concessio tenementi in civitate Exoniæ, hospitio durante itinere justiciariorum priori pro tempore reservato.

(Ibid. p. 198.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego Ricardus Blandoyt, prior de Otriton, dedi, concessi, et presenti scripto confirmavi, pro me et successoribus meis, domino Nicholao de Wedergrave heredibus et assignatis suis, totum tenementum meum in civitate Exonie cum omnibus suis pertinenciis, quod jacet in vico Sancti Pauli in civitate predicta, habendum et tenendum totum tenementum predictum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis predicto domino Nicholao heredibus et assignatis suis de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta, et reddendo inde annuatim mihi et successoribus meis duodecim denarios ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omnibus serviciis et secularibus demandis. Ita tamen quod ego Ricardus et successores mei, qui pro tempore fuerint priores loci predicti, non obstante donatione et concessione mea predicta, ibidem in itinere justiciariorum itinerancium possumus habere hospicium nostrum sine contradiccione predicti Nicholai, heredum sive assignatorum suorum, itinere durante. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus scriptis indentatis sigilla nostra alternatim sunt appensa. Hiis testibus; dominis Willelmo Martyn, Jacobo de Oxeton, Roberto de Stokheye, militibus; Rogero Bevyn, Waltero Tauntefoir, Johanne de Percur ||, Johanne Horn, Thoma Fardeyn, Johanne Gervays, Ricardo de Lenne.

* At Stoford in this parish was the chapel of S. Nicholas, mentioned in Stafford's Register, Dec. 1400.

† This sort of rent is called "sindegabulum," post, p. 255.

‡ The "wannagium ultimi anni" seems here to mean the emblements or crops of the outgoing tenant.—S.

§ It should be Toddewill.

|| It should be Tantifer and Pereur, and the date must be between 1290 and 1300.

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Num. XVIII.

Carta abbatis Sancti Michaelis de Monte de quâdam pensione solvendâ magistro Rogero de Winesham.

(Penes decanum et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exon.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Henricus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos ratam habemus et acceptam concessionem dilectorum filiorum J. . . . abbatis et conventus de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris factam magistro Rogero cancellario Wellensi, quam inspeximus, in hec verba. "Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit J. . . . abbas et conventus Montis Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris eternam in Domino salutem. Nos, attendentes devocionem quam magister Rogerus de Winesham semper habuit ad ecclesiam nostram, concessimus ei quinque marcas argenti et dimidiam de pensione quam solebamus percipere de obventione altaris de Sithemuğ et de pensione quam solvit nobis vicarius ejusdem ecclesie, annuatim reddendas ad quatuor anni terminos; et residuum, quod ibi non sufficit ad solucionem predictarum quinque marcarum et dimidie, in decimis ejusdem ecclesie per manus prioris vel procuratoris qui in Otrinton fuerit constitutus; ita quod, nisi ad voluntatem suam in predictis terminis ei fuerit satisfactum, reddemus ei de qualibet marca aliam marcam nomine pene, ita quod omne dampnum, quodcumque poterit ei contingere de solucione ad predictos terminos non facta, sine contradiccione ei prestabimus. Volumus eciam ad majorem ejus securitatem quod, nisi de predicta summa et de pena prescripta ei non fuerit plenarie satisfactum, quod habeat plenam possessionem et potestatem decimarum bladi de Sithemuğ, post colleccionem illarum per manum prioris vel procuratoris Otrinton factam, vendendi et disponendi, sicut de ceteris rebus suis, quousque satisfactum fuerit tam de summa predicta quam de pena. Ita quod domino Exoniensi, et capitulo si sedes vacaverit, et archidiacono ejusdem loci, plenam damus potestatem nos compellendi ad hujusmodi solucionis et convencionis observacionem absque contradiccione et appellatione. Attornamus autem has predictas quinque marcas et dimidiam quas debet recipere tam de pensione quam de decimis ecclesie de Sithemuğ, et sex marcas et dimidiam, quas solebat nobis reddere de pensione ecclesie de Wodebiry domino Exoniensi et capitulo, quietum eum clamantes ab omni obligatione. Ut igitur hec concessio firmam obtineat in posterum securitatem, et ne ab aliquo possit in dubium revocari, eam presenti scripto et sigilli nostri testimonio duximus confirmandam. Datum Critoñ v° nonis Martii, pontificatus nostri anno duodecimo. Hiis testibus; Willielmo de Svindon, et magistro Rogero cancellario Exoniensi; Mauricio et Gaufrido capellanis; magistro A. . . . de Wodebiry; magistro Galtero, Gilberto, et Willielmo de Elinğ, clericis; et multis aliis."

[The seal is wanting, though the label remains.]

Num. XIX.

Consuetudines quædam maneriorum, etc. prioratui Ottertoniæ pertinentium.

(Ex cartulario supradicto, fol. 62 et seq.)

Quando novus prior venit ad Otterton petit et debet habere subsidium ad comparandum palefridum precii decem marcarum de omnibus hominibus suis: liberi ei de jure nil dabunt quia libentius comparent; tamen petatur caute quia de gracia propter perpetuitatem aliquorum.

Preterea quodlibet aratum Otterton debet arare priori unam acram annuatim, et conceditur ei de gratia communis pastura, exceptis pratis, moris, bosco, et culturis, quas dominus voluerit deffendere suis averiis.

Preterea quilibet nativus qui vult vendere pullum masculum debet querere si dominus emere vult; si non, vendat cui voluerit; et similiter de bove in domo sua vitulato.

Preterea quando aliquis de hominibus nostris moritur, liber vel servus, suum melius averium debet esse domino ratione dominii, et aliud sequens melius illi qui habet curam animarum ratione sepulture . . . . Relevium autem rustici, qui potest amoveri, est in voluntate domini, tamen propter paupertatem capiendum est minus et parcendum.

Preterea prior potest tenere placita sua de tercia ebdomada in terciam propter liberos quos oportet habere submonicionem octo dierum; rustici autem ad submonicionem unius diei vel noctis tenentur respondere. Tamen judicia tutius fiunt in curia.

Preterea relevium liberi est duplicare redditum suum. Et notandum quod liberi debent solvere relevium de qualibet particula fefacionis sue divisim, quia non capimus nisi ad minus quam post [?].

Preterea servi non possunt filios vel filias nec se ipsos maritare sine licencia domini; et si filias suas maritaverint extra terram domini, tunc debet dominus plus capere propter catalla que asportantur; et si serva datur libero similiter vel e converso. Nec potest procurare promotionem filiorum suorum in clericos, nec eciam episcopus apponet manum sine licencia domini servi*. Et si serva conjungitur libero ipso jure libera est, sed non e converso.

Preterea nativus qui tenet aliquam terram per cartam incontinenti dicit se liberum, quia redundat in maximam lesionem Montis; quia si petatur ab eis aliquid, dicunt quod non respondebunt de suo libero tenemento sine mandato regis et tantummodo coram justiciariis vel in comitatu.

Preterea nullus servus potest tenere duo villenagia, nec liberam et servam terram simul, nisi de licentia domini.

Preterea fiant tuthemanni per ordinem annuatim de hiis qui minora servitia faciunt domino, nec sit tutheman perpetuus. . . . . .

Preterea quando servi moriuntur filii eorum et catalla sua debent liberari amicis suis per plevinam; et si aliquis eorum moritur infra etatem pars ejus est domino.

Preterea non recipiat prior servos suos plegios pro liberis vel alienis de firmis suis; quia si principales in solutione deficiant, tunc oporteret dominum destruere servos suos, quod esset malum.

Preterea non sustineat dominus quod liberi vel alieni littigent pro nativis suis circa [contra?] se vel inter se, quia tunc expendunt stulte quod suum est.

[Taxatio ecclesiarum nostrarum secundum communem provisionem. Otterton xviii marcas. Sydmue xv marcas. Articumb xv. Herpeford c^{s}. Mertok xl marcas.

Taxatio temporalium. Otterton xxi marcas et dimidium. Sidemuhe xx marcas. Buddelegh xvi marcas. Artecumbe xx marcas. Hederlond l^{s}. †]

Sciendum est quod prior Otterton debet canonicam obedientiam dyocesano suo ratione ecclesiarum que sunt ad usus proprios deputate; tamen sicut procurator abbatis et conventus, non sicut dominus rei.

[Archidiaconus debet habere dimidium marce ad proximum capitulum post purificationem, ratione procuracionis pro ecclesia de Otterton, nec habet aliam procuracionem ‡.]

Item idem dimidium marce ad proximum capitulum post natale pro procuratione de ecclesia de Artycumbe.

Item idem debet habere annuatim ad proximum capitulum post pascha [xxxv den.; videlicet, pro ecclesia de Otterton xv den., et] pro ecclesia de Artycumbe xv^{d}., et pro capella de Doniton v denarios, et vocantur episcopalia.

Item idem archidiaconus debet habere annuatim ad proximum capitulum post festum omnium sanctorum [vi denarios pro ecclesia de Otterton, et] vi den. pro ecclesia de Artycumbe.

Item idem debet habere annuatim ad proximum capitulum post pentecosten pro ecclesiis de [Otterton et de] Artycumbe vi denarios.

Preterea prior debet habere porpesium a quocumque captum ad portus super terram Sancti Michaelis adductum, et maxime de hominibus suis, reddendo inde xii denarios pro quolibet, et cuilibet naute unum panem album,

* See note, ante, p. 232.

† The part between brackets is a later insertion.

‡ The words in brackets are cancelled, and the words "quia vicarius" written in the margin. This and other alterations and additions are evidently owing to the subsequent establishment of an endowed vicar.—S.

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magistro autem duos. [*In the margin,* et debet habere medietatem delfini.]

Preterea idem prior debet et potest de jure emere pisces ante omnes alios et ad melius forum quam alter, et debet habere meliorem tanquam ad forum pejoris. Et libertas portuum talis est quod piscatores non debent vendere pisces regratoribus nec aliis ante horam primam, vel saltem ante mediam viam prime quousque veniant liberi qui debent emere victui suo.

[*In the margin.* Preterea debemus habere congeros appreciatos judicio mercatorum, si rustici nostri voluerint nobis vendere minus care.]

Preterea quicumque levat clamorem in terra domini attachiandus est quousque inveniat plegium deliberandi manerium de clamore, et nisi invenerit, potest poni in cepo et retineri sive in certa custodia, nisi sit liber, et si est liber, custodiatur egregie.

[*In the margin.* Tamen liber non debet imprisonari nisi per judicium curie et examinata causa, et per judicium similiter deliberari.]

Preterea nullus cotivus debet habere communiam super terram domini nisi de voluntate ejus et per certum servicium; similiter de servis et cotivis liberorum.

Nullus nativus potest vel debet habere communiam nisi secundum quantitatem tenementi sui.

Preterea nullus liber homo potest vendere vel obligare tenementum suum cuicumque, quin dominus habeat semper redditum suum et dominium principale.

Preterea vicecomes non potest deliberare namia* capta pro redditu cognito et retento, nisi per breve regis.

Preterea si quis . . . . . attulerit de curia regis super aliquem pro hereditate vel alia libertate acquirenda in curia prioris, cum deliberacione juris deducetur quousque ille, qui impetrat, juret quod abbas vel prior deficit ei de justitia et tunc vicecomes cognoscet de causa.

Preterea per ordinem prepositi eligantur, ne habeant aliqui, qui se subtrahunt, occasionem faciendi se liberos. Et nullus sit prepositus ultra annum, quia in eorum amocionibus servitia et eorum maleficia et domus consuetudines accusantur, et in mora periculum est et damnum.

Preterea non est sustinendum quod aliquis liber jungat aliquod tenementum servum vel liberum suo tenemento quocumque modo, quia istud redundat in monasterii maximum detrimentum, nec est pejor pestis quam liberi in manerio, et volunt facere perpetuum quod per graciam tolleratur.

Preterea fiant prepositi per ordinem quilibet anno suo, nec recipiatur electus a rusticis, si fuit alias prepositus, quousque omnes compleverint ordinem suum vel cursum. Quia tunc recognoscunt servitutem qui faciunt se liberos; et melior est prepositus de alia villa quam de Otterton.

Preterea notandum quod quilibet liber heres tenetur solvere relevium de quolibet tenemento suo cum accidit, id est, de diversis feodis et de diversis tenementis et de qualibet particula tenementi et de particulis diversis et de domibus et de adquisitis et de omnibus particulis singulariter et divisim dabit relevium ac si plures essent tenentes.

Preterea nullus jungat terram traditam ad sindegabulum tenemento suo ultra terminum suum, quia istud redundat in exhereditacionem domus nostre; nec valeant perpetuo terre a prioribus tantummodo tradite sine alio waranto, quia, si liberi capiunt, volunt tenere libere; si autem servi, trahunt in consuetudinem, et volunt illud adjungere suis antiquis tenementis.

Preterea sciendum quod si prior voluerit edificare apud Otterton, homines de Yerticumbe debent adducere maremium de Yertecumbe usque ad locum qui vocatur Spina, et homines de Otterton adducent a dicto loco usque ad Otterton †ut dicunt inter hogday et festum Sancti Martini hyemis.

Preterea si prior voluerit in Otterton edificare, homines ejusdem ville adducent maremium a ponte de Colme usque ad Otterton, †et dicunt quod hoc est inter hogday et festum Sancti Martini hyemis.

Preterea redditus qui debentur ad quatuor certos anni terminos ad eosdem certos terminos sunt solvendi . . . . . alioquin dominus potest de jure et rigore juris et consuetudine provincie facere districtissimam districtionem per captionem averiorum de die in diem pro redditu supertento tam liberorum quam servorum. Servi autem, si dominus necesse habuerit, solvent ante diem, quando domino et peritis videbitur expedire.

Preterea pauperes et impotentes servi si defecerint in solucione redditus sui ita quod non solvant competenter, dominus potest eamdem terram assignare potentioribus prout judicaverit expedire.

Et notandum quod servi non possunt terram suam vel partem ejus alicui assignare vel vendere vel dare partem ejus ad colendum, nisi de domini sui processerit voluntate; quia non habet potestatem sui ipsius.

[Preterea in ecclesia parochiali de Otterton debet esse capellanus sicut priori competenter videbitur expedire, quem dicto priori licet instituere et destituere, tamen cum discreta deliberacione peritorum. Et idem habeat unam marcam annuatim pro certo salario, et mensam suam. Cetera scilicet prebenda equi sui . . . . . collacio aque benedicte sunt in dispositione prioris.

Et notandum quod minute oblaciones, omnia altelagia, decima feni lini et canabi anserulorum butiri et casei pullorum equarum et vitulorum et omnis negotiacionis debent esse prioris racione patronatus, et denarii de confessionibus et sponsalia et mortuaria et purificaciones; et quando aliquis moritur, prepositus domini debet interesse testamento suo pro jure domini observando. Hoc intelligitur de servis; de liberis autem et eorum releviis dictum est supra] ‡ . . . . . .

Et si prior vult, illi qui custodiunt estoramenta ecclesie et luminaria coram eo tenentur computare de omnibus quasi coram rectore.

Preterea parvum breve de jure, quod dicitur, secundum usus et consuetudines manerii non habet locum nisi in manerio quod fuit dominicum regis, sicut in Bodele. In Otterton autem in Sydemue et in Artecumbe non habet locum, et ideo cavendum est ne breve illud in dictis tribus maneriis currat, quia istud esset in maximam exhereditationem domus.

Preterea omnes nativi qui non tenent terram nec domum propter paupertatem, et sunt plene etatis, debent portare aliquem [antiquum?] redditum domino per annum et esse per plevinam quod non subtrahent se sine licencia, et quod capient terram quando erunt potentes. Et notandum quod quando aliquis eorum moritur si est plene etatis dominus habebit heriettum; et si moritur minor annis catalla ejus sunt in dispositione domini; et si moritur intestatus, similiter catalla ejus sunt domini.

Preterea nullo modo fiat dos de villenagio, quia hoc dat servis libertatem et prejudicat nobis. . . [*erasures in orig.* §]

Preterea caveant sibi abbates ne de cetero capiant homagium nisi de certa terra et expresse nominata in curia coram testibus; quia aliquando consueverunt recipi homagia abhominabilia, quia homagium requirit warantizare, et carta si exprimatur warrantum; aliter non, nisi contineatur in carta "dedisse," quia et hoc verbum "dedisse" portat warentum.

Preterea quicumque manumittitur vel datur libertati, debet dare quatuor denarios preposito de jure.

Preterea quando ponitur in cepo debet dare preposito similiter quatuor, denarios duos intrando, duos exeundo.

Preterea provisio de Mertone est quod quilibet libere tenens potest colere wastum suum, dumtamen pastura aperiatur post bladum.

Preterea in Yerticumbe consideratum est in plena curia per liberos et nativos, quod, quando aliquis heres nativus non est etatis plene vel potens in facultate, dominus potest villenagium suum tradere quibuscumque voluerit; et si heres postea petit terram, ... ‖ tenetur reddere totum custum illi qui dictam terram sustinuit in absencia alterius, priusquam heres habeat ingressum, per estimacionem legalium.

* This word is doubtful in the MS.

† The words after "ut dicunt" are a later addition.

‡ The words between brackets are cancelled, and the words "modo sunt vicario" added at the end. See the last note, p. 254, ante.

§ The mutilated sentence has these words: "Preterea tempore . . . . . abbas de Glastingeberie, dominus Raginaldus de Moon, dominus Gaufridus de la Pomerai, Baldoynus . . . . dominus Johannes de Cortenay, sine quibus non debemus facere aliquod judicium nisi de gratia." The sentence seems to refer to the necessary parties to the holding of a court of free suitors.

‖ The words inserted here are obscure, but appear to be "per eguardum."

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Num. XX.

Abstract of the Otterton cartulary.

The custumale of Otterton priory now contains but ninety-three pages; but several leaves, at least eleven, have been lost or wantonly cut out, and others disfigured by recent scribbling.

The manuscript begins with the calendar, which contains little deserving of notice.

The preamble is written by the prior Geoffry Legat in the year 1260. It sets forth, that whereas memory is treacherous and uncertain, mankind had agreed on the expediency and necessity of committing to writing the remembrance of past transactions; that he, Geoffry, a monk of St. Michael's abbey in Normandy, whilst custos of Otterton priory, had to examine several rolls, and had met with several unsatisfactory statements and even contradictions; that he felt most desirous to obtain correct information as to the customs and rents of the place to serve as a guide for present and future times; that with this object in view, he had now condensed in one volume, in the best manner he could, all the evidences relating to its property, as well from the rolls as from the testimony of credible witnesses. He then commences with

Otterton—said to be the principal manor in England belonging to S. Michael's abbey; an extract from Domesday then follows.

The following entries then occur respecting the bordarii of Otterton, and the vill of Yettington.

" Bordarii Otterton, scilicet, quinque ad festum Sancti Michaelis in septimana [reddunt] ix hop̃ fabarum 18^{d}. et [tenentur] facere quicquid precipiatur eis ad pastum suum feria secunda quarta et sexta nisi aliquod festum impediat, auxilium festi Sancti Martini, scilicet, tallia ad probandam nativitatem due marce, et caveant sibi domini ne de cetero ista tallia ponatur per terras, quia hoc prejudicat multum domui.

Et quando abbas Montis vel prior Otterton venerit vel aliquis de suis, debent habere candelam albam, sal, forragium ad lectum et ad equos, et buscam et scutellas albas de consuetudine et puro redditu.

Summa gabuli Otterton de quatuor terminis anni £13 15*s.* 5*d.*

Memorandum quod tota villata de Yettemetone tenetur reddere decem hop' siliginis ad festum Sancti Martini hyemis et afferre equis suis ad curiam Otterton et duos denarios dicta die similiter.

Et notandum quod debentur ad antiquam mensuram; vocantur enim chercheset et jus ecclesie Otterton, quia dimissione secte ecclesie Otterton, cujus parochiani erant, solvuntur; quia ecclesia de Buketon aliquando fuit capella pertinens ad ecclesiam Otterton: et isti homines debent invenire domino auxilium qualibet die apud Exoniam, si dominus voluerit, ad aportandum quicquid dominus voluerit, et aportare molas molendini Otterton de Exon usque Otterton, et de Ottermue similiter."

Sidmouth.—The "nativi" on this property were numerous.

Hederlonde.—Roger Dryne was bound to pay at Michaelmas fifty shillings. He admitted this obligation in the court of King's Bench, as is set forth in the roll of Hugh Bigot, the chief justice in the 44th of king Henry III., and again acknowledged it before Robert de Brues and Richard de Midleton, justices in eyre at Exeter three years later.

Boddeleg'.—The mill at Budleigh must have been valuable; its rent was 34*s.*

The entire value of this manor was £13 13*s.* 6*d.*

Yerticumb.—Here was a numerous tenantry.

The rental was £15 16*s.* 5*d.* One memorandum may deserve notice, viz. that no one but the vicar could claim the free grinding of corn in the mills of Doniton and Yarticomb.

Mertok.—The receipts here amounted, according to a statement of a more modern hand, to £2. 15*s.*, 2 lbs. of pepper, and 4 hens.

With p. 45 begins a series of deeds, viz.:

1. The charter of John Janitor, son of Roger Janitor, printed ante, Num. III. As Simon, Bishop of Exeter, witnessed this deed, it must have been made between the years 1214 and 1223.

2. The grant of the same benefactor, printed ante, Num. IV.

3. [p. 46.] William Janitor, son of Roger, " dominus Buketon," gives to the abbey the rent of 2*s.*, issuing from a ferling of land in Buketon, which his niece Benedicta, daughter of Ysengarus de Prinne, held of him and his progenitors. For this gift the prior Henry presented him with 20*s.*

4. Grant of the said William Janitor, printed ante, Num. V., attested by nearly the same witnesses as No. 1.

5. [p. 47.] By this deed, dated March, 1237, Ralph Balistarius, the lord of Buketone, disclaims all right to twenty acres of land in favour of the abbey aforesaid, which had been granted to it by John Janitor " de serjancia quam ipse Johannes de domino rege Anglie tenuit, de quibus acris dicti monachi habuerunt cartam domini Henrici regis Anglie filii regis Johannis concedentem et confirmantem xx acras terre in puram et perpetuam elemosinam." After setting forth certain reserves and conditions, he states that the prior, William Turkevill, had paid him four marks of silver. The deed is attested by Walter de Bath, sheriff of Devon.

6. Another deed of the same Ralph Balistarius, printed ante, Num. VI.

7. [p. 48.] Ysabel de Pralle, widow of John Janitor, lord of Buketon, disclaims her right of dowry in favour of S. Michael's abbey and of the priory of Otterton " in moris et pratis de Buketone" granted to them by Henry I. king of England; for such disclaimer William de Tordeville gave her a mark of silver. Dated August 1235; witnessed by William the priest of Otterton.

8. Final agreement between G. prior of Otterton on the one part, and Ralph Clerk the sheriff of Exeter and Ralph Balistarius, proxies of Philip Barton the king's serjeant, on the other part. Whereas the said serjeant claimed by the king's writ the sum of ten marks, which he was willing to prove had been lent to William de Quernet, once prior of Otterton, the said proxies for the serjeant, pro bono pacis, are content to receive half that sum from prior G. and to acquit him of the remainder. Done at Exeter on the Wednesday after Palm Sunday, 1229.

9. Henry III. confirms to St. Michael's abbey the twenty acres mentioned in Num. V. Dated Westminster, February 19, in the eleventh year of his reign.

10. [p. 49.] Appropriation of Otterton parish church, &c. to S. Michael's abbey: printed ante, Num. XV.

11. Bishop Brewer confirms the grant of his predecessor bishop Marshall about the year 1225.

12. [p. 50.] Confirmation of this grant by the chapter at S. Peter's, Exeter.

13. Ratification of this grant by the primate, Stephen Langton, in September, 1225.

14. Consolidation and taxation of Yarcombe benefice with the abbey, printed Num. VII.

Here a leaf has been torn out.

15. [p. 51.] William Bruer confirms to Otterton priory " duas partes decimarum garbarum dominici principalis domini de Cliston in usus proprios, vel alii conferat, sicuti per tempora longissima facere consuevit." Dated at Exon, May 28, 1233.

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16. Grant of Robert Poher, printed ante, Num. VIII.

17. Robert de Ashton's gift of a barn and court in Ashton to St. Michael's abbey, in the year 1259, "teste hundredo de Otterton."

18. Charter of Brutellus Jowas, printed ante, Num. IX.

19. [p. 52.] Jordan Toddewill, by way of exchange with Ralph Uddewin, prior of Otterton, as proxy for the abbot and convent of S. Michael's, surrenders to them the land which Gervase Cornewall held of him "in manerio de Sidemewe" by the old rent of 12*d.* per annum, and a curtelage which Robert Vintner held of him, which lay on the east side of that town "versus aquam de Side." Also a messuage in the town of Otterton which lies in Bredon, in the direction south of Otterton, then rented by Denowald for 18*d.* per annum. In exchange, the abbey grants to Jordan two ferlings of land in Bodelegh, saving the rent called "gabulum," viz. 14*s.* 4*d.*, payable quarterly in even portions.

20. [p. 53.] The grant of Jordan de Toddewill, printed ante, Num. X.

21. John de Furnaus grants to the abbey in free alms a ferling of land in Fenotri, viz. half a ferling in Tidehille and half a ferling in Morcumbe "cum omni communia et turbariis et pasturis sicut homines mei in Fenotri melius et plenius habere consueverunt, ad sustentacionem cujusdam capellani qui divina celebrabit in eorum capella de Fenotri." He further grants half a ferling of land in Fenotri "qui antiquitus fuit sanctuarium, cum advocatione capelle de Fenotri." The grant is dated July, 1259, and witnessed by Roger de Thoris, archdeacon of Exeter.

22. [p. 54.] Henry, archdeacon of Exeter, in the vacancy of the see of Exeter admits Gilibert de Edewreth, on the presentation of N., prior of Otterton, to the church de Herpeford "cum capella de Fenotri—salva vicaria magistri N. de Herpeford in eadem ecclesia," who shall pay yearly during his life to the said Gilibert 8*s.* "nomine personatus," besides the pension of 10*s.* due to Saint Michael's abbey. Witnessed by Richard de Norton, capellanus; Richard, chaplain of Sidmouth; Osbern, chaplain de Rokebear; William, chaplain of Otterton; P., vicar of Otery; R., the physician (medico), &c.

23. Obligation of John de Curtenai to pay yearly a pound of cumin at Michaelmas "apud Otterton pro firmaria stangni molendini mei de Popelford sub ponte de Herpeford, &c., necnon pro aliqua parte terre prioris ad opus predicti stangni vel bedum, si necesse habuero, ad eorum sustentationem," with right of distress by the prior in default of payment.

24. [p. 55.] Henry de Wiscumbe, son of Walter, with the consent and good will of his lord Roger de Daleditch and of his heirs, and in consideration of the services rendered to him by William de Kernet, then prior of Otterton, gave in frank almoigne to S. Michael's abbey the rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing from his land of Wiscumbe. William de Kernet, the prior, for such perpetual rent gave Henry 60*s.* Amongst the witnesses to the deed are Robert de Curtenai, the sheriff of Devon; William de la Bruere; W., undersheriff; &c.

25. Confirmation by Roger aforesaid, Henry de Wiscumbe's lord, of the above-mentioned rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* to S. Michael's abbey, of whom Roger held.

26. The grant of Bartholomew le Stabler, printed Num. XI.

27. [p. 56.] Agreement made, Feb. 1259, between Geffry Legat, prior of Otterton, of the one part, and William de Hege, chaplain of Otterton and his brother Stephen, of the other part. The prior is to allow them for their several lives a plot of ground, "sicut dominicum prioratus Ottertonie se extendit divisum in capite principalis pontis Otterton in boreali parte ejusdem pontis," and a small shrubbery immediately contiguous to the close of Thomas de Porta, which is surrounded by an old ditch; also two acres, more or less, on the east side of Bredone domain, as it is surrounded by a foss. The yearly rent to be 2*s.* "pro omni servicio." The estate, with all improvements, to revert on their deaths to the priory; and they are entitled to assign or dispose of the estate for the term of their lives only. The prior further allows them common of pasture "sicut homines nostri de Otterton in omnimodis moris suis."

28. [p. 57.] Fine levied at the assizes at Exon before the justices Gilbert de Preston and his companions, 41 Henry III. between Adam de Cadewia, of the one part, and John, the prior of Otterton, and his monks, of the other, respecting two mills under one roof, erected by the prior on Adam's land at Sidmouth. The prior paid Adam 20*s.*, and agreed to pay 16*d.* yearly for a right of way to the said mills, to quitclaim 4*d.* per annum on Adam's land, and to give him the preference in grinding corn.

29. Edward the Confessor's grant to S. Michael's abbey already printed under the head of S. Michael's Priory.

30. [p. 58.] Grant by the abbot and convent of S. Michael, of the estate at Wiscumbe to Michael de Bolevil, (Bonvill?) knight. See Num. XII.

31. An interesting document, showing that the church of S. Michael in Cornwall (S. Michael's Mount) was constructed by Bernard, the venerable abbot of S. Michael's Mount in Normandy, in 1135, the year that king Henry I. died. The whole will be inserted in the supplement at the end of this volume.

32. [p. 59.] Power of attorney by Robert, abbot of S. Michael's in Normandy, to John de Medinta, prior of Otterton, to act in his name in managing the waste lands on the abbey estates throughout England. Dated May, 1251. See Num. XIII.

33. Agreement between the abbot and convent of S. Michael's and William Blondell concerning Hedlonde. The former grants to Blondel Prestelond and Pilemore, with the wood bordering the two brooks of Grandecumbe and Nieucumbe for the yearly payment of 5*s.* 6*d.* Blondel is to be entitled to pasnage for six hogs "in majore bosco." Should the bailiff of that manor or the monks have pigs, they shall have commons in Blondel's woods. Walter Blondel shall further have "sex quadrigatas de mortuo bosco ad focum," and as many for hurdles and timber for plows. Walter swore to abide by this agreement "super altare Sancti Michaelis apud Otterton."

34. [p. 59.] Grant by King Henry* to S. Michael's abbey, of something (erased) in his manor of Budleigh, in exchange for the two churches de Walegravia et de Calsia, which he had assigned in free alms to Reading abbey.

35. [p. 60.] The abbot of S. Michael grants to William Sclamne de Chotes two ferlings of land in the manor of Merthoc (Mertock?) on condition of paying 9*s.* 4*d.* of yearly rent to Otterton priory, "et inveniendo singulis anni noctibus luminare ad quoddam morterium in ecclesia de Merthoc:" also right of common pasture in the manor.

36. The same abbot grants to Bartholomew of Otterton a virgate of land with a ferling of land and a waste "in montana de Sidemenehe$\tilde{g}$;" also three acres in Otterton manor near the road which goes to Wolfelle. Rent 20*s.* Date A.D. 1237.

37. Benedict, prior of Battle abbey, sets forth that, whereas a dispute had arisen between Peter, prior of S. Nicholas, Exeter, and Nicholas, prior of Otterton, "super boscho de Buddelege," this was publicly settled A.D. 1212; but the details have been cut out.

38. [p. 62.] Between pages 62 and 65 is inserted the custumal printed Num. XIX.

* This was Henry I. See Testa de Nevil, p. 194. The churches were those of Wargrave and Chelsea.

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39. [p. 66.] Letter of John, abbot of S. Michael's, reciting the letters under the signet of Edward II., dated Windsor, March 25, 1315, requiring him, as the newly-created abbot of S. Michael's monastery, to fulfil the obligation of bestowing a pension on one of the royal chaplains until the abbot should provide him with competent ecclesiastical preferment. The king, therefore, names John de Ffontem for the object of the royal favour, and the abbot, in obedience to his command, assigns an annual pension of five marks payable by the prior of Otterton for the time being, until he could provide him with a suitable benefice. Dated Dec. 13, 1315*.

40. [p. 67.] Taxation of the vicarage of Otterton, Feb. 5, 1317, when Robert was perpetual vicar. It is in a recent hand, apparently of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and was probably transcribed from the episcopal registers.

41. From page 70 to 79 there is matter of little importance. One of the leaves has been cut out. Here is part of Henry III.'s confirmation of Magna Charta; also some of the constitutions of the synod holden at Lambeth by archbishop Boniface in 1260, the whole of which, with some variations of the text, are printed at the end of Lynwode's Provinciale.

42, 43. [p. 79.] Nicholas, abbot of S. Michael, grants to Stephen Ash and his heirs a ferling of land in Otterton, and eight acres of waste in Kitenappe. Rent 4*s.* per annum, payable to the prior. Dated June, 1270.

44. [p. 80.] Nicholas, the abbot aforesaid, Aug. 15, 1272, grants to Adam de Radewey two ferlings of land at Ullebrocke within Sidmouth parish for his homage and service and the yearly payment of 6*s.*

45. Abbot John grants to John Ash and his heirs one messuage and one ferling of land in Otterton, and two acres of waste in Hedrieland. Rent 7*s.* Dated Wednesday after the nativity of B. V. M. (September) 1282.

The next leaf is cut out.

46. [p. 81.] Abbot William grants to Thomas de Hochelonde, clerk, the tenement which his mother Jane had held in Otterton; also a tenement and curtilage there, which John Cottig had occupied, to hold the same for his life at the yearly rent of 3*s.* Date, Otterton, Aug. 9, 1305.

47. In pages 82–84 are some writs and documents temp. Edw. II., in the ninth and tenth years of his reign, of little importance. An answer states that the Domesday shows that, at the Conquest, Otterton manor belonged to S. Michael's abbey, "et non in antiquo dominio domini regis."

48. [p. 84.] R., abbot of S. Michael, grants to Bartholomew of Otterton one messuage and one virgate of land in Otterton to him and his heirs. Rent 8*s.* per annum. Date 1229.

49. [p. 85.] Disclaimer by John Fitz-Pagan Siterok, in favour of S. Michael's abbey, of his interest in ten acres in Radelande. For such disclaimer he received from Henry, prior of Otterton, two and a half marks of silver.

50. William de Witelegh disclaims to the abbot and convent of S. Michael's one carucate and three ferlings of land in Yarticomb. For such disclaimer William received eleven marks.

51. William Urci surrenders to the said abbey his land in Smythenecke, in consideration of the yearly payment to himself and his heirs of 18*d.* He further ratifies the sale of that land which Eustachius of Duelis had made to the abbey. For such quit-claim Henry, prior of Otterton, gave him half a mark.

52. [pp. 85, 86.] Beatricia, daughter of Folcard, of Yarticomb, with the consent of her heirs, renounces all claim to seven ferlings of land in Yarticomb manor.* See ante, Num. XIV. Her eldest son William recites the above deed, but says the prior Henry exchanged two acres "in parva furlanga de Churlebroke pro duabus acris, et residuum illis parve furlange cum supradictis duabus acris pro sex acris et quandam portionem prati in Landri Chemedie." William agreed to pay to the convent 6*d.* per annum. The other brother, Richard, renews the disclaimer, and obtains from prior Henry 3*s.* sterling.

* This seems in a later hand, and is followed by a hiatus.

53. [p. 87.] Abbot Jordan, in 1195, grants to John de Boddelig twelve acres of land near the road between Otterton and Exeter, and the barton called Monbefurlong. Rent 5*s.* 11*d.* per annum, for which John gives 10*s.* (money of Anjou) of a rent in the Avranchin.

54. Abbot Robert confirms to Ivo, the son of Humphrey, the land previously granted to his father; viz. in Otterton, the land of Sigar, with a house and curtelage "juxta pontem, et cum terra juxta molendinum;" also certain parcels of land in Yarticomb. Rent 13*s.* 6*d.* per annum.

55. Abbot Jordan grants to Richard chaplain of Sidmouth, a tenement held by his father William, and a virgate and a half of land, for the yearly rent of 7*s.*, with remainder to a brother whom he shall name, and to the heirs of such brother in perpetual inheritance. For such concession Richard paid the convent one mark of silver, and to the lord abbot a palfrey of the value of 20*s.* Date 1200.

56. Abbot Jordan grants to Ralph de Penn and his heirs the houses that were William Johns' "in villa de Sidemue," and one acre of land to be held by the payment of one pound of wax at Midsummer-day.

57. Abbot Robert grants a virgate of land to William our clerk at Sidmouth for a virgate of land held by his father before him. Rent 4*s.* William gave to the abbot as his patron unum "sublarium." Date 1175.

58. [p. 88.] Abbot Jordan grants to Richard de Porta six acres of land for six-pence yearly, of which acres two and a half lie in the west side of Kattesden, two in Burgslade, and one and a half in Hanggerlonde. He further grants to Richard a ferling of land in Yarticomb, for 8*d.*; also in Podemdan, near the road leading to Otterham, eleven acres for 3*d.* Date 1196.

59. Abbot Jordan grants to Ralph, son of Ralph de Penn, a virgate at Penn in Otterton manor by the yearly rent of 6*s.* Should Ralph die without children, he is at liberty to assign the estate to any one of his brothers at his option, for which privilege he paid three marks.

60. Abbot Jordan grants to Adam de Radeweye the land which his father William had held before; viz. Woureland and Dingerewe, and a ferling of land which Hedrig Smalrig held, and a messuage and two and a half acres. Rent 7*s.* 4*d.*, with the right secured to Adam of being the first served at the mill.

61. The top part of this deed has been clipped away. It relates to the conveyance of a property in Yarticombe to John . . . for which he received ten marks "in gersumam." Dated March 26, 1264; witnessed by G. Legat, then prior of Otterton.

62. [p. 90.] Ralph de Moutor disclaims, in favour of the abbey, all right of common in Wollcumb; for such renunciation the abbot granted him the profits of Doniton mill for one year.

63. William Paen, of Yarticomb, also disclaims all right of common in Wollcumbe, for which he receives one mark from the abbot. (See Lysons' Devonshire, vol. ii. p. 376.)

64. Peter Wood surrenders his land which he held in Yarticomb, viz. in Woolscombe Wood, and received 2*s.* Roger, vicar of Yarticomb, witnessed this surrender.

65. Ralph Kuond disclaims all right to common pasture in the waste of Yarticomb, Donnington, and Woolscombe Wood.

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66. Abbot Ralph, in 1234, confirms to Bartholomew of Otterton half a virgate in Doniton, and a parcel of moor. Rent 7*s*. 8*d*.

67. Ralph, of Mount Sorel, disclaims all right to common pasture in Yoliscumb, and receives 40*s*.

68. [p. 91.] Abbot Nicholas confirms the deed of prior Geoffry, the former procurator-general of the abbey throughout England, in the case of John Ash. Date July, 1267.

69. Abbot Nicholas, on Wednesday after Midsummer-day, 1270, grants to John Gervase five ferlings of land in Yarticomb. Rent raised from 10*s*. to 13*s*.

70. Abbot Nicholas grants to Robert Bogmore and his lawful offspring a virgate of land in Sidmue called Bogmore by the yearly rent of 16*s*. Date July, 1267.

71. Abbot Nicholas grants to John Bouche a ferling of land in Yarticombe. Rent raised from 32*d*. to 4*s*. per annum. Date, Wednesday after Midsummer-day, 1270.

72. [p. 92.] Abbot Martin confirms to Ralph, son of Baldwin, the land held by his father at his death, at the yearly rent of 4*s*. He confirms the grant by his predecessor, abbot Robert, of a garden "in dominico nostro." Date 1191.

73. Abbot Richard's manumission of Ralph Kenout; witnessed by prior Geoffry Legat in 1260.

74. Abbot Jordan grants to Helouin, the son of Baldwin, in fee, a tenement which Yngolfus, the provost of Otterton before Bartholomew, held of the abbey; viz. a ferling of land lying "apud Sienctun," and a field of five acres "apud Hetfell," lying between Sienctun and the place which is called "Vetus Castellum;" two spots, one that was held by W. More, the other near the place called "Stansile;" and four parcels of land containing four and a half acres, one in the field called Lega, another at Voxole, a third at Wolwepe, the fourth at Stiklepare; also half a ferling of land near our park at Wolvepare; for which five lots Bartholomew used to pay 4*s*. 8*d*., a sextary of wine and a goose at Christmas; a sextary of wine at Pentecost; and a goose at Michaelmas. For this grant Helouin paid a mark. Part of this deed is illegible.

75. The same deed as above, No. 55.

76. [p. 93.] Abbot Martin's grant to William of Cornewall; nearly illegible.

77. Ralph de Penn, with the consent of his wife Joan and of his heirs, alienes and sells to Nicholas Cole a part of his tenement in Sidmouth, on his agreeing to pay 18*d*. yearly to the abbot and convent of S. Michael or their procurator, the prior of Otterton.

78. Ralph, abbot of S. Michael, in 1233, grants some lands to Nicholas of Yarticumb for 4*s*. annual rent. This deed is much defaced.

[The following notes of instruments, communicated by the late C. Bowles, esq., of Shaftesbury, are inserted here as being connected either with Otterton or its parent monastery:—

Savari "Bathoñ et Glastoñ eps." granted to the abbot and convent of S. Michael a pension of twenty marks from the vicarage of Mertok, which had been reserved to his see. The witnesses were, T. abb. Muchetn., Benedicto abb. Atheling., Magistro Roberto de Winesham cancellario Wellensi, Philippo persona de Articumbe. He had previously, as "Bathoñ Eps." granted a pension of 15 marks.

His successor Jocelyn, "Bathoñ Epus." received the grant of the advowson and pension of Mertok church from abbot Ralph in 1226; and, in consideration thereof, granted, Sept. 13 in the same year, the manse and a moiety of the glebe and of the sheaf; the grant to take effect on the death or cession of Bartholomew, archdeacon of Winton, the then rector, who in the mean while was to pay to the abbot five marks per annum.

This deed is admitted and confirmed by Thomas, prior of Bath. The seal of the prior represents S. Paul holding up the sword by its hilt.

Godfrey de Lucy, bishop of Winton, testifies, that with the assent of John, abbot, and the convent of S. Michael, the patrons, he had granted to Philip de Lucy, clerk, the living of Seleburn, with the reservation of three marks annually to become payable by said incumbent to the monastery within three weeks after Michaelmas. Dated Aug. 15, anno pontif. octavo (1197).]

The Collegiate Church of S. Mary, of Ottery,

IN THE DEANERY OF AYLSBEAR.

FROM Domesday it is clear that the chapter of S. Mary, at Rouen in Normandy, held Otrei manor of William the Conqueror. It was the gift of Edward the Confessor to that reverend body in 1061. That a parish church was shortly after provided for the population is highly probable. In the Appendix we give the deeds mentioning, as vicars of Ottery, William and Roger in the reign of king Henry II. Unfortunately the registers of the see of Exeter do not commence until nearly a century later, when we find, in bishop Bronescombe's register (fol. 9), that this prelate must have dedicated a new parish church early in December, 1260. "Anno MCCLX die Jovis post festum S. Andree dominus episcopus dedicavit ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Otery," and his liberal endowment of the vicarage is given in his register (fol. 43). Subsequently we meet with the vicars William de Sancto Gorono; Galfridus; and one John Romain, so inefficient for the office, that bishop Stapeldon, in 1311, displaced him, and collated John Thormeton; John de Charnebroke, who appears to have been removed by the crown, when Oliver Fayrsy, a Breton, (Grandisson, vol. i. fol. 20,) was presented to the vicarage. He held it on Sept. 12, 1334, when bishop Grandisson returned, Sept. 12, 1334, to king Edward III.'s writ, that the dean and chapter of Rouen held Otery S. Mary, taxed at £20 per annum.

Bishop Grandisson, whose birth and exalted station in the church were only exceeded by his generous and magnificent views, had long entertained the design of forming an establishment that might serve as a sanctuary for piety and learning. The situation which he judged most proper for the purpose was Ottery. The spot was pleasant, fertile, and salubrious; it was only twelve miles east of Exeter; he and his successors could therefore, without prejudice to their episcopal duties, be frequently present to watch its rising growth and to nurture the spirit of devotion and religious discipline. Accordingly, with the approbation of his sovereign Edward III. and of his friend and patron, pope John XXII., he opened a negotiation with the dean and chapter of Rouen for the purchase of the church and manor. In vol. i. of his register many of the letters between the parties are preserved. It seems that the

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Norman chapter calculated on making a good bargain, and their demands rose so high as to be called by the bishop unreasonable and exorbitant, "summa gravis et intolerabilis et, salva gratia vestra, irrationabilis." The price must indeed have been determined rather by the supposed value to the purchaser than to the sellers; for the chapter admit, in their conveyance, that the property was more burdensome than profitable. At length, however, they were induced to lower their price; and the bishop from his own purse, "ex suo peculio," purchased the manor and the advowson of the church, both of which were then together valued at two hundred and forty marks per annum. Their conveyance bears date June 13, 1335, and the royal licence for the bishop's foundation of his college followed Dec. 15, 1337. On the ensuing Christmas-eve, the bishop, being at Chudleigh, conveyed the manor of Otery with its appurtenances to the warden, canons, and other ministers, in the presence of Hugh Courtenay, earl of Devon, his two sons, Hugh and Thomas Courtenay, John Carew, John de Beauchamp, John Ralegh, Oliver Dynham, knights, Peter de Clifford, John Fraunceys, John Power, John de Knygheston, and others.

In the same register, fol. 43, is given the papal foundation bull of S. Mary's college. (See post, Num. VII.) It sets forth that he had erected the parish church into a collegiate one; that the four principal officers of the establishment should be as follow:—1. the warden; 2. the minister; 3. the precentor; and 4. the sacristan. These dignitaries ranked as canons and prebendaries. Four simple canons were also to be attached to the service of this collegiate church, and their prebends were denominated quinta, sexta, septima, and octava. The collation to these prebends was to belong exclusively to the bishop of Exeter for the time being. There were also to be eight choral vicars in priest's orders; one priest to have charge of the parishioners; one priest to celebrate the early morning service, presbyter matutinalis; one priest to be attached to our Lady's chapel; eight clerks, called secondaries; two other clerks, called clerici ecclesiæ; two other clerks, called aquebajuli*; eight choir boys, and a master of grammar. All these forty members of the college were obliged to assist at the daily and nightly office in their proper habits.

The canons were to possess the right of nominating the vicars, secondaries, and most of the other members; but if they should neglect to fill up a vacancy within the space of twenty days, the appointment devolved on the diocesan. No one person was permitted to hold a double office.

The warden by virtue of his office was to receive annually 60*s.*

The minister was to receive the same sum; he had the appointment of the parish priest and the two aquebajuli.

The precentor was to receive 30*s.*

The sacristan received the same as the precentor, and he appointed the two clerks of the church.

In quality of canons, these dignitaries were entitled to the same stipend which the simple canons enjoyed, viz. 40*s.* per annum; on feasts that were doubles, all the canons were to have 6*d.* per day; on days "quibus regitur chorus†" 5*d.*; on other days, 4*d.* Should any be absent from matins without a reasonable cause, the fine was to be three-halfpence; if absent from high mass or vespers, one penny.

Each vicar and the morning priest was to receive a weekly allowance of 12*d.*, besides a yearly stipend of 20*s.* Should any of them absent himself from matins, he was to forfeit one penny; from high mass or vespers, one halfpenny. If absent from prime, tierce, sext, or none, he was to lose one farthing of his pay.

The parish priest was to receive six marks per annum. The clergyman who served our Lady's chapel, and the eight secondaries, were to receive 8*d.* weekly, and 12*s.* per annum: for each absence from matins, mass, or vespers, they forfeited one halfpenny; and from the little hours, they were to lose one farthing. The choir boys were to receive 5*d.* weekly, and 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum, and were liable to the farthing forfeits, as the secondaries. The two clerici ecclesie and the schoolmaster were to receive two marks per annum. The two clerks, aquebajuli, besides the ordinary fees from the parishioners were to receive 6*s.* 8*d.* from the college yearly.

The members of the college were to elect from the body of vicars an officer called the succentor or subchanter. Besides his duty in the choir, he was to note down and report the absentees to the chapter on Saturdays; and he was entitled to a moiety of all the fines collected from such absentees as were not canons; the other moiety was to be delivered to the stewards, who were to be two in number, and to be chosen from the canons every year on the vigil of S. Michael. It further appears from the deed of foundation, that each canon had his own house, and that the bishop had erected a suitable mansion for the vicars and inferior ministers, where they lived in common.

Bishop Grandisson expressly enjoins that the anniversaries of Cardinal Peter, bishop of Præneste, who had consecrated him in the Dominican church at Avignon, Oct. 18, 1327; of pope John XXII.‡, his friend and promoter; of William Grandisson, his father; of Sibilla, his mother; of his uncle, Otho Grandisson; and of his brothers and sisters, should be observed with solemnity; and that considerable charities should be distributed to the poor on these occasions.

For the endowment of this extensive foundation the bishop grants for ever to the college the manor of Otery with all its rights and appurtenances. This deed is dated Jan. 22, 1337–8. The approbation of the sovereign pontiff, Clement VI., is dated from Avignon, June 27, in the first year of his pontificate (1342).

A few months after the foundation, bishop Grandisson, with the free consent of the prior and convent of Plympton, procured the annexation of the church of Ilsington to his college. The appropriation is dated May 5, 1338. (See Regist. vol. i. fol. 150.) The priory, however, in resigning this benefice, reserved an annual pension of 100*s.*

For the better support of the establishment, Otho § Grandisson, the bishop's brother, purchased of S. Stephen's abbey, at Caen in Normandy, the living of Northam for 210 marks, and appropriated it to the college, Dec. 3, 1363. In consequence of this accession of property, the number of vicars was increased from eight to ten. It further appears from Grandisson's regist. (vol. i. fol. 213) that this Otho bequeathed to the college certain houses and rents in the city of London, which were subsequently sold.

From an interesting document, dated February 22, 1402, (Stafford's register, post, Appendix,) we discover that the college was charged with providing every thing necessary for bishop Grandisson's chantry, sometimes called S. Radegundes' chapel, on the right hand of the great western entrance into the cathedral of Exeter. To support this chantry and the officiating clergyman, part of the revenues of certain lands and messuages situate in the Old Jewry, in London, were assigned, which had been bequeathed by Nicholas Braybrook || and others; viz. a messuage called Blosmysin (Blossoms Inn) with a shop on the north side thereof, and a garden in the parish of S. Lawrence in Old Jewry; a garden in All Saints parish in Honeylane adjoining the said messuage; and a messuage called the warehouse annexed to Blosmysin; also the yearly rent of £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* arising from certain tenements on the north

* Aquebajuli were persons who carried the vessel of the holy water in processions and benedictions. Scholars in the minor orders were always to be preferred for this office. (Vide Synod. Exonien. A.D. 1287, cap. 29.) In small parishes, the aquebajulus occasionally acted as sacristan, and rang the bell. (See Abp. Boniface's Decree, lib. iii. Lynwode's Provinciale.)

† From the circumstance that the bishop of Sarum was precentor in the college of bishops, and that he directed the choir when the bishops assisted at a service solemnly performed by the archbishop of Canterbury, (Lyndwode's Provinciale, p. 104.) it would seem that the expression "diebus quibus regitur chorus" imported solemn festivals. But in the case before us, how comes it to pass that the remuneration is less than on doubles? Perhaps the days were semidoubles.

‡ In Grandisson Reg., vol. i. fol. 106, it is stated that the anniversary of this pope was on Dec. 4; the anniversary of William Grandisson on June 26; and of Sibilla on Oct. 21. Hoker incorrectly calls Grandisson's father Gilbert.

§ This Otho was very rich, and had obtained of King Edward III. a grant of the county of Tipperary in Ireland. (See Parnell's Apology, p. 64.) In a patent, 33 Edward III., we find "Rex tenetur Otoni de Grandissono in decem millibus multonum auri;" that is, coins stamped with an Agnus Dei. (See Spelman's Glossary.)

|| The college was bound to keep the obit of this Nicholas Braybrook, and Theobald Mountenay, esq., on the second day after the feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. In the chantry within the palace of the bishops of London perpetual prayers were offered for the souls of the bishops of London, for the Braybrook family, and for bishop Grandisson. (See Dugdale's Hist. of S. Paul's, p. 135.)

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of the said Blosmysin messuage, which formerly belonged to Walter Cavendish, late citizen and mercer of London, and now to William Gore, citizen and founder there.

In Lacy's regist. (vol. iii. fol. 145) is the appropriation of the church of Iplepen, A.D. 1439.

The founder had originally determined, that, if any monies remained in the college treasury at Michaelmas, a moiety should be taken out to be distributed amongst the residentiary canons; but on July 1, 1354, he decreed that the expenses of hospitality, which the warden, from the nature of his office, was obliged to incur during the course of the year, should be refunded before any distribution should take place.

Two singular ordinances of the founder are preserved in his register. (vol. i. fol. 105.) The first, that after the solemn service and procession on the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (Aug. 15), a handsome entertainment should be provided at the expense of the college, at which the whole community should assist, habited in surplices "in signum candide virginitatis beate Marie." The second, that, as a mark of gratitude to the foundation, and in order to perpetuate their own memory, each of the four dignitaries was bound to present to the college a silk cope of the value of 40*s.*; each of the four simple canons was to make a donation of a chasuble, or tunic, or dalmatic, or of a decent alb, with an amice, stole and maniple, or of some* book that might be useful to the church, of 20*s.* value; or pay once to the college treasury the sum of 20*s.* It is to be observed that this regulation was not binding if the members had not enjoyed their prebends a complete year; and, again, that it was optional whether they made the donation during their lives, or bequeathed it at their death.

The oath taken by a member of the college was as follows:—"Ego, N. ab hac hora in antea fidelis ero ecclesiæ collegiatæ Sanctæ Mariæ de Otry ac collegio et confratribus meis canonicis ejusdem, et ordinationem ac statuta dictæ ecclesiæ a venerabili patre domino Johanne de Grandissono Exon. episcopo fundatore dicti collegii edita, quantum ad me attinet, fideliter observabo, ac jura et libertates ipsius collegii pro posse meo defendam ac tuebor. Sic me Deus adjuvet et hæc sancta, &c."

With the permission of the dean and chapter of Exeter we insert in the Appendix a series of statutes which the bishop published for the better government of this collegiate establishment twenty months after the foundation deed, viz. September 29, 1339. It is interesting to witness his minute attention to whatever concerned the decency and order of divine worship; his anxiety to have persons promoted to offices according to their standing and their submission to their superiors, "non enim meretur ascendere, qui nescit subesse;" his good taste in rejecting unsuitable ornaments for the altars; his consideration for the comfort of the members, and their observance of propriety and good understanding with each other; his provision and foresight for all repairs of the buildings, and for securing the necessary stock for the use of the establishment. It is surprising into what details he descends: for the purchase of wax for the church lights he would have the sacristan and stewards to watch the fairs of Winchester, Great Torrington, and Barnstaple; to have the wax candles in store within a fortnight after Michaelmas, "quia quanto antiquiores, tanto sunt durabiliores:" the wicks of the tallow candles were to be made half of cotton and half of thread. The strokes of the bells are even numbered. For details, and minute directions for conducting the church service, we believe the document to be more instructive and satisfactory than any other that has come to our notice.

In Grandisson's last will, bearing date September 8, 1368, he bequeathed a remonstrance or ostensoir (used for giving the solemn benediction of the holy Sacrament) to the college, a silver-gilt image of the blessed Virgin Mary, and a cross with relics which had been given to him by the abbot of Glastonbury; also a number of books, and to each of the four dignitaries 40*s.*, and to every vicar 40*d.*†

Before we offer to the reader the succession of the wardens of Ottery college, we should notice the error of Godwin in his life of bishop Grandisson, in stating that it was a foundation for black monks, "collegium condidit monachis atratis Otereiæ."

The following is a list of the wardens of the college from the registers:—

Richard de Gonisale, appointed warden provisionally, Jan. 17, 1337-8.

Richard de Otry succeeded, June 24, 1338.

Henry Bonet, who resigned May 9, 1350.

Andrew Attemore, or *De More*, succeeded June 17, following.

John Coterel occurs as warden in 1387.

William Slade succeeded.

John Bokelond, admitted, Oct. 17, 1399.

John Tyret, died late in 1414.

John Sarger succeeded Jan. 28, ensuing.

John Hancock admitted, Aug. 31, 1446.

It was during this warden's government, in July, 1451, that king Henry VI. is believed to have visited the college. Izacke informs us, that he was received with great solemnity, and that he lodged in the college two nights.

Thomas Stephens.

Thomas Cornish, episcopus Tynensis and suffragan to Bishop Fox, was collated to the wardenship Dec. 1, 1489. He held many ordinations in his church, and resigned this office in June, 1511; dying July 3, 1513, he was buried near the door of the chapter-house of Wells cathedral.

Thomas Michell, S.T.P., succeeded on the 27th of the same month and year: on whose cession

Thomas Chard, episcopus Solubricensis, succeeded Oct. 9, 1513, and resigned in the autumn of 1518. Under the article of Ford Abbey we shall give a biographical notice of him.

Walter Dudman, confirmed Oct. 16, 1518.

Oliver Smith followed, June 26, 1525, on Dudman's death. He was also instituted to Ilsington, Nov. 19, 1532, and to Iplepen, April 10, 1533.

This warden, with Roger Bramston, minister, Roger Stokeman, sacristan, and William Dyeher, canon, subscribed to the king's supremacy July 12, 1534. (See 14. Rymer's Fœdera, p. 508.)

John Ffysher, appointed by Bishop Veysey, Smith's successor, Oct. 30, 1545.

At the dissolution of the college, about two months later, viz. Dec. 24, 1545, its annual income was rated at £303 2*s.* 9*d.*

Through the kindness of Francis G. Coleridge, esq., we are enabled to submit to the reader the seal of the founder, and also the common seal of the college. The inscription on the latter is rather defaced; but from a better impression we have discovered that it was

S. COLLEGII · BEATE · MARIE · DE · OTERI.

We have met with but two pensions which were granted at Westminster, July 12, 37 Henry VIII, namely:—

	£.	s.	d.
To Nicholas Philips, vicar . . .	6	18	5
Baldwin Bastcombe	6	18	5

The manor was granted, 37 Henry VIII., to Edward, Earl of Hertford, afterwards created Duke of Somerset, who, in the capacity of patron, nominated John Bactar to the vicarage of Otery, April 9, 1550. We are disposed to believe that his armorial bearings were erected over the north porch of the nave, and were effaced, in the manner they now appear, on his subsequent attainder. On December 24, 1545, (Rot. Pat. 37 Henry VIII. Pars. 16.) the king granted to John Haydon, esq., and Hugh More, William Trent, and William Sherman, gentlemen, as the four governors of the church of blessed Mary of Otery, all its church belfry, Lady chapel, and cemetery, vestries, cloisters, chapter-house, vicar's house, secondaries' house, choristers' house, and school house, with their appurte-

* The library of this church must have been considerable. John de Exeter, clerk, bequeathed to it, July 28, 1445, books to the number of 136. (See Lacy Regist. vol. iii. fol. 513.) He desires to be buried "in ecclesia S. Marie de Otery juxta capellam S. Marie et capellam Sancti Stephani." He states that he had written the books with his own hand, for the most part, and bequeaths them "ad concathenandos in libraria de Otery."

† From Grandisson's Register, vol. i. fol. 208, it appears that a short time before the year 1360 a fashion had sprung up of performing Christmas plays in the churches. Early in December in that year this bishop directed a prohibition of such unbecoming scenes to the custos and chapter of S. Mary's of Ottery, to the chancellor of his own cathedral at Exeter, to the precentor and chapter of Crediton, and to the provost and chapter of Glasney; and they all returned for answer that an end should be put to such abuses, and that his lordship's mandate had been duly published and transcribed in the principal books used in their choirs "ad perpetuam rei memoriam."

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nances, lately belonging to the college there, and all manner of tithes in the parish, excepting the sheaf; but with the charge of providing out of the profits a preacher or minister with a salary of £20; and also a schoolmaster, with a salary of £10, to instruct the youth of the parish in "the kynge's newe grammer scole of Seynt Marye Oterey." King Edward VI., Oct. 7, 1547, granted to the dean and chapter of Windsor the tithes of garb of Ottery St. Mary, Blossom's Inn in St. Laurence's-lane, London, and the appropriations of the churches of Northam, Ilsington, and Ipelpen, parcel of the possessions of the late college.

The following answer of bishop Vesey to the writ of the barons of the Exchequer desiring information concerning the temporalities of this college, is copied from his register (vol. ii. fol. 5).

"Johannes permissione divina Exon. episcopus, egregiis viris baronibus de Scaccario domini mei regis apud Westmonasterium, salutem in Eo, in quo est omnis vera salus. Breve domini regis presentibus interclusum cum ea qua decuit reverencia accepimus sub tenore in eodem contento. Cujus quidem brevis auctoritate pariter et vigore certificamus, quod, scrutatis registris nostris ac aliis evidenciis diligenter recensitis, comperimus quod custos et collegium de Otry habuerunt et in suos proprios usus tenuerunt, prout in presenti habent et tenent, ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Otry unitam et appropriatam dicto custodi et collegio per reverendum patrem bone memorie Johannem de Grandissono, olim, dum vixit, Exon. episcopum, predecessorem nostrum, A. D. 1337. Et solvere consueverunt pro decima ipsius collegii ratione spiritualium et temporalium, £4 7*s*. 0¼*d*. Item pro decima dicte ecclesie dive Marie de Otry 20*s*. Item pro vicario ejusdem 6*s*. 8*d*. Habent eciam in suos proprios usus et optinent ecclesias parochiales sequentes, viz.:—

"Ecclesiam parochialem de Ilsyngton quam appropriavit dictis custodi et collegio antedictus reverendus pater, A. D. 1338, cujus decima 14*s*. 7¼*d*.

"Item ecclesiam parochialem de Ipplepen dicto custodi et collegio appropriatam per recolendum virum felicis memorie Edmundum Lacy, olim Exon. episcopum, predecessorem nostrum, A. D. 1439, cujus decima 6*s*.

"Item ecclesiam parochialem de Northam dicto custodi et collegio per sepedictum patrem Johannem de Grandissono appropriatam, A. D. 1361, cujus decima 14*s*. 9¼*d*.

"Comperimus eciam per alia fide digna documenta quod solvere consueverunt regie celsitudini ac progenitoribus suis pro temporalibus taxam sub nomine decani et capituli ecclesie Rothomagensis, 25*s*. Quod vobis significamus per has nostras literas patentes et sic mandata serenissime regie majestatis cum ea, qua decuit, reverencia et diligencia executi sumus. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium sigillum nostrum, &c. &c. Datum in manerio nostro de Chudlegh 17 Novembris anno domini regis Henrici 12°. et consecrationis nostre 2°."

For a very instructive and detailed account of the church of Ottery the reader is referred to the Transactions of the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society, 1842.

Bishop Grandisson seems to have built the whole of the choir, and of the Lady chapel, and to have retained the greater part of the walls and windows of the old church to form the nave, which must have been entirely new vaulted. We have already remarked, that bishop Bronescombe dedicated the old parish church in Dec. 1260, in the reign of Hen. III.

In a letter which Grandisson addressed to pope Benedict XII. (vide regist. vol. i. fol. 40.) he says, that this collegiate church was dedicated to our Lady and S. Edward the Confessor; and he afterwards adds, "in quorum reverenciam ibidem jam ecclesiola, inter omnes regni istius juxta statum suum venustior, est constructa."

The curious observer will remark throughout the church in the nodules of the nave, choir, and aisles, the arms of Grandisson, viz.: palewise of six, argent and azure, a bend gules, charged with a mitre between two eaglets displayed Or; and also very frequently the Montacute armorial bearings, viz. argent three lozenges or fusils in fess, gules. Probably William Montacute, earl of Salisbury, who married Catharine, bishop Grandisson's youngest sister, might have assisted in founding the college, or in altering and improving the old fabric *.

A gorgeous chapel, communicating with the north aisle of the nave, cannot fail to arrest the attention of the spectator. From the armorial bearings of bishops Courtenay and Veysey, it is reasonable to suppose that it was begun late in the fifteenth and finished in the early part of the sixteenth century. Perhaps Cecily, the heiress of the Lord Bonville, whose first husband was the marquis of Dorset, and whose second husband was Henry Lord Stafford, afterwards earl of Wiltshire, was the principal benefactress. She bore the titles of marchioness of Dorset, countess of Wiltshire, Lady Ferrars of Groby, Bonville, Harrington, Astley, and Stafford, and died about the year 1530.

Two magnificent monuments, supposed to commemorate the parents of Grandisson, are especially deserving of notice. There is, indeed, no good ground for this opinion; for it is an unquestionable fact, that both were buried in the conventual church of Dore, in Herefordshire. In his regist. (vol. i. fol. 40) a letter of Grandisson's to pope Benedict XII. is extant. After congratulating his holiness on his recent promotion to the papal chair †, he tells him that his eyes are still streaming with tears for the loss he had lately sustained by the death of his mother: he then proceeds thus: "Ipsa mater mea, Anglica genere, in domo Cisterciensis ordinis nomine Dora a suis progenitoribus fundata noviter humi tradita, patrem licet Burgundum genere ibidem sepeliendum, et tube archangelice ultimum sonitum prestolatur, prout venerabilis doctor abbas ejusdem domus de Dore dicte satis novit." There is, however, some reason to ascribe the monuments to Otho Grandisson, the brother of the bishop, and his wife. See Transactions Exeter Dioc. Arch. Soc. ubi supra.

By bishop Grandisson's ordinance of Sept. 29, 1339, the college was bound to maintain and repair the church from the roodloft inclusively to the end of the Lady chapel, and the tower on the right, in which were hung the four larger bells. The parishioners were bound to do the like to the nave and the tower on the left, which contained four other bells.

There was a chapel of our Saviour, near Ottery bridge, erected by bishop Grandisson in 1355. For the repairs of this chapel and the bridge, bishop Lacy granted an indulgence of forty days, Sept. 8, 1438. Bishop Veysey permitted one John Selman to become a recluse in this chapel, Nov. 10, 1531. (See regist. Veysey, vol. ii. fol. 61.)

The grant by the Confessor of the vill or manor of Otregia to the church of S. Mary of Rouen is recited in letters patent, 4 Ric. II. (pt. i. m. 3.) and will be found in the Appendix to the Exeter Diocesan Society's Transactions already referred to. We have been enabled by the kindness of Thomas Stapleton, esq., the extent and variety of whose Anglo-Norman researches are well known to antiquaries, to present to our readers three other unpublished instruments respecting the church of Ottery antecedent to the foundation of bishop Grandisson.

Num. I.

Carta capituli Rotomagensis Petro clerico de Otteri.

(Ex cartulario ecclesiæ cathedralis Rotomagensis, fol. 90, in Bibliothec. public. Rotom.)

R. beate Marie Rothomagensis ecclesie decanus et universum ejusdem ecclesie capitulum presentibus et futuris salutem in Eo qui salus est ovium. Notum habeat universitas vestra quod Petro clerico de Otteri, nutrito magistri Willelmi de Ottri, mediam partem ecclesie ejusdem ville in perpetuam elemosinam habendam concedimus, viz. terciam partem decime segetum et medietatem decime de proventibus porcorum et fructuum de dominico nostro et medietatem decime de omnibus decimis que nobis redduntur in predicto manerio nostro. Sciendum est autem quod predictus Petrus reddet nobis annuatim XII solidos et VI denarios esterlingorum de predicta ecclesia. Huic donationi presentes interfuerunt domini Rob. decanus Rad.

* The earl died Feb. 2, 1344. See Dugdale's Baronage, vol. i. p. 647. His countess survived him five years, and was buried at Bustleham or Bisham abbey, Berks. Her epitaph states that the father of Grandisson was cousin to the emperor of Constantinople, the king of Hungary, and the duke of Bavaria; that he came into England with Edward, earl of Lancaster, and married Sibilla Tregoz.

† The letter must clearly have been written early in 1335, as pope John XXII. died on Dec. 4, 1334.

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domini* H. regis Anglie cancellarius et magister, P. Cantor noster, Amicus archidiaconus, Ro. succentor, magister Ric., Petrus de Vestiario, Helias, Walerannus, Rob. capellanus, Henricus, sacerdotes, magister Hebertus, Walterus de Gornaco, Johannes Willelmus de Ripa, Rad. Teard levite, Benedictus Gianocus, Walterus de Casten, Robertus Osmundi, Silvester, subdiaconi. Omnes hii ecclesie nostre canonici.

Num. II.

Carta Willielmi Eliensis episcopi de capella de Roveruge.

(Ex eodem, fol. 39.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis Willelmus Dei gratia Eliensis episcopus, apostolice sedis legatus et domini regis cancellarius, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra controversiam que vertebatur inter canonicum Rothomagensis ecclesie et Willelmum presbyterum de Ottri super capella de Roveruge† coram nobis sub hoc fine conquievisse: Prefatus, videlicet, capellanus in presentia nostra constitutus memoratam capellam ad ecclesiam Rothomagensem debere pertinere recognovit. Canonicus vero divine pietatis intuitu capellam illam prefato capellano sub annua pensione unius bisantii in Assumptione beate Marie singulis annis reddendi concesserat. Idemque capellanus pensionem illam sacramento corporaliter prestito annuatim ad prefatum terminum fideliter et absque omni dolo nomine prefate capelle se promisit soluturum, et canonicam fidelitatem super eadem capella Rothomagensi ecclesie exhibiturum. Hiis testibus, Ric. Eliensi, Johanne Lexoviensi archidiaconis, magistro Eustachio, magistro Petro de Mesenil, Gisleberto de Huchemaig, Johanne de Templo. Datum Canteburge, octavo Kl. Maii.

Num. III.

Institutio in vicarium ecclesiæ de Oteri ad petitionem capituli Rothomagensis.

(Ex eodem, fol. 39.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit J[ohannes] archidiaconus Exon. eternam in Domino salutem. Universitati vestre notum facimus quod cum nobis plenius constaret Petrum clericum de Oteri vicariam quam habuit in ecclesia beate Marie de Oteri coram W. Eliensi episcopo, domini regis cancellario, totius Anglie legato, abjurasse, et eam in manus ipsius W. Eliensis episcopi et apostolice sedis legato resignasse, nos Rogerum capellanum, ad petitionem et presentationem capituli ecclesie beate Marie Rothomagensis, ad perpetuam vicariam predicte ecclesie de Oteri, quam idem Petrus habuerat, recepimus et instituimus et canonice investivimus. Quod ut ratum de cetero perseveret presenti carta confirmavimus. Hiis testibus, magistro W. de Axeñ, tunc vicearchidiaconi; Bartholomeo de Karent', clerico; Roberto le Beden, et Reginaldo, fratribus; Petro de Fonte, et multis aliis.

Num. IV.

Carta decani et capituli Rothomagensis ecclesiæ, per quam manerium de Otery S. Mariæ Johanni de Grandissono episcopo Exoniensi concesserunt.

(Pat. 32 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 13, per Inspex.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod nos decanus et capitulum Rothomagensis ecclesie, de apostolice sancte sedis et illustrissimi principis domini Anglorum regis licentia et gratia speciali, et de auctoritate decreto et consensu reverendi in Christo patris ac domini, domini Petri Dei gratia Rothomagensis archiepiscopi pastoris nostri, ex justa causa vendidimus, dedimus, et concessimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus, pro certo et competenti precio in utilitatem dicte nostre Rothomagensis ecclesie juxta tenorem apostolicarum literarum nobis super dicta licentia concessarum, convertendo, de quo nos tenemus pro contentis venerabili in Christo patri domino Johanni de Grandissono Exon. episcopo manerium nostrum de Otery S. Marie in com. Devonie, quod nobis nostreque dicte ecclesie modicum fructuosum, quinimo a multis citra temporibus propter locorum distanciam ac guerrarum illuc frequenter ingruentium discrimina existebat et extiterat onerosum, cum advocatione ecclesie predicte de Otery et omnibus pertinentiis suis, habendum et tenendum totum manerium predictum cum advocatione ecclesie predicte, necnon decimis, hundredo, warenna, domibus, gardinis, boscis, terris, tenementis, pratis, pascuis, viis, semitis, sepibus, planis, fossis, fossatis, moris, mariscis, aquis, stagnis, vivariis, ripariis, piscariis, alnetis, vastis, molendinis, wardis, maritagiis, releviis, escaetis, homagiis, fidelitatibus, redditibus, nativis et eorum villenagiis, catallis, et sequelis, sectis curie, serviciis, et consuetudinibus, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et proficuis qualitercunque inde accidentibus ad nos et dictam nostram Rothomagensem ecclesiam pertinentibus quoquomodo, sine ullo retenemento, dicto domino Johanni de Grandissono heredibus et assignatis suis seu cuicunque dare, vendere, seu legare voluerit, de capitalibus dominis feodi illius per servicia inde debita et consueta libere, quiete, bene, et in pace imperpetuum. Et loco warantie, et sue perpetue defensionis, sic, quod ad warantiam aliam pro premissis minime teneamur, tradidimus eidem domino Johanni de Grandissono Exon. episcopo literas et cartas atque scripturas autenticas et cetera munimenta donationum, concessionum, ac confirmationum nobis olim factarum et concessarum super hiis per inclitarum recordationum reges Anglie, necnon literas apostolicas episcoporum et archiepiscoporum, donationem, confirmationem, et concessionem hujusmodi continentes. Et nichilominus de licentia, gratia, beneplacito, decreto, et consensu predictis, et habito super hoc diligenti et solempni tractatu, dictam ecclesiam de Otery cum decimis et aliis suis universis juribus et pertinentiis ad nos ratione dicti manerii et ecclesie spectantibus, jus, proprietatem, et possessionem, que habemus in ea vel ad eam, ordinationi et laudo ejusdem domini Exon. episcopi loci diocesani simpliciter et sponte subjiciendum esse decrevimus et subjicimus, quinimo duntaxat ad effectum hujusmodi tenore presentium cedimus ecclesie jure, possessione, et proprietate antedictis; confisi indubie quod dictus Exoniensis episcopus mentis sue studio destinabit affectum Dei in ordinatione sua hujusmodi beneplacita prosequi, et eis perseveranter inherere. Ut autem premissa omnia et singula majori subnixa sint firmitate, renunciamus modo premisso omnibus juris remediis, per que possemus aliquo unquam tempore contra premissa facere quomodolibet vel venire, juxta ea que superius sunt expressa. Et nichilominus omnibus quorum interest velut solempniter stipulantibus pactum facimus de ulterius pro dicta ecclesia de Otery vel ob eam non agendo ac ipsam etiam non petendo. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum, quo communiter utimur, presenti carte nostre fecimus apponi. Hiis testibus presentibus; venerabilibus et circumspectis viris dominis Roberto de Pratellis, archidiacono majori; Bernardo de Casis, thesaurario; Willielmo de Albussaco archidiacono, Wlgass Francis, Johanne de Duno, et Gaufrido de Bryenthone, canonicis Rothomagensibus; etc. Datum in capitulo nostro Rothomagensi propter hoc per campane sonitum, ut est moris, congregato, die tertia decima mensis Junii anno Domini M.CCCXXXV. [9 Edw. III.]

Num. V.

Licentia regia dicto Johanni de Grandissono Exon. episcopo concessa pro fundatione ecclesiæ collegiatæ.

(Pat. 11 Edw. III. part 3, m. 4.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem. Sciatis, quod de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, venerabili patri Johanni de Grandissono Exoniensi episcopo quod ipse quoddam monasterium sive ecclesiam collegiatam de certo numero canonicorum secularium in honore Domini nostri Jhesu Christi et beate Marie Virginis gloriose matris sue, Sancti Edwardi Confessoris, et omnium sanctorum apud Otery S. Marie, sive in ecclesia parochiali ejusdem ville, sive in aliquo alio loco ibidem ubi expedire viderit, ad certas cantarias et alia pietatis opera per ipsum episcopum inibi juxta ordinationem suam in hac parte statuendam faciendam et exercendam, et manerium de Otery S. Marie cum pertinentiis in com. Devon. et advocationem

* Ralph de Warnevilla was chancellor in 1182—1193.
† Roridge in Up-Otery?

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ecclesie predicte, que de nobis tenentur in capite, ut dicitur, et que idem episcopus sibi et successoribus suis de licentia nostra de decano et capitulo ecclesie beate Marie Rothomagensis in Normannia, qui dicta manerium et advocationem in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, et eandem ecclesiam prius in proprios usus, ut dicitur, tenuerunt, adquisivit, dare possit et assignare custodi ejusdem monasterii, sive ecclesie collegiate, ac canonicis per ipsum episcopum ibidem constituendis; habendum et tenendum eisdem custodi et canonicis et eorum successoribus pro sustentatione ipsorum custodis et canonicorum, ac aliorum ministrorum in eodem monasterio sive ecclesia collegiata in divinis obsequiis deserviturorum juxta ordinationem ipsius episcopi predictam de nobis et heredibus nostris in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum; et eisdem custodi et canonicis, quod ipsi predictum manerium cum pertinentiis et advocationem illam a prefato episcopo recipere, ac predictam ecclesiam appropriare et eam sic appropriatam in proprios usus, ac dictum manerium cum pertinentiis et advocationem predictam tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis predictis pro sustentatione sua et aliorum ministrorum predictorum; ac ad cantarias et alia pia opera predicta juxta ordinationem ipsius episcopi predictam ibidem statuendam, sustentandorum, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, sicut predictum est, tenore presentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem; statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, etc. In cujus, etc. T. rege apud Westmonasterium, xv° die Decembris.

Num. VI.

Carta Johannis de Grandissono, qua dictum manerium de Otery præfatæ ecclesiæ collegiatæ S. Mariæ de Otery, sic per ipsum fundatæ, concessit.

(Pat. 32 Edw. III. p. 1, m. 13, per inspex.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod nos Johannes de Grandissono, miseratione divina Exon. episcopus, pro salute anime nostre, patris et matris nostrorum, necnon felicis recordationis domini Johannis vicesimi secundi pape promotoris nostri, predecessorum et successorum nostrorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, de licentia summi pontificis ac serenissimi principis domini nostri domini Edwardi regis Anglie illustris, dedimus, concessimus, et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Deo et beate Marie et custodi canonicis et aliis ministris collegii de Otery S. Marie per nos cum Dei adjutorio fundati, Deo imperpetuum servituris, totum manerium nostrum de Otery S. Marie cum ecclesia ejusdem manerii integraliter et omnibus pertinentiis suis; Habendum et tenendum totum manerium predictum, cum ecclesia appropriata, bertona, terris et tenementis, que bertonarii modo tenent ad voluntatem, mercatis, nundinis, hundredo, warenna, domibus, gardinis, boscis, terris, tenementis, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, molendinis, vastis, landis, moris, mariscis, alnetis, viis, semitis, sepibus, planis, fossis, fossatis, aquis, stagnis, vivariis, ripariis, piscariis, wardis, maritagiis, releviis, escaetis, homagiis, fidelitatibus, redditibus, sectis curie, serviciis, consuetudinibus, custumariis et eorum custumis, villanis et eorum villenagiis catellis et sequelis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis et proficuis qualitercunque inde accidentibus sine ullo retenemento, predictis custodi, canonicis, et aliis ministris Deo imperpetuum ibidem servituris et eorum successoribus in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum. Et nos Johannes episcopus antedictus et heredes nostri totum manerium predictum cum ecclesia appropriata integraliter et omnibus pertinentiis suis predictis custodi et canonicis ac aliis ministris ibidem Deo servituris et eorum successoribus in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam warantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium huic carte nostre sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus; domino Hugone de Courtney, comite Devon; dominis Hugone et Thoma filiis ejus; Johanne de Kaereu; Johanne de Bellocampo de Rym; Johanne de Raulegh; Olivero de Dynham; militibus: Johanne Fraunceys, Petro de Clifford; Johanne Power; Johanne de Knyghteston, et aliis. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh, xxiiii° die Decembris anno Domini m.cccxxxvii° et regni regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu xi°.

Num. VII.

Ordinatio fundatoris ecclesiæ collegiatæ S. Mariæ de Otery per Pontificem Romanum ratificata.

(Grandisson regist. vol. i. fol. 43.)

Clemens episcopus servus servorum Dei ad perpetuam rei memoriam. Romanus pontifex, ex apostolice servitutis officio attente considerans universa, consuevit illa libencius oportunis prosequi graciis eisque facilius suum benignum exhibere consensum per que divinus cultus augetur, ampliatur ecclesiarum favor, ipsarumque ministris et servitoribus comoda procurantur. Ex tenore siquidem peticionis venerabilis fratris nostri Johannis episcopi Exoniensis nobis oblate percepimus, quod olim ipse manerium beate Marie de Otery una cum advocacione ecclesie parochialis Sancte Marie dicti loci de Otery Exoniensis diocesis ex suo peculio canonice acquisivit et ad honorem Dei et beate Marie Virginis gloriose matris ejus dictam parochialem ecclesiam in collegiatam auctoritate ordinaria erexit et congrue dotavit, statuens certum canonicorum et ministrorum numerum in eadem, et certas ordinaciones alias circa premissa fecit super hiis, omnibus dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli ecclesie Exon. accedente consensu, prout in patentibus literis inde confectis, eorundem episcopi decani et capituli et quorundam aliorum sigillis munitis, quarum tenorem de verbo ad verbum presentibus inseri fecimus plenius continetur; que prefatus episcopus a nobis supplicavit humiliter apostolice confirmacionis munimine roborari. Nos igitur, attendentes quod ex premissis cultus divinus augetur, ampliatur honor ipsius ecclesie beate Marie ac procurantur commoda personarum deserviencium in eadem, ejusdem episcopi in hac parte supplicacionibus inclinati, acquisicionem erectionem et statutum hujusmodi et eciam ordinaciones predictas in eis contentas rata et grata habentes, illa auctoritate apostolica ex certa sciencia confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus, supplentes omnem defectum si quis forsan in premissis vel eorum aliquo intervenerit de apostolice plenitudine potestatis. Tenor autem dictarum literarum talis est.— "Universis Christi sanguine redemptis Johannes de Grandissono miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem et tanti precii jugem in presenti memoriam fructumque ejus in futurum perhenniter degustare. Eo salubrius possessiones adquiruntur transitorie quo ex hiis divina majestas devocius honoratur. Hinc est quod cum nos, licet inutiles sumus patrisfamilias servi undecima hora in vinea sua laborantes, manerium Sancte Marie de Otery cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinenciis ac advocacionem ecclesie parochialis Sancte Marie de Otery ibidem et eidem manerio annexam nostre Exon. diocesis a venerabilibus viris decano et capitulo Rothomagensi, habentibus ad hoc licenciam a felicis recordacionis domino papa Johanne XXII^do^. specialem, et necnon de licencia domini nostri Edwardi tercii a conquestu regis Anglie illustris, ex nostro peculio non absque gravibus laboribus et sumptuosis expensis rite et legitime adquisivimus, ea intencione et eo proposito quod de eisdem manerio et ecclesia una cum eorum pertinenciis, que ducentas et quadraginta marcas sterlingorum annuatim valere communiter reputantur, cultum divini nominis augeremus. Demum post cogitaciones circa hoc varias et tractatus deliberavimus penes nos et de peritorum consilio ad laudem Dei sueque benedictissime Virginis et matris Marie, necnon confessoris sui Sancti Edwardi regis, qui olim dictum manerium cum ecclesia contulit Rothomagensi (ecclesie), in predicta ecclesia Sancte Marie de Otery collegium canonicorum secularium ordinare. Volentes igitur hujusmodi nostrum deliberatum propositum cum beneplacito divino modo et forma legitimis perducere ad effectum, cum dilectis in Christo filiis decano et capitulo nostre Exon. ecclesie ad hoc certis et competentibus terminis in loco eorum capitulari specialiter convocatis super infrascriptis tractatum diligentem habuimus et solempnem; et demum considerato attente valore annuo dictorum manerii et ecclesie, de ipsorum decani et capituli assensu consilio et collaudacione necnon de consensu dilectorum filiorum archidiaconi nostre ecclesie Exon. infra cujus archidiaconatum dicta ecclesia Sancte Marie de Otery consistit, ac domini Oliveri de Farcy ad presens vicarii et curati ejusdem ecclesie omniumque

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aliorum quorum interest in hac parte ad omnia infrascripta expresse concurrentibus, dictam parochialem ecclesiam Sancte Marie de Otery dictis decano et capitulo Rothomagensi quondam appropriatam cujus juri et proprietati ac etiam possessioni iidem decanus et capitulum cesserunt et penitus renunciarunt, ac in manus nostras de consensu venerabilis patris domini Petri Dei gratia Rothomagensis archiepiscopi libere resignarunt, nosque cessionem renunciacionem et resignacionem hujusmodi postmodum canonice admisimus, exnunc in collegiatam auctoritate ordinaria erigimus et creamus, statuentes quod eadem ecclesia imperpetuum collegiata existat et pro collegiata de cetero habeatur; quodque sint in eadem exnunc ad minus quatuor perpetua officia non compaciencia curata secum aliunde beneficia, videlicet, custodia, ministeriatus, cantaria, et sacrista; octoque canonicatus et totidem prebende, quorum quidem canonicatuum et prebendarum quatuor primos dictis officiis imperpetuum annectimus et unimus; dictorum vero officiorum cum canonicatibus et prebendis sic annexis necnon canonicatuum et prebendarum aliarum collaciones ad nos et successores nostros Exon. episcopos jure ordinario volumus perpetuo pertinere. Ille autem, cui pro tempore officium custodie conferetur, sit primus et principalis canonicus ac custos et taliter nominetur. Et ille cui officium ministeriatus conferetur sit secundus canonicus et minister et taliter nominetur. Vicariam vero et vicarie nomen in ipsa ecclesia, dum parochialis existeret, totaliter subducimus et in ministeriatum et in nomen officii ministeriatus eciam de expresso consensu dicti domini Oliveri immutamus; cui quidem domino Oliverio volenti et acceptanti officium ministeriatus cum canonicatu et prebenda eidem officio annexis ac omnibus eorum juribus et pertinenciis conferimus et sibi providemus auctoritate ordinaria de eisdem. Ille insuper, cui officium cantarie conferetur, tertius canonicus ac cantor existat et vocetur, et ille cui officium sacristie conferetur quartus canonicus ac sacrista in dicta ecclesia sit et nuncupetur. Volumus autem quod illi, quibus supradicta officia conferentur tempore collacionis eorundem, sint presbyteri vel saltem diaconi in proximis ordinibus extunc in presbyteros ordinandi. Et factis sibi collacionibus, si presentes fuerint statim coram collatore, si vero absentes infra mensem a tempore acceptacionis collacionum hujusmodi vel alias quam cito comode, habito respectu ad locorum distanciam, ad presenciam accedere potuerint collatoris, continuam et personalem corporaliter jurent se facturos in eadem ecclesia residenciam; alioquin collaciones hujusmodi nullius existere volumus firmitatis, nec tanquam tales in dicta ecclesia habeantur. De hujusmodi vero juramento, ut facilius probari possit, in literis collacionum suarum fiat mencio specialis. Alii vero quatuor simplices canonici, quorum unius prebenda quinta, et alterius prebenda sexta, tercii vero septima, et quarti prebenda octava in eorum collacionibus et alias communiter nuncupentur, antequam ibidem racione residencie quicquam percipiant, subdiaconi ordinentur quod si numerus prebendarum imposterum, Deo concedente, multiplicetur hujusmodi prebende exaucte seu addite sub nominibus numeri excrescencium nuncupentur. Statuimus insuper quod sint in eadem ecclesia collegiata continue octo presbyteri qui vocentur vicarii chori, unusque alius presbyter parochialis, et alius matutinalis, et unus qui capellanus beate Marie nuncupetur, ac octo clerici qui secundarii dicantur, duoque alii ecclesie clerici vocati cum duobus clericis aquebajulis; octo eciam pueri choriste et unus magister scolarum ibidem grammaticalium et ad informandum dictos pueros qui minime sint conjugati. Intencionis vero nostre est quod capellanus beate Marie et secundarii predicti, licet clerici vocitentur, esse possint si velint multo magis in presbyteratus ordine constituti si stipendiis infra notatis fuerint contentati. Omnes autem canonici, vicarii, presbyteri, clerici, et pueri predicti divina officia diurna pariter et nocturna, quilibet juxta gradum et statum suum, una cum decentibus luminaribus et aliis ad cultum divinum necessariis et oportunis devote et debite in eadem ecclesia celebrent et in futurum imperpetuum exequantur. Prefati vero octo presbyteri qui vicarii nuncupantur, necnon presbyter matutinalis, capellanus eciam beate Marie ac clerici secundarii puerique choriste et magister scholarum, necnon et alii consimiles, si contingat imposterum superaddi, per canonicos predicte collegiate ecclesie residentes vel per majorem partem ipsorum admittantur; presbyter vero parochialis et duo aquebajuli per ministrum; alii autem duo ecclesie clerici nuncupati per sacristam predictum assumantur: ita tamen quod minister pro clericis aquebajulis et sacrista pro aliis duobus clericis per eum assumptis, si per eosdem clericos collegium dampnificatum fuerit, teneantur dampnum hujusmodi integraliter resarcire. Nullus autem ad officia seu loca duorum quomodolibet admittatur, aut duplici officio fungatur, ne numerus, quod absit, predictarum quadraginta personarum ullatenus imperpetuum minuatur; sed quocienscumque aliquam dicti collegii personam canonicis inferiorem de cetero mori vel abinde recedere aut ex causa ammoveri contigerit, ex tunc loco illius alia persona idonea infra viginti dies proximo sequentes per illos, ad quos ipsius juxta predicta pertinet posicio admissio seu assumpcio, subrogetur. Et idem fieri volumus si persone predicte in moribus male et incorrigibiliter, canonicorum residencium vel majoris partis eorum arbitrio, se habuerint, vel a dicta ecclesia ultra quindecim dies continuos se absentaverint sine causa necessaria per canonicos approbanda. Omnes autem de cetero admittendi vel assumendi in dicto collegio canonicis inferiores primitus per cantorem et sacristam ac vicarios ejusdem ecclesie prius admissos diligenter examinentur, et per octo dies de vocis sonoritate ac legendi et cantandi peritia competente probentur, omni remota personarum acceptione, utpote generis, patrie, amicicie, vel alia familiaritate. Si vero subrogacio seu posicio hujus infra dictum tempus facta non fuerit, negligentibus canonicis quando ad eos hoc permittitur ut prefertur, ex tunc ea vice ad nos et successores nostros Exon. episcopos predicta subrogacio seu posicio devolvatur. Et similiter quando hujusmodi posicio ad ministrum pertinet vel sacristam, subrogacio ipsa ex eorum negligencia ad custodem devolvatur. Et nihilominus ne forte taliter negligentes vacantibus locis lucrum vel emolumentum aliquod per obitum ex affectata negligencia consequantur, volumus quod stipendia pro tempore, quo loca vicariorum presbyterorum vel aliorum inferiorum per mortem vel aliter ultra tempus predictum vacaverint obveniencia, que si loca essent plena personis in eisdem constitutis deliberentur, ad nos et successores nostros Exon. episcopos devolvantur in usus pios juxta nostrum et eorum arbitrium applicanda. Volumus preterea quod pueri choriste dicte ecclesie ad loca secundariorum, cum ad virilem vocem pervenerint, necnon secundarii, ad gradum vicariorum pre aliis extraneis ceteris paribus admittantur. Statuimus preterea et eciam ordinamus quod custos predictus pro dote officii custodie percipiat omni anno sexaginta solidos, minister pro dote officii ministeriatus sexaginta solidos, cantor pro dote officii cantarie triginta solidos, et sacrista pro dote officii sacristie triginta solidos sterlingorum percipiat annuatim; canonici vero singuli, tam habentes officia predicta quam eciam simplices et non habentes officia, pro dote et corpore prebendarum suarum habeant et percipiant quadraginta solidos omni anno; et nichilominus percipiant ultra premissa prefati canonici tam habentes officia predicta quam alii simplices canonici, si tamen non alibi sint beneficiati, pro distribucionibus cotidianis singulariter singuli qui in dicta collegiata ecclesia in matutinis majori missa et vesperis presentes fuerint, seu alias in eorum hospiciis ibidem infirmi aut absentes in negociis, tamen collegii communibus ex ordinacione canonicorum suorum presencium occupati, et precipue senescalli infrascripti, pro omni die qua duplex festum fuerit, sex denarios; pro die qua chorus regitur, quinque denarios; necnon pro diebus aliis singulis quatuor denarios; ita videlicet quod eis singulariter singulis inde subtrahantur pro absencia sua sine causa racionabile a matutinis tres oboli, et a majori missa vel vesperis denarius unus. Volumus autem quod si canonici simplices alibi beneficiati fuerint, non percipiant nisi senescalli fuerint in collegiata ecclesia, nisi pro residencia quadraginta dierum in quolibet termino cujuslibet quarterii anni, eciam si continue residerint in eadem. Vicarii vero singuli percipiant pro singulis septimanis, quibus ibidem in officiis divinis presentes vel ibidem infirmi aut alias canonicorum arbitrio racionabiliter impediti fuerint, duodecim denarios sterlingorum; et ultra per annum quilibet viginti solidos; ita tamen quod inde eis subtrahatur, pro absencia sua sine causa racionabili a matutinis denarius; et a majori missa vel vesperis, obolus; pro prima et aliis horis diei quadrans. Presbyter vero matutinalis eodem modo percipiat quantum

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unus de prefatis vicariis et pro absencia sua tantum sibi sicut uni de eisdem vicariis subtrahatur. Presbiter autem parochialis percipiat omni anno, per manus ministri qui in dicta ecclesia pro tempore fuerit, sex marcas sterlingorum quas idem minister percipiat propter hoc; necnon pro solvenda procuracione archidiaconi Exon. sex solidos et octo denarios, et pro synodatico et cathedratico duos solidos et tres denarios ultra porcionem pro eo superius ordinatam, de bonis collegii communibus percipiat annuatim. Qui quidem presbiter parochialis teneatur officiis chori interesse et pro absencia puniatur sicut vicarii, nisi tamen ex causa cure parochianorum vel alia legitima fuerit impeditus. Clericus insuper capelle beate Marie, necnon octo secundarii singuli predicti, percipiant pro singulis septimanis quibus ibidem in officiis presentes fuerint vel ibidem infirmi aut alias canonicorum presencium arbitrio legitime impediti, octo denarios et ultra per annum duodecim solidos, ita quod eis inde pro absencia sua sine causa racionabili a matutinis vel missa vel vesperis aut aliqua ipsarum horarum obolus, et pro omnibus aliis horis simul quadrans, eciam subtrahatur. Pueri insuper singuli, pro singulis septimanis quibus ibidem in officiis presentes vel alias infirmi fuerint, percipiant quinque denarios et ultra per annum sex solidos et octo denarios, ita quod eis inde pro absencia sua a matutinis missa vesperis quadrans subtrahatur, pro aliis vero horis puniantur, nisi quando scolis vacaverint, prout pueri choriste in ecclesia nostra Exon. consueverunt. Si vero iidem vicarii secundarii vel pueri ab officio ecclesie de consuetudine se absentent, canonicorum residencium arbitrio durius puniantur. Item quilibet duorum clericorum predictorum clerici ecclesie nuncupatorum percipiant omni anno duas marcas; magister eciam scolarum preter emolumentum scolarum duas marcas; item duo clerici aquebajuli predicti ultra emolumentum quod percipiant de consuetudine a parochianis percipiant conjunctim de collegio sex solidos et octo denarios annuatim. Summas autem pecuniarum predictas ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Michaelis archangeli, natalis Domini, pasche, et nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, in moneta sterlingorum vel equivalente, si illa in partibus non currerit, solvi volumus et mandamus; proviso ante omnia que necessaria pro sustentacione fabrice et luminaribus ejusdem collegiate ecclesie ac aliis pertinentibus ad cultum divinum in eadem, utpote pane et vino, incenso et carbonibus, ac librorum et vestimentorum reparacionibus, ac albarum et tuallarum lotionibus et similibus per officium sacriste faciendis, ante omnia deducantur. Deinde vero in solucionibus faciendis minores semper majoribus, utpote pueri clericis, et clerici vicariis et presbyteris, ipsique canonicis preferantur. Unus autem ex dictis vicariis diligentior ceteris et devocior ac in officio peritior in succentorem per collegium eligatur, qui absencias singulorum canonicorum vicariorum et presbyteri matutinalis clericorum secundariorum et eciam puerorum predictorum ab officiis fideliter punctet et notet, ac canonicis residentibus in anime sue periculo fideliter significet in quolibet sabbato in scriptis; qua semper die, propter hoc et eciam ad alia negocia tam in officio divino quam aliis disponenda, conveniant simul in domo capitulari canonici residentes cum omnibus aliis ecclesie ministris, et si aliquis canonicorum absenciam suam per dictum vicarium pro ebdomada proxima preterita notatam excusare voluerit et absencie sue causas judicio canonicorum suorum racionabiles allegaverit, super veritate earundem causarum credatur sue assercioni in fide sua et consciencia faciende; si vero vicarii vel clerici secundarii aliqui suas absencias ab officiis in ebdomada predicta excusare voluerint, tunc proponant coram canonicis causas absencie eorundem, et, si racionabiles canonicis vise fuerint, de veritate earum si in facto dubie fuerint, fidem faciant saltem proprio juramento. Pueri vero ad jurandum super excusationem absenciarum suarum minime admittantur, sed testimonio magistri scolarum, qui circa informacionem eorum versatur, fidem volumus adhiberi. Predictus vero succentor percipiat et habeat pro labore suo unam medietatem pecunie quam vicarii et alii servitores ecclesie canonicis inferiores absentes ab officiis et per eum punctuati racione suarum absenciarum amittent, medietate altera dicte pecunie senescallis infrascriptis, necnon tota pecunia quam canonici pro suis absenciis amittent, eleemosyne episcopi Exon. applicanda. Ipsius vero succentoris absencias sacrista predictus per se vel alium fideliter punctet, et percipiat id, quod eidem succentori juxta superius ordinata occasione hujusmodi absencie subtrahetur. Predicti vero presbiter parochialis et aquebajuli, duo eciam ecclesie clerici nuncupati, aut clericus capellanus beate Marie, vel magister scolarum, si se voluntarie a choro absentent, volumus quod custos et cantor predicti eorum absencias diligenter considerent, et eos ad racionem ponant et condigne puniant, ut oportet; super quibus dictorum custodis et sacriste coram supremo judice consciencias oneramus. Prefatus vero capellanus beate Marie habeat curam et custodiam librorum et ornamentorum ejusdem capelle ex comissione et tradicione sacriste predicti, et ad missam ejusdem Virginis pulset per se vel alium, puerosque choristas tam in cantibus quam instrumentis organicis doceat et informet. Ceterum ne animarum cura, quod absit, in aliquo negligatur, statuimus et ordinamus quod minister dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit habeat curam animarum tam personarum predictarum et servitorum predicte collegiate ecclesie, quam eciam parochie ejusdem, ratione cujus cure idem minister et presbiter parochialis ac duo clerici aquebajuli supradicti et nulle alie persone ipsius collegii prefato archidiacono jurare obedientiam teneantur. Idem autem minister quociens in exercicio cure fuerit occupatus, supra quo ipsius conscienciam in die judicii oneramus, pro presente in officio habeatur; et ne per ea, que ad hujusmodi curam pertinent servicium chori impediatur, volumus quod altare aliquod in navi ecclesie ad hoc magis aptum et congruum deputetur, in quo idem minister et presbiter parochialis missas populo debitas celebrent, submissa tamen voce, ecclesiasticaque ministret sacramenta et cetera omnia exerceant que prefatam curam contingere dinoscuntur. Volumus preterea et ordinamus, quod canonici et omnes alii dicte collegiate ecclesie servitores, cum fuerint circa divina officia occupati, utantur consimili habitu quo canonici et ceteri secundum status sui exigenciam in Exoniensi ecclesia utuntur, excepto quod canonici ipsius collegiate ecclesie pellibus nigris et non griseis in almiciis eorum exterius utantur. Volumus eciam et statuimus quod si aliqui de vicariis vel ceteris inferioribus de habitu honesto sibi ipsis quociens opportunum fuerit providere neglexerint, moneantur per custodem predictum quod infra quindecim dies de hujusmodi habitu sibi provideant competenti, alioquin idem custos extunc eis celeriter provideat de habitu ex porcione stipendiorum, taliter sibi ipsis providere negligenciam quam pro tunc eis in tanto decernimus subtrahendam. Ordinamus eciam quod per aliquem de collegio aut alium sermones solempnes fiant ad populum ad minus dominicis, prima, videlicet, et tercia, in adventu atque in prima et tercia et quinta in quadragesima, necnon in assumptione beate Virginis ac festo Sancti Edwardi Confessoris. Statuimus insuper et ordinamus quod tam canonici quam alie persone eis inferiores in missis et aliis eorum suffragiis pro nostro et venerabilis in Christo patris domini Petri Dei gratia episcopi Prenestrini sacrosancte Romane ecclesie cardinalis, quoad vixerimus, statu, et animabus nostris, cum ex hac luce migraverimus, necnon pro animabus felicis recordationis domini Johannis pape XXII^{di} promotoris nostri, dominique Willielmi de Grandissono patris nostri et Sibille matris nostre, ac patrui nostri domini Othonis de Grandissono, fratrumque et sororum nostrorum omniumque fidelium defunctorum, orare imperpetuum teneantur; obitus singulorum superius expressorum solempniter celebrent omni anno temporibus oportunis; et die obitus nostri teneatur collegium ipsum distribuere inter centum pauperes centum denarios, videlicet, singulis eorum singulos denarios sterlingorum, vel tot pauperes reficere in equivalentibus cibariis; necnon in dictorum dominorum pape et episcopi Prenestrini, patris et matris nostre singulis obitibus, triginta pauperibus, videlicet, ipsorum singulis singulos denarios distribuat aut in equivalentibus cibariis tot pauperes reficiat annis singulis sine fraude. Ad hec ut canonici et ceteri eis inferiores ecclesie ipsius servitores valeant in eadem eo devocius quo quiecius Altissimo famulari, et ut tollatur eis materia evagandi vel se a divinis officiis absentandi, statuimus et eciam ordinamus, ex consensu speciali capituli nostri Exon. et archidiaconi Exon., auctoritate diocesana, quod archidiaconus Exon. qui pro tempore fuerit non possit

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nec debeat per se vel officiales aut commissarios suos vel alios quoscumque auctoritate sua archidiaconali dictos canonicos vel alios servitores ecclesie vel eorum aliquem, exceptis ministro et capellano parochiali ac duobus clericis aquebajulis extra eandem ecclesiam causa vel occasione aliqua evocare, nec eciam possit jurisdiccionem suam aliqualem in quascunque personas sibi subjectas alias a canonicis et servitoribus predictis in eadem ecclesia per se vel officiales suos seu aliquos alios quomodo libet exercere. Valeat eosdem canonicos et servitores ecclesie pro suis culpis et excessibus extrinsecis in navi ejusdem ecclesie tantum, et non alibi, quociens opportunum fuerit, per se vel alios canonice corrigere et punire et cetera que ad suam jurisdiccionem pertinent quantum ad eosdem canonicos et servitores tantummodo exercere. In choro autem ejusdem collegiate ecclesie et a navi superius infra cancellos, eciam quantum ad personas eorundem canonicorum vel servitorum, eidem archidiacono suisque officialibus et ministris statuendo inhibemus et interdicimus jurisdiccionis exercicium cujuscumque; per presentes autem jurisdiccioni et dignitati nostre Exoniensis ecclesie non intendimus in aliquo derogare, quinimo semper et in omnibus eas volumus fore salvas; et, licet hactenus de prefata ecclesia nos vel predecessores nostri procuracionem racione visitacionis non consuevimus percipere, quia tamen de eadem collegiata jam effecta successores nostri eandem pro tempore visitantes aliquid procuracionis nomine forsitan vendicabunt, nos, ad tollendum omne dubium, recte moderacionis tenentes temperiem ordinamus, quod episcopi in visitacione sua ibidem procuracionis nomine viginti tantum solidos percipiant sterlingorum. Pro sustentacione vero et dote collegii ac predictorum omnium supportacione dictum manerium Sancte Marie de Otery, in quo eadem ecclesia collegiata consistit, necnon ipsam ecclesiam ut premittitur cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis collegio prefato ad usus predictos et alios necessarios imperpetuum per presentes appropriamus, concedimus, et donamus, exceptis sex solidis et octo denariis annui redditus de Flokeston, et secta curie generali ab olim dictis Rothomagi dominis prefati manerii ab Exon. episcopis debitis, de quibus redditu et secta successores nostros Exon. episcopos penitus exoneramus, sperantes quod successores nostri idem collegium gratia et favore in suis semper opportunitatibus prosequentur. Per hanc autem certam et determinatam dotis assignacionem non intendimus nobis aut dicto collegio facultatem adimere quin potius eis uberius providere, et ipsi possint et debeant, si possint, imposterum alias possessiones et proventus tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus adquirere pociores. Statuimus insuper et ordinamus quod predicte canonici residentes annis singulis in vigilia Sancti Michaelis archangeli duos de se eligant senescallos qui fructus et commoda quecumque ad dictum collegium pertinencia et proveniencia, necnon debita collegii fideliter colligant, aut fructus predictos, si expediat, de dictorum residencium consilio vendant pecuniamque collectam per eos in thesauraria communi secure reponant, et dictis terminis modis predictis distribuant, sumptibusque communibus cetera onera collegii subeant, ac in fine cujuslibet termini coram concanonicis suis residentibus de gestis receptis et expensis per eos in hac parte rationem et compotum reddant et fideliter calculent sine fraude. Si qui vero de redditibus quibuscumque presentibus et futuris et proventibus collegii, oneribus necessariis supportatis, quolibet anno in festo Sancti Michaelis remanserit seu residuum fuerit, in duas partes dividatur quarum una medietas inter residentes canonicos juxta ratam residencie anni preteriti distribuatur *, ita tamen quod optinentes quatuor officia predicta inde in duplo plus quam alii simplices canonici percipiant: alia vero medietas in thesauro collegii reponatur, utilitatibus seu necessitatibus ejusdem collegii applicanda. Si autem dierum crescente malitia vel ex aliquo infortunio nichil residuum fuerit ultra dicta onera persoluta, seu defectus forsitan fuerit ad eadem supportanda, volumus quod quantum defuerit ad supportacionem onerum collegii subeundam de distribucionibus canonicorum residencium et in duplo plus de distribucionibus canonicorum simplicium et non habencium ibidem officia quam habencium officia et nichil de vicariorum vel aliorum servitorum ejusdem ecclesie vicariis inferiorum stipendiis, nisi ex necessitate inevitabili, defalcetur. Insuper ut dispendiis occurramus que, vacantibus dictis quatuor officiis, prefato collegio possint contingere, ordinamus quod quociens officium custodie vacaverit tunc minister, quando vero cetera predicta vacabunt officia custos, quod si custodie et ministeriatus officia vacent simul, tunc cantor, que ad custodie et sacrista que ad ministeriatus hujusmodi vacantia spectant officia interim exequantur, domosque vacancium officiorum et eciam prebendarum senescalli predicti incorruptas et integras conservent et ruinosas et disruptas reparent et construant de bonis defuncti, si sufficiant; et hoc quando ex culpa defuncti hujusmodi disrupcio contigerit vel ruina. Et ut indempnitati collegii in hac parte et alias melius consulatur, ordinamus quod iidem senescalli valeant bona dictorum canonicorum decedencium, tam habencium officia quam non habencium, ibidem existencia statim post mortem eorum sequestrare et sub sequestro tenere, donec discussum fuerit coram eis quorum discretioni arbitrio et decreto stari volumus in hac parte an defunctus ad reparacionem vel constructionem domorum aliquarum ibidem vel alias ad aliquid solvendum vel prestandum eidem ecclesie aut collegio teneatur. Et si repertum et per eosdem senescallos arbitratum seu decretum fuerit defunctum ad premissa vel eorum aliquod teneri, valeant iidem senescalli bona predicta sub sequestro tenere quousque sibi idonee cautum fuerit de reparando vel construendo domos hujusmodi et de indempnitate ecclesie et collegii predictorum. Si vero compertum fuerit defunctum ad constructionem vel reparacionem hujusmodi non teneri, volumus quod domus hujusmodi reparacione indigentes ex proventibus ad officia et prebendas predictas tempore vacacionis eorum obvenientibus et pertinentibus per dictos senescallos congrue reparentur et in statu debito conserventur, residuo proventuum hujusmodi in hoc casu vel in totum in casu quo nichil de eis ad construcionem vel reparacionem predictas applicari contigerit, futuris in eisdem officiis et prebendis successoribus reservato. Preterea omni anno infra quindenam pasche supervideri et considerari mandamus per senescallos supradictos fabricam ecclesie collegiate predicte, quam sumptibus collegii precipimus quociens oportuerit reparari, domus eciam singulorum canonicorum suorum tam habencium officia quam non habencium predictorum, necnon domus vicariorum clericorum et puerorum in quibus teneantur vivere in communi, prout ad hoc easdem domus eis construi fecimus, infra idem tempus supervideri volumus per eosdem senescallos; et si que reparanda fuerint in hujusmodi domibus iidem custos et senescalli injungant et mandent canonicis vicariis ac clericis secundariis personaliter, et quoad non residentes canonicos, proposito monicionis et minacionis in ecclesia eadem collegiata edicto, quod defectus repertos per dictos custodem et senescallos in mandato suo et edicto predictis nominatim explicandos infra festum nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste proxime tunc futurum congrue faciant reparari, alioquin iidem senescalli infra festum omnium sanctorum proxime sequens eosdem defectus refici faciant ex porcionibus et stipendiis eorundem canonicorum et vicariorum ac clericorum quas in tanto ipsis decernimus subtrahendas. Domus vero senescallorum predictorum per prefatum custodem modo consimili supervideri et reparari volumus omni anno, et si que reparanda fuerint in eisdem procedi volumus per eundem custodem prout de senescallis quantum ad domus aliorum est superius ordinatum. Alienaciones autem quascumque immobilium vel reddituum ecclesie seu collegii predicti, necnon decimarum ejusdem ecclesie ad firmam ultra unum annum dimissiones et tradiciones fieri inhibemus sub pena excommunicacionis majoris quam incurrant contrariam facientes vel contrariam facientibus consencientes, sine causa necessaria ab Exoniensi episcopo qui fuerit pro tempore et decano et capitulo ecclesie Exon. specialiter approbata. Librorum eciam et ornamentorum ecclesie et collegii predicti distracciones vel impignoraciones, sine causa utili et necessaria a dictis episcopo et decano ac capitulo ecclesie prius specialiter approbata, fieri inhibemus. In signum vero gratitudinis

* On July 1, 1354, the founder decreed that the expenses of hospitality, which the warden, from the nature of his office, was obliged to incur during the course of the year, should previously be refunded before any distribution should take place.

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atque ad memoriam canonicorum post mortem in dicto collegio habendam statuimus quod custos, minister, cantor, et sacrista singuli, si in dicta ecclesia residenciam compleverint annualem, singulas capas sericas competentes precii quadraginta solidorum, quilibet vero aliorum canonicorum simplicium qui ibidem canonicus fuerit per annum, unam casulam vel tunicam et dalmaticam vel saltem honestam albam cum amictu stola et manipulo vel librum ipsi ecclesie utilem pretii viginti solidorum aut saltem in pecunia viginti solidos ad usum eundem teneantur in vita dimittere, vel in morte, ad que eorum bona sancimus efficaciter obligari. Ad majorem insuper firmitatem omnium premissorum statuimus quod quilibet canonicus prefate collegiate ecclesie, tam habens ibidem officium quam non habens, in induccione sua in possessionem canonicatus et prebende et antequam quicquam ibidem percipiat, coram concanonicis suis residentibus per se vel procuratorem specialiter constitutum juramentum faciat infrascriptum, alioquin induccio ipsius eo ipso nullius penitus sit momenti. Forma autem juramenti talis est, "Ego N. ab hac hora in antea fidelis ero ecclesie collegiate Sancte Marie de Otery ac collegio et confratribus meis canonicis ibidem et ordinaciones ac statuta dicte ecclesie a venerabili patre domino Johanne de Grandissono Exon. episcopo fundatore dicti collegii edita, quantum ad me attinet, fideliter observabo ac jura et libertates ipsius collegii pro posse meo defendam ac tuebor. Sic Deus me adjuvet et hec sancta [Dei evangelia]." Omnes eciam vicarii et presbyteri ac clerici predicti, exceptis pueris, juramentum fidelitatis dicte ecclesie et obedientie collegio coram canonicis ibidem presentibus tempore admissionum suarum prestare teneantur. In quorum testimonium sigillum nostrum et sigilla decani et capituli ecclesie nostre Exoniensis et archidiaconi, ac nomine domini Oliveri de Farcy ad ejusdem requisicionem eo quod sigillum proprium notum nec auctenticum habebat sigillum officialis dicti archidiaconi, presentibus sunt appensa. Datum in capitulo nostro Exon. vicesimo secundo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millessimo CCC^mo XXX^mo septimo et consecracionis nostre undecimo. Et nos decanus et capitulum ecclesie Exon. predicti habito super premissis omnibus et singulis una cum venerabili patre et domino episcopo nostro predicto tractatu communi et diligenti et solempni ac deliberacione debita et matura, quia invenimus ea in augmentum cultus divini et honorem ecclesie universalis ex devota et pia devocione ipsius patris laudabiliter et racionabiliter ordinata, et nichilominus quia recepta informacione plenaria et fideli comperimus redditus et proventus dictorum manerii et ecclesie cum eorum pertinenciis ducentas et quadraginta marcas sterlingorum annuatim valere, omnibus et singulis predictis consensum et consilium ac assensum nostrum concorditer impertimur, eaque collaudamus et quantum ad nos attinet imperpetuum approbamus, et in horum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apponimus loco, die, mense, et anno Domini supradictis. Et ego Thomas de Nassington archidiaconus nunc Exon., habitis super premissis una cum venerabili patre domino Exon. episcopo et decano et capitulo ecclesie Exon. predictis tractatu et deliberacione diligentibus et maturis, omnibus et singulis premissis pro me et successoribus meis archidiaconis Exon. qui erint pro tempore imperpetuum, quantum ad nos et archidiaconatum Exon. attinet, consentio eaque approbo et ratifico tanquam racionabiliter et meritorie ordinata ac statuta, et in testimonium veritatis sigillum officii mei presentibus appono die, loco, et anno Domini supradictis. Et ego Oliverus de Farcy predictus ante presentem ordinacionem vicarius in dicta tunc parochiali ecclesia, nunc autem minister in eadem collegiata affecta ut prefertur, predictis omnibus et singulis superius ordinatis, quantum in me fuit et est, consensi et consencio et in signum consensus mei sigillum discreti viri domini officialis domini archidiaconi Exon., quia meum est incognitum et privatum, presentibus apponi procuravi die, loco, et anno Domini predictis. Et ego officialis domini archidiaconi Exon. predictus ad personalem requisicionem domini Oliveri prefati sigillum officii mei hiis appono die, loco, et anno Domini prelibatis."—Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre confirmacionis et supplecionis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit indignacionem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Datum Avenione v. Kalend. Julii, pontificatus nostri anno primo.

[A memorandum follows in the manuscript copy belonging to the dean and chapter, that one part of the foregoing was kept in the treasury of Exeter, another with the custos and canons of the collegiate church of Ottery, a third with the vicars there, and a fourth remained with the bishop of Exeter. The instrument also received the confirmation of the archbishop of Canterbury and of his chapter, who desired to possess a sealed copy.]

Num. VIII.

Statuta collegii Sancte Marie de Otery.

(Ex antiquo codice penes decanum et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Exoniæ.)

Johannes de Grandissono miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilectis in Christo filiis custodi et canonicis ecclesie nostre collegiate Sancte Marie de Otery, nostrorum diocesis fundationis et patronatus, salutem, graciam, et benediccionem. Volentes ea, que cultus divini concernunt augmentum, in dicto collegio per nos jam statuta et ordinata perficere, ac ea que propter prolixitatem in prima ordinatione omissa sunt, supplere, vobis infrascripta mittimus statuta, a vobis et successoribus vestris, sub obediencie et fidelitatis nobis et successoribus nostris sacramento prestito aut prestando, imperpetuum firmiter observanda:

1. Imprimis statuimus et ordinamus, ad tollendam tam ignorancie quam negligencie omnimodam excusationem, quod quilibet canonicus per se et omnes vicarii simul, et secundarii etiam simul, habeant ordinaciones principalis collegii, necnon ista statuta sequentia penes se transcripta, ita quod vicarii faciant ea legi in mensa inter lectionem sacram quater in anno, et in capitulo semel in anno legantur sine nota, viz. diebus ferialibus per adventum, per particularem post primam, finita lectione capituli.

2. Item statuimus quod custos dicte ecclesie in possessionem officii et canonicatus et prebende suorum per nos et successores nostros, aut nostros vel eorum commissarios, minister vero in possessionem officii sui ratione cure annexe, per archidiaconum loci vel ipsius officialem, vel alterius eorum commissarium, inducatur. Idem autem minister in possessionem canonicatus et prebende suorum, necnon ceteri omnes canonici et officia habentes in possessionem officiorum et canonicatuum et prebendarum suarum per custodem predictum imperpetuum inducantur. Et statim juramentum debitum prestent, prout in ordinacione primaria continetur.

3. Item statuimus quod nullus vicarius aut secundarius recipiatur vel aliquid in ecclesia percipiat, nisi secum portet habitum chori bonum et honestum, et bene sciat legere et cantare tonale que cum differenciis, et Invitatorium, de quibus primo et principaliter in eorum recepcione examinentur. Idem fiat quoad habitum, et legere vel cantare competenter, quoad pueros recipiendos.

4. Item statuimus quod nullus ad gradum secundarii ibidem citra 19^m annum admittatur, sed semper provideatur quod competentis sit stature et, voce puerili permutata, sonoritatem in voce virili, et scienciam legendi et cantandi habeat competentem.

5. Item statuimus quod omnes vicarii et alii presbiteri ac clerici, statim cum admissi fuerint, jurent obedienciam et fidelitatem capitulo et custodi.

6. Item statuimus quod matutine, a festo exaltacionis sancte crucis usque ad cenam Domini, media nocte vel circa, tribusque diebus ante pascha de sero, propter parochianos, et a crastino pasche usque ad festum exaltationis sancte crucis in ortu solis vel parum ante, aut statim post, juxta diei et officii exigenciam (exceptis matutinis in ferialibus festis inter festa sancte Trinitatis et Nativitatis beate Marie inclusive de sero dicendis) decantentur. Et tunc, loco pulsacionis ad Laudes, ignitegium pulsetur usque ad capitulum.

7. Item statuimus quod tam canonici quam omnes alii quicumque inferiores ecclesie ministri officium divinum tam nocturnum quam diurnum in choro et in capella

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beate Virginis debitis temporibus intrando, remanendo, et exeundo, secundum ordinale et consuetudinarium que eis fecimus et extraximus et Exonie et Sarum usibus, cum pausatione et punctuacione debitis exequantur; a cachinnis, risibus et colloquiis officio impertinentibus ac discursibus hinc inde, intus vel extra, et aliis quibuscunque officium impedientibus, utpote ab inspectione vel studio librorum non ecclesiasticorum et a scribendo vel corrigendo vel ungues scindendo aut consimilia faciendo, interim penitus abstinentes. Interim eciam quod nec orationes secretas dicat in missa dum cantandum est, nec eciam in elevacione dum chorus cantat; quodque, si exeant pluries vel diu, nisi ad necessaria nature, ante totas vesperas cum completorio vel missam perdictas, totum perdant de illa hora.

8. Item statuimus quod in psalmodia vel aliis cantibus, non inordinate se conglobando ad libros transferant, sed quantum possunt in locis suis se honeste teneant; nec, dum cantant, plures simul ad gradum chori stent, unus ante vel retro socium, sed equaliter et ordinate; et quod semper incipiant antiphonas cordetenus, et in suis stallis. Nullus eciam ante alium cantando precurrat vel sequatur, sed pariter incipiant, medient, et terminent, et se invicem cantando, stando, et vertendo vel procedendo conforment pariter et expectent.

9. Item districte precipimus et mandamus quod quilibet officium, ad quod tenetur vel intitulatur aut ei assignatur vel injungitur ab aliis, ad quos hujusmodi pertinet injuncio vel assignacio, illud libenter et humiliter exequatur, vel, si ipsemet non potest, alium pro se ad hoc provideat faciendum. Quod si forte neglexerit vel, quod diabolicum foret, facere contempserit, graviter puniatur, et si inobediens et rebellis fuerit, amoveatur.

10. Item statuimus, ne discordia in officio ex Ordinali oriatur, quod cotidie in capitulo post primam prevideant servicium sequentis diei; et, si quid diversum fuerit, pro tunc terminetur; et ut hoc arcius observetur volumus quod omnes, qui possunt, quotidie ad capitulum venire teneantur vel saltem in sabbato, ut Exonie fit, pro tota septimana sequente officium, de quo et qualiter dici debeat, provideatur.

11. Item statuimus quod omnes clerici secundarii et eciam choriste invitatoria et omnes "benedicamus" consuetos infra mensem a tempore quo steterint in collegio cordetenus alicui musice reddant; quod si non fecerint, extunc medietatem distributionum eis debitarum, quousque perfecte sciverint et reddiderint, perdant cantori et succentori pro equalibus porcionibus insolidum applicandam. Vicarii eciam et omnes alii clerici satagant scire cordetenus "commune sanctorum."

12. Item statuimus quod cum "invitatorium" cum psalmo "venite" a clericis vel pueris cantari contigerit, sine libro vel lumine cordetenus decantetur, nisi quando historia propria habetur; et quod pueri versus responsoriorum quos cantant una cum prima dictione responsorii cordetenus semper dicant.

13. Item statuimus quod illa que sine nota dicuntur in choro, utpote quotidiane matutine et vespere beate Marie et feriales vigilie mortuorum et ad preces in feriis, psalmi penitenciales et cetera talia sub uno vocis tono cum aliquali in musico versuum punctuacione plane et plene ac uniformiter proferantur.

14. Item statuimus quod, quando matutine de sancta Maria dicuntur in conventu, nullus voluntarie sine magna causa exeat antequam finiantur. Una remanentibus et devote dicentibus quindecem dies venie indulgemus.

15. Item statuimus quod omni die per annum extra feriam sextam parasceves et sabbato sancto cantetur solempnis missa de beata Maria in capella ejusdem antequam pulsetur ad primam diei; ad quam missam in omnibus majoribus duplicibus festis per totum annum maxima campana ecclesie pulsetur: in mediis vero duplicibus secunda major campana: in omnibus aliis duplicibus tercia major campana: et quando "Invitatorium" tercio habetur, quarta major: et predicte quatuor majores campane debent pendere sicut Exonie in parte ecclesie dextra, et alie cotidie quatuor in sinistra, quarum major semper ad missam beate Marie pulsetur nisi in predictis temporibus, et semper cum illa campana, que debet pulsari ad missam beate Marie, pulsari debet ignitegium. Pulsabitur ad missam sic: Primo illa campana, cum qua pulsari debet, terminatur octo vel decem ictibus continuis et facto bono intervallo quasi dimidii miliarii pulsetur cum eadem campana per dimidium miliarii* et cessetur et iterum statim repulsetur eadem per totum tempus, ut primo, et cessetur; et statim tercio pulsetur brevius; et tunc celeriter clerici omnes et pueri, cum duobus ad minus vicariis, vadant sine mora ad capellam beate Marie et dictis horis beate Marie, cum sufficiens numerus venerit, incipiatur statim missa et terminetur campana. Qui vero tenentur venire et non venerint ante "Gloria Patri" officii graviter puniantur.

16. Item statuimus et precipimus quod semper inter matutinas et pulsaciones misse beate Marie fiat longum et maximum intervallum, in quo pausare si oportet et in estate missas suas celebrare vel ad campos spaciari aut scribere poterunt vel studere. In spaciando vero et ad villam eundo non solivagi, sed bini ad minus, quociens poterunt, incedant; pro sinistra suspicione et scandalo evitandis.

17. Item statuimus quod in crastino Sancti Jacobi apostoli fiat solemnissima missa de sancta Anna matre beate Marie, pulsando ut in principalibus festis loco et tempore quo alias dicitur missa beate Virginis cum diacono et subdiacono et duobus rectoribus chori, et dicatur a digniore collegii presente in vestimentis candidis cum incenso et aliis solemnitatibus. Eodem modo fiat solemnis missa feria secunda post inchoationem historie. Si vero totum . . . . . de Sancto Gabriele archangelo quo die fit ejus festum Exonie. Set aput Otery fiat eadem die de sancto vel de feria totum, excepta missa beate Marie, que erit de ipso archangelo. Eodem modo fiat in crastino Sancti Edmundi regis et martyris missa de oblacione beate Marie Virginis. Una omnibus ad predictas tres missas venientibus et ipsas devote audientibus concedimus quadraginta dies indulgencie.

18. Item statuimus quod cantor et capellanus beate Marie per se vel alios teneantur semper pueros choristas et clericos de secunda forma ad hoc habiles in cantu organico et organicis instrumentis informare; et videant quod tam clerici secundarii quam pueri frequentent missam beate Marie, vel gravissime puniantur.

19. Item statuimus quod omni die ad minus unus canonicus, qui benedictionem beate Marie habere voluerit, intersit misse sue ut supervideat quod honeste et devote dicatur. Sic alii canonici et vicarii, qui non fuerint tunc racionabiliter occupati nisi missas suas interim dicant, vadant ad missam beate Virginis si eam plus diligant quam vanitates suas, ut ipsi benedictiones matris Christi et graciam Filii uberius in suis necessitatibus consequantur. Una et interessentibus viginti dies venie cotidie impartimur.

20. Item injungimus in virtute obediencie tam cantori quam sacriste ac eciam capellano beate Marie quod videant qui secundarii tarde venerint ad missam beate Marie vel male ibi se gerunt, et eos faciant puniri per custodem et senescallos sicut malos et ingratos beate Marie servos, si ejusdem Virginis adjutorium in hora mortis desiderant optinere.

21. Item statuimus quod nullus clericorum et precipue puerorum inter officium divinum intret et exeat vel discurrat sine licencia cantoris vel succentoris; quodque nullus post pulsacionem misse beate Marie usque ad prandium, nec post pulsacionem vesperarum usque ad cenam ecclesiam, sine habitu ingrediatur, nisi major necessitas hoc requirat.

22. Item inhibemus ne vicarii sive clerici seu pueri vadant ad forum seu domos in villa cum habitu chori.

23. Item statuimus quod, ex quo nullus canonicorum dicere poterit sana mente "iste est vicarius secundarius aut chorista meus," quod eis non nisi de bonis communibus ministratur; quod caveant ne eos aut aliquem eorum a divinis obsequiis, ut eis vel aliis extra ecclesiam deserviant, retrahant quovismodo. Reverenciam tamen canonicis vicarii ut dominis, et vicariis clerici exhibeant ut magistris; non enim meretur ascendere qui nescit subesse.

24. Item statuimus quod omnes et singuli canonici presbyteri et vicarii ad minus bis in ebdomada, nisi racionabiliter impediantur, missas suas teneantur celebrare. Ita tamen quod si intitulati vel ebdomodarii fuerint, sive ad magnam missam vel beate Marie vel capitularem non excusentur, quin particulariter celebrent nisi ex evidenti et

* Rung with a half wheel or dead rope.

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25. Item statuimus quod custos vel minister in majoribus festis duplicibus, cantor vel sacrista seu alii canonici in minoribus duplicibus, officium principaliter exequantur.

26. Item statuimus quod diebus dominicis, si possint, aut saltem duplicibus festis celebrent aliqui canonicorum missam beate Marie Virginis; precipue vero magnam missam prout Exonienses canonici consueverunt.

27. Item statuimus et inhibemus, ne officium chori quoquo modo impediatur, quod nullus de collegio celebret in ecclesia a tempore quo prima incipitur, nisi forte extranie persone egregie supereminentes aliud requirant. Quo casu prohibemus ne campanelle ad elevacionem sacramenti pulsentur, quodque canentes in choro non exeant nec se divertant ad videndum sacramentum, sed devote officio suo intendant. Caveant eciam semper ne vagos occulos ad hostium chori habeant, ut videant transeuntes, unde mentis intencio aut servicium impediatur.

28. Item statuimus ut honore quilibet alium invicem juxta statum preveniat, et, juxta consuetudinem ecclesiarum cathedralium, intrantes chorum et exeuntes in occidentem inclinent se ad custodem vel alium majorem prope modum continuandum, et intrantes vel exeuntes superius vel transeuntes de una parte ad aliam semper ad altare humiliter se inclinent.

29. Item statuimus quod libri ecclesie non portentur extra ecclesiam nisi forte debeant de novo alii scribi sive notari aut corrigi, et tunc non extra clausum sed in domibus canonicorum aut vicariorum, ita quod ad officium si necesse fuerit reportentur. Et idem de vestimentis precipimus observari, nisi forte aliqui de collegio sub eorum periculo et pignore exposito ad ordinem duxerint comodanda, quo casu, ne per pluviam vel aliter sordidentur, de simplicioribus et deterioribus illud fiat.

30. Inhibemus eciam districte sub pena excommunicacionis ne quis presumat aut, ut quandoque vidimus in ecclesiis ruralibus, de foliis librorum ex quacumque eorum parte aliquid abscindere vel superscribere ad librorum deformitatem aut mutilacionem, nec eciam sub colore correccionis aliquid in litera vel nomine immutare, nisi forte aliquis peritus et sciolus ad hoc assignatus novos libros corrigat ad exemplar aliquod originale, quod juxta judicium seniorum exemplar fidelius reputatur. Omnes eciam ecclesie ministri sepius moneantur libros ecclesie honeste vertere, tenere, et servare, et id de capis sericis et vestimentis aliis observare.

31. Item statuimus quod antiphonaria omnia et gradualia et psalteria ita semper sint correcta quod non discordent in aliquo et quod ita dividantur quod una medietas eorum ponatur a dextera chori et alia medietas a sinistra. Ita quod semper ad minus sint tria antiphonaria et tot psalteria cum tot gradualibus ex uno latere, et tot ex alio latere, et liber unus ad gradum semper chori vel in medio, alius coram rectoribus ad missam; et inhibemus ne aliquis ex quacumque causa asportet vel amoveat vel transmutet tales libros de locis suis quibus specialiter assignabuntur ac eciam ascribentur, quia ex hoc posset officium impediri; verum volumus quod armarioli fortes fiant in stallis secundariorum per quatuor partes chori ad reponendum tales libros, et quod claves tradantur clericis ecclesie qui eos quotidie extrahant et reponant. Ad matutinas vero de nocte tres candele ad majus ex uno latere, et tres ex altero latere, chori accendantur. Canonici autem provideant sibimetipsis.

32. Item quociens aliquis novus liber portatur in chorum, nullus canonicus nec alius utatur eo, quousque corrigatur.

33. Item statuimus quod quilibet canonicus residens et quilibet vicarius habeat per se unum processionale, ne in eundo et cantando mutuo impediantur vel se extransverso inordinate conjungant. Que processionalia remaneant semper successoribus uniuscujusque.

34. Item ut honestius libri et vestimenta custodiantur, statuimus et mandamus quod clerici tenendo libros, quantum possunt, manicas superpellicii inter librum et manum interponant et folia vertendo non cum digitis sputo tinctis, ut sutores, nec plicando quasi per aures caperent, sed cum digitis incipiendo in superiori parte descendendo vertant, et stringendo libros aperiant non firmacula subito evellendo; eosdem eciam libros in fine officii semper claudant.

35. Item statuimus quod ad missam sacerdos et diaconus cum subdiacono semper parva manutergia in manu teneant, ne vestimenta in pectore sordidentur, et ut sudorem tergant; dum vero vinum et aqua ad calicem vel ad lavandum ministratur, manutergium interponatur; et cum sedent, super eorum genua aliquis pannus lineus ad hoc specialiter serviens supponatur.

36. Item volumus quod in majoribus festis stent ad totam missam in capis sericis, sicut Sarum et sicut Exon, omnes, exceptis rectoribus; et postea qui Graduale et Alleluia debent cantare, statim processione facta sericas exuant capas in vestibulum deportandas.

37. Item ordinamus et mandamus quod quando in choro stare tenentur, non super partem superiorem stallorum semisedeant, sed omnes uniformiter sese gerant sursum stando; et cum sedere debent ita secreto stalla dimittant cadere quod non audiantur; et maxime cum lecciones incipiuntur.

38. Item statuimus quod nullus clericus aut laicus in choro sine habitu inter ministros ecclesie, nisi forsitan maxima persona vel religiosus fuerit, stare permittantur; et si aliquis talis forte habeat loqui cum aliquo de choro, exeat ad eum extra chorum et celeriter revertatur, ne ex tali causa dum fit officium cum aliis in ecclesia fabuletur.

39. Item statuimus quod clerici ecclesie semper post completorium claudant undequaque chorum usque ad matutinas, et similiter post matutinas usque primam; ne aliquis intret nisi per eos. Et similiter etiam fiat dicta nona diei usque ad vesperas, et semper aliqui eorum comedant in ecclesia propter fures et latrones ne unquam ecclesia sit sine aliquo eorum. Si quando aliqui exeunt alii interim intus sint et e converso.

40. Item statuimus, ne pueri choriste materiam habeant discurrendi extra chorum et ludis in vestibulo vel alibi intendant, quod duo ecclesie clerici et aquebajuli, quilibet per suam ebdomadam, panem, vinum, et aquam, carbones, ignem et lumen, et cetera necessaria preparare teneantur.

41. Item statuendo inhibemus ne custos vel minister cantor aut sacrista in duplicibus festis pro quibuscumque secularibus causis vel negociis ab officiis divinis se absentent, nisi forte propter talia negocia que non possent alias expediri, et summam concernunt ecclesie utilitatem; nec eciam in Adventu ex quo incipitur "O sapiencia" usque post Epiphanium, nec in quadragesima potissime a dominica in Passione usque post "quasimodo geniti" nec a dominica ante Ascensionem usque post festum Corporis Christi, nec infra octavam Assumptionis et Nativitatis beate Marie, nisi secundum quod premittitur, quomodolibet se absentent extra villam.

42. Item statuimus, ne forsan imposterum parochiani diebus festivis alias matutinas quam illas collegii vendicent, quod, qui matutinis chori interesse nolunt, loco matutinarum missa beate Marie sint contenti. Quodque sacerdos parochialis aut alius loco ipsius dicat eis missam privatam in altari sibi ad hoc assignato, aquam benedictam cum pane benedicto, ut moris est, diebus dominicis ministrando. In quo eciam altari fiant sponsalia et purificaciones et misse communes pro defunctis statim post Primam ante incepcionem aliarum horarum, ita quod sequens officium chori nullatenus impediatur; necessaria autem ad altare predictum parochiani exhibebunt.

43. Item statuimus quod, cum ecclesia perfecta fuerit, unumquodque altare assignetur alicui canonico vel vicario custodiendum, et habeat quodlibet altare per se unum missale, calicem, corporalia, phiala, vestimenta et linthiamina et unum ad minus cereum. Que omnia diligenter per illum, cui altare committitur, conserventur, qui eciam non permittat varias ymagines nec cereos apponi nec affigi circa altaria incomposite, ut fit in ecclesiis ruralibus, sed tantum ymagines sanctorum in quorum honore dedicantur, cum cruce in medio et duobus cereis hinc inde, qui equaliter comburantur.

44. Item statuimus quod omni anno in festo sancti

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Michaelis sacrista faciat fieri ad minus duas albas cum amictibus pro sacerdote et diacono vel subdiacono, et alias duas pro pueris thuribulariis, necnon et tres toballias pro altaribus magis indigentibus de honesto albo panno, et tria manutergia nova. Ita quod nunquam defectus in magno altari vel aliis per ecclesiam, sicut alibi communiter vidimus, reperiatur. Similiter eciam provideat de parvis manutergiis ad tenendum in manibus ministrorum quotidie ad magnam missam, ne vestimenta ut supradiximus sordidentur.

45. Idem statuimus quod quociens sacrista novus venit, omnia sub indentura collegii recipiat, et bis in anno residentibus ostendat.

46. Item eciam sacrista idem in periculo anime sue et in virtute sacramenti prestiti sepius moneat et inducat aquebajulos et alios duos clericos ecclesie nuncupatos, quod diligentes sint, solliciti, et devoti circa campanas pulsandas, luminaria accendenda, vestimenta plicanda, altaria ornanda, ignem et carbones preparandos et querendos, ecclesiam mundandam, sconsas et boettas* illuminandas, et in privatis missis sacerdotibus ministrandum.

47. Item statuimus et mandamus quod sacrista omni septimana visitet semel altaria ecclesie atque vestibulum, et supervideat quod vestimenta et ornamenta ecclesie bene plicentur et tute conserventur et in locis debitis reponantur, et quod corporalia, lintheamina, manutergia, albas, amictus, altarium pallias, et alia ecclesiastica indumenta tam serica quam alia, librosque et cetera collegii ornamenta integre et munde conservet vel faciat suo periculo conservari, et si opus fuerit bis ad minus in anno sumptibus collegii que contracta vel sordida fuerint faciat reparari refici resarciri et lavari. Exhibeat eciam idem sacrista cordas pro campanis collegii, quociens fuerit oportunum. Item eciam in propria persona, si sanus sit et potens, aliquociens ascendat ad campanas, et super plumbum alarum et alias, ubi comode poterit, ad supervidendum defectus et celeriter corrigendum, ne mora trahat periculum, prout solet.

48. Item statuimus quod omnes panni crismales pertineant ad sacristam ad reponendum calices et tegendum libros et ymagines in Quadragesima abscondendas.

49. Item precipimus quod sacrista ter in anno, videlicet, in natali Domini et ante Pascha et Assumptionem beate Marie, faciat omnes cruces et ymagines per ecclesiam tergi, et fenestras et parietes a pulvere et telis aranearum mundari faciat, tam super quam subter; cum lancea longa et alis aucarum, ita quod non nocent picturis.

50. Item volumus quod duo angeli stantes super columpnas ante altare magnum in principio Quadragesime portentur ad vestibulum et honeste serventur usque ad resurrectionem, et tunc ad loca sua reportentur; tunc eciam primo discooperiantur cetere ymagines per ecclesiam, excepto quod magna crux et illa super magnum altare in dominica palmarum a processione usque post vesperas denudentur.

51. Item statuimus quod canonici, vicarii, secundarii et choriste statim, pulsacione ignitegii finita, sint in hospiciis vel in cameris suis et continuo sine strepitu et garulacione, ne dormire volentes impediant, ad lectos suos pariter vadant suaviter et modeste. Et propter pericula incendii et ignis que frequenter contingunt precipimus quod omnes ad lectos simul vadant et lumen simul extinguant, ne forsitan aliquis soporatus, quod absit, socios combureret et seipsum. Quicumque vero per totam noctem absentent vel eciam post dictam pulsacionem vagantes nunciantur, tota porcione pro septimana sibi debita priventur, nisi forte ex causa racionabili et manifesta poterunt excusari; et hoc non ex consuetudine sed raro, ne suspecti habeantur. Finita vero pulsacione ignitegii porta clausi claudatur et seretur et clavis penes presbiterum matutinalem remaneat, et per eundem de mane semper aperiatur.

52. Item statuimus quod nullus canonicus vicarius sive secundarius pueros choristas secum pernoctare aut in lecto cum ipsis dormire faciant seu permittant, nec ipsos in festo Sanctorum Innocencium vel in ebdomada sequente extra parochiam de Otery trahant aut eis licenciam vagandi concedant.

53. Item statuimus quod omni anno die Assumpcionis gloriose Virginis totum collegium in claustro si habeatur, vel in aliqua domo magis competenti, simul comedant et in signum candide virginitatis paradisi care columbe, superpelliciis in prandiis utantur, sine quibus nullus penitus nisi religiosus ibidem comedere permittatur. Ad quod quidem convivium senescalli scaccarii de bonis communibus necessaria ministrabunt. Qua die in mensa legatur solempniter ab aliquo clerico de omelia vel in biblia de Canticis Canticorum, videlicet, in principio, dum potagium comedant, et in fine dum mappe ammoventur et manus lavantur; senioreque dicente "tu autem" lector dicat "miserere nostri," et dicantur gracie stando, et postea sedendo semel bibant et recedant.

54. Item statuimus quod vicarii quotidie habeant aliquem lectorem in mensa qui in principio mense et fine, ut predicitur, duas bonas lecciones legat de biblia, vel de vitis sanctorum aut patrum, vel omeliis aut sermonibus, prout eis placet; interimque silencium teneant, et eas audiant diligenter; et in fine, lotis manibus et finita postea leccione amotaque tabula, surgant et stando, ut in Romana fit curia, gracias Deo solvant; et postea, si voluerint, bibant et recedant, et in bonis et honestis operibus se occupent et intendant.

55. Item inhibemus sub pena excommunicacionis ne aliqui de collegio ad taxillos vel hasardum ludant. Volumus tamen quod, causa recreacionis non pecunie lucrande, ad scaccarium vel merellos vel tabulas ludant, loco, modo et tempore oportunis; sed canes venaticos et venacionis exercitium, non tamen carnes venaticas, eis penitus inhibemus.

56. Item statuimus et precipimus quod si aliquis rixosus, ebriosus, incontinens, aut rebellis inveniatur, post terciam amonicionem penitus amoveatur, omnesque tales foventes, defendentes, aut excusantes, partem habeant cum facientibus hic et inferno. Si quis autem vicarius vel secundarius contra aliquem canonicum, aut secundarius contra vicarium, jurgaverit vel deliquerit, nisi infra triduum emendaverit, ex tunc nihil de ecclesia percipiat, quousque satisfecerit competenter.

57. Item statuimus quod omnes sacerdotes largas coronas habeant et sibi invicem consimiles cum rotunda tonsura, et pueri modo consimili, sed clerici alii medio modo, taliter, scilicet, quod omnes secundum statum suum sint conformes in quantitate corone et modo tonsure: et quia vidimus quod nunc aliqui clerici, vel pocius heretici, tanto se laicis magis conformant et assimilant tam in habitu quam in tonsura, quam malis moribus, quanto in beneficiis et ordinibus ascenderint, quasi verecundati de Domino suo Jhesu Christo et parati recipere anti-Christum, precipimus et ordinamus quod quilibet juxta gradum et ordinem suum, tam in tonsura quam in vestitu et gestu, se gerat, vel monitus a collegio amoveatur, ne alios inficiat sicut ovis morbida totum gregem.

58. Item statuimus quod nulli de ecclesia mulieres eciam de sanguine suo secum ad perhendinandum habeant infra clausum, nec eciam in villa eorum sumptibus ultra unum diem et noctem.

59. Item statuimus quod custos, minister, cantor et sacrista ad prandium capucia circa collum cum pellibus habeant; ipsi autem ac ceteri sacerdotes collegii supertunicis clausis sine birris ante vel retro utantur.

60. Item statuimus quod si aliqui clericorum vel puerorum per triennium in collegio steterint et psalterium sciverint et alicui seniori cui id injunctum fuerit corde tenus reddiderint, ex tunc, si bene aliunde se gesserint, custos et collegium tales et nullos extraneos extra collegium sub eorum titulo ad omnes sacros ordines nobis et successoribus nostris facultatem habeant presentandi. Ita quod, vacantibus vicariis chori, in eisdem preficiantur et statum ex tunc perpetuum consequantur.

61. Item statuimus et volumus quod vicarii et secundarii, qui bene et honeste per triennium continuum et completum in collegio se gesserint, ex tunc de consensu omnium et singulorum canonicorum residencium, ex licencia episcopi, per litteras collegii possint perpetuari, nisi per causas predictas meruerint amoveri.

62. Item statuimus, quod custos, et cantor, minister, et sacrista, et quilibet alius canonicus, unam capam nigram, unum suppellicium cum almicio, duas tabulas cum trescellis, lavatorium cum pelvi, duodecim discos de stagno cum totidem salsariis, et unum coclear argenteum, et unum pottum stagneum, sicut de dono nostro habuerunt, suis successoribus imperpetuum dimittere teneantur.

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25. Item statuimus quod custos vel minister in majoribus festis duplicibus, cantor vel sacrista seu alii canonici in minoribus duplicibus, officium principaliter exequantur.

26. Item statuimus quod diebus dominicis, si possint, aut saltem duplicibus festis celebrent aliqui canonicorum missam beate Marie Virginis; precipue vero magnam missam prout Exonienses canonici consueverunt.

27. Item statuimus et inhibemus, ne officium chori quoquo modo impediatur, quod nullus de collegio celebret in ecclesia a tempore quo prima incipitur, nisi forte extranie persone egregie supereminentes aliud requirant. Quo casu prohibemus ne campanelle ad elevacionem sacramenti pulsentur, quodque canentes in choro non exeant nec se divertant ad videndum sacramentum, sed devote officio suo intendant. Caveant eciam semper ne vagos occulos ad hostium chori habeant, ut videant transeuntes, unde mentis intencio aut servicium impediatur.

28. Item statuimus ut honore quilibet alium invicem juxta statum preveniat, et, juxta consuetudinem ecclesiarum cathedralium, intrantes chorum et exeuntes in occidentem inclinent se ad custodem vel alium majorem prope modum continuandum, et intrantes vel exeuntes superius vel transeuntes de una parte ad aliam semper ad altare humiliter se inclinent.

29. Item statuimus quod libri ecclesie non portentur extra ecclesiam nisi forte debeant de novo alii scribi sive notari aut corrigi, et tunc non extra clausum sed in domibus canonicorum aut vicariorum, ita quod ad officium si necesse fuerit reportentur. Et idem de vestimentis precipimus observari, nisi forte aliqui de collegio sub eorum periculo et pignore exposito ad ordinem duxerint comodanda, quo casu, ne per pluviam vel aliter sordidentur, de simplicioribus et deterioribus illud fiat.

30. Inhibemus eciam districte sub pena excommunicacionis ne quis presumat aut, ut quandoque vidimus in ecclesiis ruralibus, de foliis librorum ex quacumque eorum parte aliquid abscindere vel superscribere ad librorum deformitatem aut mutilacionem, nec eciam sub colore correccionis aliquid in litera vel nomine immutare, nisi forte aliquis peritus et sciolus ad hoc assignatus novos libros corrigat ad exemplar aliquod originale, quod juxta judicium seniorum exemplar fidelius reputatur. Omnes eciam ecclesie ministri sepius moneantur libros ecclesie honeste vertere, tenere, et servare, et id de capis sericis et vestimentis aliis observare.

31. Item statuimus quod antiphonaria omnia et gradualia et psalteria ita semper sint correcta quod non discordent in aliquo et quod ita dividantur quod una medietas eorum ponatur a dextera chori et alia medietas a sinistra. Ita quod semper ad minus sint tria antiphonaria et tot psalteria cum tot gradualibus ex uno latere, et tot ex alio latere, et liber unus ad gradum semper chori vel in medio, alius coram rectoribus ad missam; et inhibemus ne aliquis ex quacumque causa asportet vel amoveat vel transmutet tales libros de locis suis quibus specialiter assignabuntur ac eciam ascribentur, quia ex hoc posset officium impediri; verum volumus quod armarioli fortes fiant in stallis secundariorum per quatuor partes chori ad reponendum tales libros, et quod claves tradantur clericis ecclesie qui eos quotidie extrahant et reponant. Ad matutinas vero de nocte tres candele ad majus ex uno latere, et tres ex altero latere, chori accendantur. Canonici autem provideant sibimetipsis.

32. Item quociens aliquis novus liber portatur in chorum, nullus canonicus nec alius utatur eo, quousque corrigatur.

33. Item statuimus quod quilibet canonicus residens et quilibet vicarius habeat per se unum processionale, ne in eundo et cantando mutuo impediantur vel se extransverso inordinate conjungant. Que processionalia remaneant semper successoribus uniuscujusque.

34. Item ut honestius libri et vestimenta custodiantur, statuimus et mandamus quod clerici tenendo libros, quantum possunt, manicas superpellicii inter librum et manum interponant et folia vertendo non cum digitis sputo tinctis, ut sutores, nec plicando quasi per aures caperent, sed cum digitis incipiendo in superiori parte descendendo vertant, et stringendo libros aperiant non firmacula subito evellendo; eosdem eciam libros in fine officii semper claudant.

35. Item statuimus quod ad missam sacerdos et diaconus cum subdiacono semper parva manutergia in manu teneant, ne vestimenta in pectore sordidentur, et ut sudorem tergant; dum vero vinum et aqua ad calicem vel ad lavandum ministratur, manutergium interponatur; et cum sedent, super eorum genua aliquis pannus lineus ad hoc specialiter serviens supponatur.

36. Item volumus quod in majoribus festis stent ad totam missam in capis sericis, sicut Sarum et sicut Exon, omnes, exceptis rectoribus; et postea qui Graduale et Alleluia debent cantare, statim processione facta sericas exuant capas in vestibulum deportandas.

37. Item ordinamus et mandamus quod quando in choro stare tenentur, non super partem superiorem stallorum semisedeant, sed omnes uniformiter sese gerant sursum stando; et cum sedere debent ita secreto stalla dimittant cadere quod non audiantur; et maxime cum lecciones incipiuntur.

38. Item statuimus quod nullus clericus aut laicus in choro sine habitu inter ministros ecclesie, nisi forsitan maxima persona vel religiosus fuerit, stare permittantur; et si aliquis talis forte habeat loqui cum aliquo de choro, exeat ad eum extra chorum et celeriter revertatur, ne ex tali causa dum fit officium cum aliis in ecclesia fabuletur.

39. Item statuimus quod clerici ecclesie semper post completorium claudant undequaque chorum usque ad matutinas, et similiter post matutinas usque primam; ne aliquis intret nisi per eos. Et similiter etiam fiat dicta nona diei usque ad vesperas, et semper aliqui eorum comedant in ecclesia propter fures et latrones ne unquam ecclesia sit sine aliquo eorum. Si quando aliqui exeunt alii interim intus sint et e converso.

40. Item statuimus, ne pueri choriste materiam habeant discurrendi extra chorum et ludis in vestibulo vel alibi intendant, quod duo ecclesie clerici et aquebajuli, quilibet per suam ebdomadam, panem, vinum, et aquam, carbones, ignem et lumen, et cetera necessaria preparare teneantur.

41. Item statuendo inhibemus ne custos vel minister cantor aut sacrista in duplicibus festis pro quibuscumque secularibus causis vel negociis ab officiis divinis se absentent, nisi forte propter talia negocia que non possent alias expediri, et summam concernunt ecclesie utilitatem; nec eciam in Adventu ex quo incipitur "O sapiencia" usque post Epiphanium, nec in quadragesima potissime a dominica in Passione usque post "quasimodo geniti" nec a dominica ante Ascensionem usque post festum Corporis Christi, nec infra octavam Assumptionis et Nativitatis beate Marie, nisi secundum quod premittitur, quomodolibet se absentent extra villam.

42. Item statuimus, ne forsan imposterum parochiani diebus festivis alias matutinas quam illas collegii vendicent, quod, qui matutinis chori interesse nolunt, loco matutinarum missa beate Marie sint contenti. Quodque sacerdos parochialis aut alius loco ipsius dicat eis missam privatam in altari sibi ad hoc assignato, aquam benedictam cum pane benedicto, ut moris est, diebus dominicis ministrando. In quo eciam altari fiant sponsalia et purificaciones et misse communes pro defunctis statim post Primam ante incepcionem aliarum horarum, ita quod sequens officium chori nullatenus impediatur; necessaria autem ad altare predictum parochiani exhibebunt.

43. Item statuimus quod, cum ecclesia perfecta fuerit, unumquodque altare assignetur alicui canonico vel vicario custodiendum, et habeat quodlibet altare per se unum missale, calicem, corporalia, phiala, vestimenta et linthiamina et unum ad minus cereum. Que omnia diligenter per illum, cui altare committitur, conserventur, qui eciam non permittat varias ymagines nec cereos apponi nec affigi circa altaria incomposite, ut fit in ecclesiis ruralibus, sed tantum ymagines sanctorum in quorum honore dedicantur, cum cruce in medio et duobus cereis hinc inde, qui equaliter comburantur.

44. Item statuimus quod omni anno in festo sancti

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Michaelis sacrista faciat fieri ad minus duas albas cum amictibus pro sacerdote et diacono vel subdiacono, et alias duas pro pueris thuribulariis, necnon et tres toballias pro altaribus magis indigentibus de honesto albo panno, et tria manutergia nova. Ita quod nunquam defectus in magno altari vel aliis per ecclesiam, sicut alibi communiter vidimus, reperiatur. Similiter eciam provideat de parvis manutergiis ad tenendum in manibus ministrorum quotidie ad magnam missam, ne vestimenta ut supradiximus sordidentur.

45. Idem statuimus quod quociens sacrista novus venit, omnia sub indentura collegii recipiat, et bis in anno residentibus ostendat.

46. Item eciam sacrista idem in periculo anime sue et in virtute sacramenti prestiti sepius moneat et inducat aquebajulos et alios duos clericos ecclesie nuncupatos, quod diligentes sint, solliciti, et devoti circa campanas pulsandas, luminaria accendenda, vestimenta plicanda, altaria ornanda, ignem et carbones preparandos et querendos, ecclesiam mundandam, sconsas et boettas* illuminandas, et in privatis missis sacerdotibus ministrandum.

47. Item statuimus et mandamus quod sacrista omni septimana visitet semel altaria ecclesie atque vestibulum, et supervideat quod vestimenta et ornamenta ecclesie bene plicentur et tute conserventur et in locis debitis reponantur, et quod corporalia, lintheamina, manutergia, albas, amictus, altarium pallias, et alia ecclesiastica indumenta tam serica quam alia, librosque et cetera collegii ornamenta integre et munde conservet vel faciat suo periculo conservari, et si opus fuerit bis ad minus in anno sumptibus collegii que contracta vel sordida fuerint faciat reparari refici resarciri et lavari. Exhibeat eciam idem sacrista cordas pro campanis collegii, quociens fuerit oportunum. Item eciam in propria persona, si sanus sit et potens, aliquociens ascendat ad campanas, et super plumbum alarum et alias, ubi comode poterit, ad supervidendum defectus et celeriter corrigendum, ne mora trahat periculum, prout solet.

48. Item statuimus quod omnes panni crismales pertineant ad sacristam ad reponendum calices et tegendum libros et ymagines in Quadragesima abscondendas.

49. Item precipimus quod sacrista ter in anno, videlicet, in natali Domini et ante Pascha et Assumptionem beate Marie, faciat omnes cruces et ymagines per ecclesiam tergi, et fenestras et parietes a pulvere et telis aranearum mundari faciat, tam super quam subter; cum lancea longa et alis aucarum, ita quod non nocent picturis.

50. Item volumus quod duo angeli stantes super columpnas ante altare magnum in principio Quadragesime portentur ad vestibulum et honeste serventur usque ad resurrectionem, et tunc ad loca sua reportentur; tunc eciam primo discooperiantur cetere ymagines per ecclesiam, excepto quod magna crux et illa super magnum altare in dominica palmarum a processione usque post vesperas denudentur.

51. Item statuimus quod canonici, vicarii, secundarii et choriste statim, pulsacione ignitegii finita, sint in hospiciis vel in cameris suis et continuo sine strepitu et garulacione, ne dormire volentes impediant, ad lectos suos pariter vadant suaviter et modeste. Et propter pericula incendii et ignis que frequenter contingunt precipimus quod omnes ad lectos simul vadant et lumen simul extinguant, ne forsitan aliquis soporatus, quod absit, socios combureret et seipsum. Quicumque vero per totam noctem absentent vel eciam post dictam pulsacionem vagantes nunciantur, tota porcione pro septimana sibi debita priventur, nisi forte ex causa racionabili et manifesta poterunt excusari; et hoc non ex consuetudine sed raro, ne suspecti habeantur. Finita vero pulsacione ignitegii porta clausi claudatur et seretur et clavis penes presbiterum matutinalem remaneat, et per eundem de mane semper aperiatur.

52. Item statuimus quod nullus canonicus vicarius sive secundarius pueros choristas secum pernoctare aut in lecto cum ipsis dormire faciant seu permittant, nec ipsos in festo Sanctorum Innocencium vel in ebdomada sequente extra parochiam de Otery trahant aut eis licenciam vagandi concedant.

53. Item statuimus quod omni anno die Assumpcionis gloriose Virginis totum collegium in claustro si habeatur, vel in aliqua domo magis competenti, simul comedant et in signum candide virginitatis paradisi care columbe, superpelliciis in prandiis utantur, sine quibus nullus penitus nisi religiosus ibidem comedere permittatur. Ad quod quidem convivium senescalli scaccarii de bonis communibus necessaria ministrabunt. Qua die in mensa legatur solempniter ab aliquo clerico de omelia vel in biblia de Canticis Canticorum, videlicet, in principio, dum potagium comedant, et in fine dum mappe ammoventur et manus lavantur; senioreque dicente "tu autem" lector dicat "miserere nostri," et dicantur gracie stando, et postea sedendo semel bibant et recedant.

54. Item statuimus quod vicarii quotidie habeant aliquem lectorem in mensa qui in principio mense et fine, ut predicitur, duas bonas lecciones legat de biblia, vel de vitis sanctorum aut patrum, vel omeliis aut sermonibus, prout eis placet; interimque silencium teneant, et eas audiant diligenter; et in fine, lotis manibus et finita postea leccione amotaque tabula, surgant et stando, ut in Romana fit curia, gracias Deo solvant; et postea, si voluerint, bibant et recedant, et in bonis et honestis operibus se occupent et intendant.

55. Item inhibemus sub pena excommunicacionis ne aliqui de collegio ad taxillos vel hasardum ludant. Volumus tamen quod, causa recreacionis non pecunie lucrande, ad scaccarium vel merellos vel tabulas ludant, loco, modo et tempore oportunis; sed canes venaticos et venacionis exercitium, non tamen carnes venaticas, eis penitus inhibemus.

56. Item statuimus et precipimus quod si aliquis rixosus, ebriosus, incontinens, aut rebellis inveniatur, post terciam amonicionem penitus amoveatur, omnesque tales foventes, defendentes, aut excusantes, partem habeant cum facientibus hic et inferno. Si quis autem vicarius vel secundarius contra aliquem canonicum, aut secundarius contra vicarium, jurgaverit vel deliquerit, nisi infra triduum emendaverit, ex tunc nihil de ecclesia percipiat, quousque satisfecerit competenter.

57. Item statuimus quod omnes sacerdotes largas coronas habeant et sibi invicem consimiles cum rotunda tonsura, et pueri modo consimili, sed clerici alii medio modo, taliter, scilicet, quod omnes secundum statum suum sint conformes in quantitate corone et modo tonsure: et quia vidimus quod nunc aliqui clerici, vel pocius heretici, tanto se laicis magis conformant et assimilant tam in habitu quam in tonsura, quam malis moribus, quanto in beneficiis et ordinibus ascenderint, quasi verecundati de Domino suo Jhesu Christo et parati recipere anti-Christum, precipimus et ordinamus quod quilibet juxta gradum et ordinem suum, tam in tonsura quam in vestitu et gestu, se gerat, vel monitus a collegio amoveatur, ne alios inficiat sicut ovis morbida totum gregem.

58. Item statuimus quod nulli de ecclesia mulieres eciam de sanguine suo secum ad perhendinandum habeant infra clausum, nec eciam in villa eorum sumptibus ultra unum diem et noctem.

59. Item statuimus quod custos, minister, cantor et sacrista ad prandium capucia circa collum cum pellibus habeant; ipsi autem ac ceteri sacerdotes collegii supertunicis clausis sine birris ante vel retro utantur.

60. Item statuimus quod si aliqui clericorum vel puerorum per triennium in collegio steterint et psalterium sciverint et alicui seniori cui id injunctum fuerit corde tenus reddiderint, ex tunc, si bene aliunde se gesserint, custos et collegium tales et nullos extraneos extra collegium sub eorum titulo ad omnes sacros ordines nobis et successoribus nostris facultatem habeant presentandi. Ita quod, vacantibus vicariis chori, in eisdem preficiantur et statum ex tunc perpetuum consequantur.

61. Item statuimus et volumus quod vicarii et secundarii, qui bene et honeste per triennium continuum et completum in collegio se gesserint, ex tunc de consensu omnium et singulorum canonicorum residencium, ex licencia episcopi, per litteras collegii possint perpetuari, nisi per causas predictas meruerint amoveri.

62. Item statuimus, quod custos, et cantor, minister, et sacrista, et quilibet alius canonicus, unam capam nigram, unum suppellicium cum almicio, duas tabulas cum trescellis, lavatorium cum pelvi, duodecim discos de stagno cum totidem salsariis, et unum coclear argenteum, et unum pottum stagneum, sicut de dono nostro habuerunt, suis successoribus imperpetuum dimittere teneantur.

* See post, p. 273, note.

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63. Item statuimus ut vicarii ita ordinate et provide se habeant, quod omni anno unum quasi priorem ex eis eligant magis in temporalibus circumspectum, qui eis presit, et libros studiales, et vasa ac utensilia que eis dedimus, a custode et seneschallis scaccarii per indenturam recipiat, suoque periculo toto illo anno custodiat et conservet. In fine vero anni, quando domus canonicorum supervidentur per senescallos predictos, libri, vasa et utensilia predicta coram prefatis custode et senescallis, per dictum vicarium priorem exhibeantur. Et si aliqui defectus appareant in eisdem, sumptibus vicariorum communibus infra mensem congrue reparentur: et si necesse fuerit, nova utensilia eorumdem sumptibus emenda subrogentur; alioquin senescalli predicti extunc reparaciones emptiones et subrogaciones hujusmodi faciant de porcionibus vicariorum, preciumque, quod in usus hujusmodi converti contigerit, in solidum subtractum; ne, si aliqui eorum gratis recederent qui ad eorum utilitatem eis usi sunt, novis supervenientibus onera indebite relinquant. Et id de utensilibus et rebus ceteris communibus clericorum et puerorum precipimus observari; quodque secundarii unum priorem eis eligant, ut de vicariis premittitur, et assumant.

64. Volumus eciam quod libri predicti in armariolo aliquo stante in dormitorio vicariorum, qui continue sint presentes, sub vicarii presidentis custodia deputentur, ut extra eorum hospitium non nisi sub pignore ydoneo, et hoc sciendum a canonicis, deportentur, et tunc celeriter reportentur. Ita tamen quod quilibet vicarius infra dormitorium in cella sua quotidie aliquem eorum habeat, si voluerit, ad studendum et statim de nocte in armariolo reponantur.

65. Item ne fabrica ecclesie ex negligencia prolixa circa cooperturam plumbi aut fenestrarum et maxime conductuum vel gutterarum paulatim deteriorata vix tandem posset maximis reparari sumptibus, quando primitus faciliter emendaretur, statuimus et mandamus, quatenus custos et sacrista faciant omni mense per se vel alios sciolos artifices eorum periculo supervideri eciam extrinsecus diligenter et interius; et si quid forsitan infusione ymbrium et turbine procellarum aut aliunde fuerit corruptum, celeriter emendari: Ex qua causa habeant unum artificem de Exonia vel aliis partibus propinquis pensionarium annualem, qui, eorum et collegii expensis, sepius ibidem accedat et corrigenda reficiat et emendet.

66. Item statuimus quod senescalli scaccarii, antequam quicquam administrent, de administracione fideli et diligenti facienda, et quod nil eis usurpabunt vel applicabunt ultra id quod eis vere debetur, juramenti vinculo se astringant.

67. Item statuimus quod si illi qui eliguntur in senescallos recusaverint esse, perdant illo anno quicquid habere debent in quotidianis distribucionibus et omnibus aliis, excepto solo corpore prebende.

68. Item statuimus prout in ordinacione primaria habetur, quod senescalli habeant unam medietatem omnium que ab officiis absentes perdunt: et punctuans aliam, exceptis canonicorum absenciis, quorum defectus ad episcopum pertinebunt; omni anno fideliter calculando ne forte ipsi canonici invicem colluderent et se mutuo supportarent. Senescalli eciam omni septimana bis ab officiis abesse poterunt, nichil perdendo.

69. Item statuendo simpliciter inhibemus quascumque alienaciones mobilium aut reddituum, librorum et ornamentorum collegii, necnon decimarum ad firmam annorum plurium dimissiones, et quascunque perpetuas tradiciones, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, quam singulares per contrarium agentes vel consentientes eo ipso incurrant. Terre tamen et domus antiqui dominici, cum reddituum incremento possibili, ad firmam septennium seu ad terminum vite unius tantum, omnes, prout expedierit, dimittantur.

70. Item statuimus quod in choro ita hinc inde in numero se adequent, quod semper tot canonici ac vicarii sint ex una parte, quot ex altera: et cum pauci sint, stent distantes uno stallo vacuo, et alio pleno, nisi dum oportet cantare super librum.

71. Item statuimus quod sacrista omnia que pertinent ad suam custodiam, maxime que sunt valoris et precii, sub indentura a custode et collegio recipiat una cum pondere argenteorum, et singulis annis de ipsis respondeat, ut inferius continetur.

72. Item statuimus quod sigillum commune collegii et calices non quotidiani, cruces eciam preciose et reliquie et alia jocalia argentea salvo et secure in thesauraria sub tribus clavibus, custodis, sacriste et cantoris vel alicujus canonici, custodiantur; ita quod bis in anno, scilicet, in festis Pasche et Sancti Michaelis, aliis canonicis presentibus, sub testimonio duorum vel trium vicariorum fide dignorum ostendantur, necnon cum oportunum fuerit eisdem per totum annum utantur.

73. Item statuimus quod nulla litera sigilletur nec eciam sigillum commune extrahatur nisi omnibus canonicis residentibus convocatis et assensum suum prebentibus, et in anime sue periculo ad utilitatem et honorem ecclesie id decernentibus faciendum.

74. De obitibus vero taliter statuimus et ordinamus quod ante martyrologium per se in kalendare, ubi nulla festa sanctorum nisi duplicia scribantur et non infra martyrologium, et que sunt solennia, et que simplicia, specificentur; ita quod quotidie lector martyrologii respiciat in ipso kalendare tam quotam lune quam obitum diei sequentis.

75. Volumus autem et statuimus quod obitus noster, et domini Petri cardinalis Prenestini episcopi, post migraciones a seculo, et patris nostri, ac matris nostre, et domini Johannis Pape XXII. promotoris nostri, solemniter, ut in minoribus duplicibus festis, et obitus fratrum et sororum nostrorum, videlicet, Petri, et Othonis, Thome, et Willielmi, Agnetis, et Mabille, Katarine, et Matildis, et domini Othonis de Grandissono patrui nostri, et domini Willielmi de Monte Acuto sororii nostri, more simplicium festorum, ita quod nonum responsorium cantetur a duobus, imperpetuum celebrentur; semper eciam laudes de "Dirige" immediate sequantur sicut Exonie, non post matutinas de die, ut Sarum fieri solet. Similiter in quadragesima post prandium ante collacionem, vel completorium, dicantur "placebo" et "dirige" cum laudibus totaliter simul, et nunquam dividantur. In solemnibus vero obitibus, commendaciones et misse dicantur post nonam, sicut fit Exonie. In communibus vero et simplicibus obitibus, finito capitulo, dicantur in choro vel ante illud altare ubi missa sequens pro defunctis dicetur. Obitus domini Johannis Pape fiat quarta die Decembris, domini Willielmi patris nostri in crastino Sanctorum Johannis et Pauli, domine Sibille matris nostre die undecim millium virginum, Thome fratris nostri clerici xiv die Julii post translacionem Sancti Benedicti abbatis, Willielmi fratris nostri archidiaconi Exonie die Sancti Bonefacii, et Mabille sororis nostre quarta die post assumpcionem. Cetere tempore confectionis presencium vivebant; unde cum migraverint ad Deum dies, tam hic quam in martyrologio inserantur.

76. Insuper statuimus quod classicum pulsetur pro mortuis parum antequam incipitur "placebo" quousque inchoetur "dirige," et similiter ante missam dum dicuntur commendaciones. Ita, videlicet, quod tam in obitibus quam eciam quando corpus presens habetur secundum dignitatem persone brevius vel longius predictis semper temporibus pulsetur cum majoribus et pluribus vel minoribus et paucioribus campanis; sed inhibemus ne nimis prolixe pulsentur, nec iterum post officium vel in aurora, sicut solet Exonie; quia nichil prodest animabus "æs sonans aut cymbalum tinniens," et tamen multum nocet auribus, et fabrice, ac campanis.

77. Item statuimus quod ubicumque ordinale vel consuetudinarium vel statuta nostra non sufficiant forte in multis faciendis per totum annum, quod tunc recurratur ad ordinale et consuetudinarium Sarum. Ita tamen quod semper omnia per nos disposita firmiter observentur. Nolumus tamen quod allegent vel dicant unquam se usum tenere Sarum, sed magis Exonie, vel, ut verius dicant, usum per nos eis traditum proprium et specialem.

78. Item in fine omnium, ne forte presencia statuta processu temporum, ut communiter assolent, omnia primum bene disposita per negligenciam et desidiam vel per maliciam aliquorum propriam voluntatem magis quam Dei honorem vel commune bonum querencium, in abusum vel non usum possint deduci aut subduci, vel in parte aut totaliter pretermitti, statuimus et in virtute sancte obe-

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dientie mandamus quod sub pena excommunicacionis custos et alii canonici, necnon vicarii tam primam ordinacionem collegii sigillatam quam presencias statuta in qualibet visitacione episcopi ei et suis commissariis exhibeant et ostendant, ita quod secundum ea possint defectus et negligencie corrigi et reparari, ne intencio et pia voluntas nostra in aliquo defraudetur.

De exhibicione cereorum et luminarium.

1. Luminaria igitur ecclesie Sancte Marie de Otery expensis capituli ejusdem ministrabit sacrista, videlicet, ceram, oleum, sebum, necnon et alia ad cultum divinum spectancia, scilicet panem et vinum pro sacramento altaris conficiendo, carbones et incensum, et similia, videlicet, unum morterium sive crassetum * ardens omni nocte, et unam lampadem ardentem omni die, mattas eciam pro stallis semel in anno, scilicet, in festo omnium sanctorum, carbones et thus liberum pro toto anno, exceptis illis que parochianis et clericis aquebajulis ab antiquo incumbunt, quos ab aliquibus vel omnibus, ad que de consuetudine hactenus tenebantur, non intendimus exonerare. Illud vero quod in ordinacione prout de fabrica ecclesie sumptibus collegii reparanda taliter declaramus, quod collegium, quicquam est de fabrica ecclesie a magna cruce et supra cum capella beate Marie, una cum uno campanili in quo sunt majores campane, cum omnibus pertinenciis, sustinere et reficere teneantur; et quod parochiani navem ecclesie cum alio campanili et necessariis debeant perpetuo reparare. Ne igitur luminaria per nos ad honorem Dei et matris Lucis eterne ordinata, aliquo tempore, quod absit, per incuriam vel maliciam aut propter comodum eorum qui ut filii tenebrarum potius querunt sua, quam que Jhesu Christi, subtrahantur, vel in aliquo diminuantur, presentibus duximus inserenda. Si autem aliqui a Deo inspirati et gracia ejus preventi ipsa luminaria augmentaverint, lumen eis hic et in eterno Deus addat, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Qui autem subtraxerint, tenebras exteriores, ubi est fletus et stridor dencium, nisi cicius resipuerint, incurrant.

2. Statuimus itaque et ordinamus quod continue ardeat de die una lampas olei et de nocte unum morterium sive crassetum, quod non ita faciliter ut lampas extinguitur, in loco apto et conveniente, ob reverenciam corporis Christi ac eciam pro causis ignem requirentibus de die et pro securitate ecclesie de nocte, ita quod janue ecclesie non aperiantur de nocte pro igne querendo aut alia causa ante incepcionem secunde pulsacionis ad matutinas. In incepcione vero ultime pulsacionis ad matutinas, quando de nocte dicuntur, unus de clericis ecclesie unam candelam in sconsa vel boetta† accensam ponat super gradum chori cum libro venitario [invitatorio?] ita quod ante incepcionem invitatorii lumen sit ibi semper paratum unde possint accendi alie eciam candele pro choro.

3. In duplicibus autem festis, maxime in majoribus custos, minister, cantor, et sacrista, quilibet eorum unum famulum fidelem ad pulsandum cum clericis in eorum adjutorium, si oportuerit, transmittant, vel cum eis faciant pernoctare; cerei vero circiter altare et alii in locis suis incipiantur attendi, dum pulsatur ultima vice tam ad vesperas quam ad matutinas. Ad missam vero ceroferarii circa finem hore precedentis, quando chorus non regitur, accendantur, ut sint parati ad introitum misse. Quando autem chorus regitur, dum officium primo canitur ceroferarii, deinde alia luminaria debita ante " Gloria Patri" accendantur.

4. Inprimis itaque sit una pelvis pendens coram magno altari ad primum vel secundum gradum ejusdem et inter stationes diaconi et subdiaconi cum uno cereo tantum. Item sint due columpne aeree cum duobus angelis suprastantibus duos cereos tenentibus hinc inde contra altaris cornua a longe aliquantulum stantes terre infixe, habentes ab utraque parte altaris in seipsis cum gracili ferro duas curtinas dependentes, ex transverso autem ab utraque parte procedant de ipsis aereis columpnis due trabes ferree usque ad columpnas lapideas ecclesie in presbiterio et super illas trabes ferreas sint ad minus candelabra sex ex uno latere et alia sex ex alio latere pro duodecim cereis imponendis.

5. Item sint semper duo ceroferarii a pueris portandi supra gradum altaris stantes hinc inde in locis congruis ne fortuitu dijiciantur.

6. Item sit ad gradum chori inferius dependens alia pelvis pro uno cereo imponendo; et sic in choro habeantur in toto 16 ad minus cerei, quandoplures simul sunt in toto anno, exceptis ceroferariis, et semper observetur quod quociens aliquis vel aliqui cereus vel cerei accenduntur ex uno latere super trabem, tociens eciam ex apposito tot pares eisdem ex altero latere accendantur, ita quod semper quantum poterunt tam in loco et numero quam in longitudine equaliter et pariter expendantur.

7. Item in omnibus majoribus duplicibus festis unus ad minus cereus coram altari in capella beate Marie ad matutinas et vesperas de die accendatur. Preterea duo ad minus cerei sint hinc inde ad altare beate Virginis et similiter in quolibet altari unus cereus pro missis ibidem celebrandis. Qui duo ad altare beate Marie omni die ad missam ejusdem gloriose Virginis et ad ejus antiphonam post completorium accendantur. Singuli vero alii cerei ad alia altaria in missis ibidem dicendis quotidie et in festis sanctorum in quorum honore dedicantur ad vesperas matutinas et missam que in choro dicuntur continue accendantur. Item sit unus cereus ex opposito magne crucis pendens vel fixus versus populum.

8. Item semper habeantur duo magna torticia pro magna missa et alia duo similia pro missa beate Marie, que quotidie accendantur ad elevacionem; et in nocte natalis Domini in prima missa ab elevacione usque ad finem tocius misse ardeant et teneantur hinc inde juxta altare a longe propter distillacionem super vestimenta cavendam, et asportentur tunc in fine misse ante sacerdotem.

9. In die eciam pasche ad resurrectionem ardeant usque post tunc processionem ad majorem vero evidenciam sequencium, luminaria accendentur. Preterea est sciendum quod aliqua de festis majoribus duplicibus dicuntur principalia majora duplicia, alia secundaria majora duplicia. Item de minoribus duplicibus festis aliqua vocantur media duplicia, quia non sunt de majoribus duplicibus nec eciam de minoribus duplicibus; alia eciam sunt que dicuntur minora duplicia simpliciter. Item alia dicuntur semiduplicia que habent triplex invitatorium (*nocturnum?*). Item alia dominicalia vel simplicia dicuntur, quociens scilicet chorus regitur; cetera vero festa sine regimine chori vel ferialia nuncupantur.

10. In principalibus itaque duplicibus festis majoribus, que sunt hec; prima dies natalis Domini, Epiphania, dies Pasche, Pentecostes, dies Assumptionis beate Marie et omnium Sanctorum, quando classicum breve pulsabitur in signo ad matutinas, ita quod due campane medie perseverint aliis cessantibus, et tunc in primis et secundis vesperis et ad missam accendantur continue octo ad minus cerei circa altare, videlicet, ille in pelvi coram altari magno et alius in pelvi ad gradum et tres in candelabris ferreis ex uno latere et alii tres ex altera parte super trabes stantes; ad matutinas vero in predictis festis superaddantur predictis cereis duo hinc et duo inde super easdem trabes. In fine eciam ultimi responsorii super addantur illi duo super trabes ferreas, qui omnes deinde usque ad finem matutinorum ardendo perseverent. Et in nocte natalis Domini eciam omnes illi per totam primam missam accendantur ad primam tunc in choro; et ad alias horas diei ardeat solus ille in pelvi ante altare nisi in die Pentecostis ad terciam, tunc enim septem, tres hinc et alii tres inde, super trabes cum illo in pelvi coram altare; ad completorium vero per totum annum tot ardeant luminaria quot ad vesperas, exceptis ceroferariis.

11. In ceteris vero secundariis majoribus duplicibus festis, scilicet, Purificacionis, Annunciacionis, Ascencionis, Trinitatis, Corporis Christi, apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Nativitatis beate Marie, Sancti Edwardi regis et confessoris, et dedicacionis ecclesie, ad utrasque vesperas accendantur continue sex cerei, scilicet, ille in pelvi ante altare magnum et alius in pelvi ad gradum chori et quatuor alii juxta altare super trabes ferreas hinc inde. Ad matutinas vero et ad "Te Deum" vel et "Benedictus" et per totam magnam missam duo ceroferarii cum eisdem sex cereis accendantur; ad matutinas vero in eisdem festis alii quatuor ultra illos de vesperis super trabes ferreas hinc inde superaddantur. In fine vero ultimi responsorii illi eciam in manibus angelorum accendantur; ad alias autem

* A cresset.

† See ante, p. 271. A "boetta" seems to mean a lantern. See Ducange voc. Lucerna boeta, and Boeta (ed. Paris, 1840).

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horas, excepto completorio, ardeat ille in pelvi tantum coram magno altari.

12. In vigiliis vero Pasche et Pentecostis ad officium ante "Kyrie" et "Confiteor" duo ceroferarii cum uno in pelvi accendantur. Ita tamen quod in vigilia Pasche juxta ordinale omnes, excepto illo in hasta, extinguantur ante benedictionem cerei paschalis, et postea infra benedicionem tam ille quam alii quatuor circa altare cum ceroferariis, et in vigilia Pentecostes ac Kyrie totidem accendantur.

13. In mediis vero duplicibus festis, videlicet, Sancti Stephani, Sancti Johannis apostoli, Sancti Thome martyris et Circumcisionis Domini et secundis feriis Pasche et Pentecostes, Invencionis sancte crucis, nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste, octava die assumpcionis beate Marie, Sancti Michaelis in fine Septembris, Sancti Andree, et Concepcionis beate Marie Virginis ad primas, vesperas, ad matutinas et ad missam, quatuor cerei hinc inde super trabes ferreas continue accendantur, et postea loco et tempore suo duo eciam ceroferarii; ad laudes vero addantur ille in pelvi ante altare et aliis in altera pelvi; ad horas vero nullus cereus sed tantum lampas accendatur.

14. In ceteris vero minoribus duplicibus festis, videlicet, Sanctorum Innocencium, Convercionis Sancti Pauli, cathedre Sancti Petri, Mathie apostoli, Sancti Gregorii pape, tercia et quarta feria Pasche et Pentecostes, dominica in albis, sanctorum Ambrosii, Marci evangeliste, apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi, Johannis ante portam Latinam, translacionis Sancti Thome martyris, Sancti Jacobi apostoli, ad vincula Sancti Petri, Sancti Bartholomei, Sancti Augustini doctoris, Exaltacionis sancte crucis, Sanctorum Mathei apostoli et evangeliste, Jeronomi presbiteri, Luce Evangeliste, Simonis et Jude, et Thome apostoli, ad utrasque vesperas et ad matutinas accendantur tres cerei, videlicet, ille in pelvi ante altare et duo hinc inde super trabes ferreas cum ceroferariis tempore opportuno; et ad Laudes addatur unus tantum cereus in pelvi ad gradum chori.

15. In commemoracione animarum ad matutinas tres cerei communiter ardeant sine ceroferariis, scilicet, ille in pelvi coram altari et duo hinc inde super trabes; similiter fiat in obitu Johannis pape et domini patris et matris nostre et in obitu nostro et domini Petri Prenestrini cardinalis.

16. Dominica prima in adventu Domini et sexta die infra octabam nativitatis Domini et in festo Sancti Silvestri et in dominica in ramis palmarum et in feria quinta et sexta et sabbato Pasche et Pentecostes et Dominica infra octavam assumptionis et nativitatis beate Marie ac dedicacionis, duo cerei super trabes ferreas hinc inde ad utrasque vesperas et ad matutinas et ad magnam missam accendantur, et preterea ad "magnificat" et "benedictus" usque in finem officii, et per totam missam duo eciam ceroferarii super addantur sicut et semper, quando chorus regitur et incensatur.

17. In festis semiduplicibus quando, scilicet, invitatorium a tribus cantatur et versiculi ac tercium sextum et nonum responsorium a duobus cantatur, scilicet, in festo Sancti Nicholai, octava die Epiphanie, octava die Ascencionis, Sancti Augustini Anglorum, Sancti Barnabe apostoli, octava die Corporis Christi, commemoracionis Sancti Pauli, et octave apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Sancte Marie Magdalene, Sancti Laurencii, decollacionis Sancti Johannis, octava die nativitatis beate Marie, Sancti Michaelis in monte Tumba, Sancti Martini, Sancti Edmundi confessoris et Sancte Katarine virginis, tunc accendantur luminaria ut supra dominica prima in adventu Domini dictum est; ita tamen quod a nono responsorio per totas laudes usque in finem cereus in pelvi ante altare tantum superaddatur.

18. In ceteris omnibus dominicis, exceptis predictis, per totum annum et in omnibus aliis festis quando chorus regitur qua in dominica contingunt vel que propriam habent historiam, ardeat unus cereus tantum in pelvi usque in finem ultimi responsorii et tunc in laudibus addatur unus cereus in pelvi ad gradum chori, scilicet, a "gloria Patri" in ultimo responsorio usque ad finem matutinorum cum ceroferariis, eciam ad "magnificat" et "benedictus" more consueto.

19. In omnibus vero aliis festis simplicibus cum historia "de Communi sanctorum" excepta dominica et per octabas et in commemoracionibus beate Marie et quandocumque alias chorus regitur, ad vesperas, ad completorium, et ad matutinas et ad missam, cereus tantum in pelvi pendens continue ardeat et ad "magnificat" et ad "benedictus" et per totam missam duo ceroferarii similiter cum predicto cereo accendantur; qui scilicet ceroferarii, quando incensatur ad "magnificat" et "benedictus" et quando sacerdos cum ministris ad missam intrat et exit et quando calix cum corporali et sudario defertur, a pueris deportentur; in omnibus vero aliis horis diei nullum tunc cereum oportet accendi, sed tamen volumus et precipimus districte ut prediximus quod semper in lampade vel crasseto ignis in omnem eventum habeatur, absit enim ut talis ecclesia unquam sine igne reperiatur.

20. Item feria quarta Quatuor temporum in adventu ad pronunciacionem evangelii "missus est Gabriel angelus," et cetera et ad "magnificat," et ex quo incipiuntur "O," ad vesperas ad "magnificat," et in vigilia natalis Domini ad "benedictus," et ad vesperas quarta feria ante pascha ad "magnificat," licet tunc non incensetur, ceroferarii accendantur; ille vero cereus ex opposito crucis vel coram cruce ardeat ad vesperas et ad matutinas et missam in utroque festo sancte crucis et in omnibus eciam processionibus que fiunt ante crucem quousque ipsa processio finiatur.

21. In omnibus autem festis trium leccionum et feriis, quando chorus non regitur, ille tantum cereus in pelvi coram magno altari continue ardeat ad matutinas et ad vesperas, sed et tunc ad missam semper duo ceroferarii accendantur, alio in pelvi extincto; eodem modo fiat in die parascevis ad officium et deinceps ad sepulcrum usque ad resurreccionem in die pasche ardeat unus cereus nisi dum pascalis cereus ardet, quod erit ex quo benedicitur usque post magnam missam in die pasche ut infra dicetur.

22. Item providcantur 24 grosse candele vel totidem parvi cerei qui sufficiant pro matutinis in tenebris tribus noctibus ante pascha. Item fiat cereus paschalis qui contineat ad minus duodecim libras cere, excepto Juda, ardeatque ille cereus pascalis ex quo benedicitur usque post missam in die pasche continue et eadem die pasche ad vesperas et ad completorium et deinceps ad missam per totam ebdomadem pasche et in omnibus festis duplicibus et dominicis usque ad ascensionem Domini. In ipsa vero die ascencionis ad primas, vesperas, et ad matutinas ardeat, et postquam processio ante missam exierit antequam redeat amoveatur.

23. Preterea die natalis Domini pro versu primi responsorii qui a quinque pueris canitur, et die omnium sanctorum pro octavo responsorio et ejus versu qui a quinque pueris cantatur, provideatur de cereis sive de torticiis prout in ordinali continetur.

24. Pro die eciam purificacionis beate Marie provideat sacrista de cereis pro canonicis pondere cujuslibet dimidii libre, et pro vicariis et clericis de secunda forma quatuor cereos de una libra, et de grossis candelis pro pueris et aliis extraneis, prout decens fuerit et honestum.

25. Pro luminaribus vero omnibus supradictis inveniendis statuimus quod senescalli scaccarii per visum et auxilium sacriste omni anno in nundinis Wintonie vel alibi apud Torynton, et in partibus Barstapol, ceram sufficientem, quam ad ducentas libras estimamus pro uno anno ad minus, faciant provideri, ita quod post festum Sancti Michaelis infra quindecim dies cerei perficiantur, quia quanto antiquiores, tanto sunt durabiliores.

26. Item in nundinis predictis vel alibi provideatur semper de incenso libero pro anno, vel si expediat pro duobus annis, videlicet, sex libras pro anno ad minus; provideat eciam sacrista sumptibus collegii quod habeat bonas candelas de sebo albo ad pondus sexaginta librarum ad minus cum lichino* interius composito, in media saltem parte de cotone et alia de filo, ita quod clare luceant et sint curte et aliqualiter grosse, sicut Exonie fiunt ad studendum, pro matutinis in choro, videlicet, sex pro antiphonariis ex utraque parte chori. In pulpito eciam una pro leccionibus legendis et una ad gradum chori pro responsionibus et versibus, cum oportuerit, recitandis; et expedit quod semper fiat de talibus providencia per unum annum precedentem. Observantes itaque premissa conservet Filius Virginis in vitam eternam; voluntarie vero in deteriores pervertentes convertantur in infernum viventes.

* See Ducange, ad voc.

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27. Statuimus eciam quod cotidie post ignitegium clerici jacentes in ecclesia cantent unam brevem antiphonam de Sancta Maria ante ejus altare exterius, cum versu et oracione "Mater, ora filium" usque "Ora pro nobis Sancta Dei Genetrix, etc." "Graciam tuam quesumus Domine, etc." vel "Meritis et precibus, etc.," et dicto "De profundis, etc.," scrutentur totam ecclesiam et vadant ad quietem.—Datum sub sigillo nostro Exonie tercio Kalendarum Octobris anno Domini 1339, et consecracionis nostre 12°.

Num. IX.

De appropriatione ecclesiæ de Northam* ecclesiæ collegiatæ beatæ Marie de Otery.

(Ex eodem codice penes decanum et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Exoniæ.)

Universis fidelibus precioso Christi sanguine redemptis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem quam uterus peperit virginalis. Quamvis omnium sanctorum merita piis sint semper studiis veneranda incomparabilius, tamen gloriosissime virginis Dei genetricis Marie laus est cum omni honore preferenda et memorie frequencia ac fervencia recolenda. Quod dominus quondam Otho de Grandissono miles, germanus noster, dum in hac transitoria vita consisteret diligenter considerans et ideo corditer affectans fructus redditus et proventus ecclesie collegiate Sancte Marie de Otery nostre novelle fundacionis et patronatus ac diocesis, in qua eadem Virgo beatissima assiduis laudum veneratur preconiis, qui minus ut sibi videbatur tenues erant et exiles ac eciam propter temporum et rerum mutabilitatem hominumque maliciam indies excrescentem in tantum attenuati quod dilecti filii custos et capitulum ac ceteri ministri ejusdem ecclesie in quadragenario jam constituti numero onera necessaria eis juxta ordinacionem eorum primariam per sedem apostolicam specialiter confirmatam incumbencia veresimiliter non poterunt in posterum congrue supportare, nec tot ministri ipsius ecclesie stipendiis primitus assignatis decenter et comode sustentari ad honorem Dei et predicte gloriosissime Virginis et matris sue Marie per cooperacionis sue ministerium suplere, et pro anima sua dictorum ministrorum numerum ampliare, nobis sepius dum vixit cum instancia supplicavit quatenus ecclesiam parochialem de Northam nostre diocesis, in qua idem custos et collegium plenum jus optinet patronatus et pro cujus adquisitione idem dominus Otho domos suas et redditus in civitate London eisdem custodi et collegio dedit et legavit in usus infrascriptos et ad supportacionem onerum tam predictorum quam infrascriptorum eisdem concedere, annectere, et perpetuo unire auctoritate ordinaria dignaremur. Nos igitur ipsius Othonis pium et laudandum propositum merito approbantes, prefatis custodi et collegio paterna mansuetudine providendo, dilectos in Christo filios decanum et capitulum ecclesie nostre Exoniensis ad tractandum nobiscum super hujusmodi appropriacione ex predictis causis et aliis fecimus convocari. Habitis tandem super premissis cum eisdem tractatu diligenti et solempni ac deliberacione, et causarum predictarum cognicione debitis atque plenis, quia comperimus omnia et singula sufficienter esse probata, quodque evidens necessitas et manifesta utilitas requirunt quod fiat unio sic petita, eandem unionem decernimus canonice faciendam una demum de unanimi collaudacione et consilio ac consensu eorundem decani et capituli ac aliorum quorum interest concurrentibus que in hac parte requiruntur, predictam parochialem ecclesiam de Northam cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinenciis universis prefate ecclesie nostre collegiate ac custodi et capitulo ejusdem auctoritate diocesana appropriamus, incorporamus, et annectimus perpetuo et unimus; jurisdiccione et jure nostro episcopalibus et ecclesie nostre Exoniensis dignitate et cujuscumque ordinarii alii in omnibus semper salvis. Reservata tamen primitus de fructibus, redditibus et proventibus ejusdem ecclesie pro perpetuo vicario in eadem ad presentacionem dictorum custodis et capituli per nos et successores nostros instituendo congrua porcione, ex qua idem vicarius congrue valeat sustentari et episcopalia jura solide aliaque sibi incumbencia onera supportare. Itaque prefati custos et capitulum per se alium seu alios ejusdem ecclesie possessionem licite apprehendere et tenere, fructusque redditus et proventus ipsius in usus dumtaxat ac secundum modum et ordinacionem infrascriptos libere convertere possint, nostrum vel successorum nostrorum aut cujuscumque alterius licencia minime requisita. Modum autem per quem et in quos usus proventus dicte ecclesie de Northam converti et distribui debeant imperpetuum, salva dicti vicarii porcione decem librarum in numerata pecunia assignanda, presentibus annotamus.

In primis, ordinamus et statuimus quod in predicta collegiata ecclesia sint ex nunc duo presbiteri vicarii ultra numerum octavum consuetum, quorum uterque habeat singulis annis de fructubus supradictis quantum unus de ceteris vicariis aliunde annuatim percipere consuevit, in omnibus ut alii facturi et cohabitaturi ac pro anima prefati domini Othonis specialiter oraturi. Et tam octo priores vicarii quod ipsi duo ac presbiter matutinalis percipiant de dictis fructubus annuatim, ultra jam constituta stipendia, quilibet unam marcam precipue, et honestum habitum habeant prout decet et secundum quod in statutis ecclesie continetur. Succentor vero, eo quod ceteros excedit in labore, ultra ea que percipit in communi dimidiam marcam habeat annuatim.

Statuimus eciam et ordinamus quod unus de vicariis singulis exnunc annis in festo Sancti Michaelis per residentes canonicos eligatur, que circa omnia que ad officium sacriste pertinent diligentem sub eodem gerat solicitudinem atque curam, et habeat per annum in hujusmodi laborum compensacionem dimidiam marcam tantum, octo clerici secundarii et clericus capelle beate Marie habeant quilibet 3*s.* 4*d.* ad habitum decenciorem, et octo pueri choriste habeant annis singulis quilibet 1*s.* 4*d.*, et duo clerici custodes ecclesie unam marcam inter ipsos equaliter dividendam. Item presbiter parochialis et magister scholarum annuatim habeant uterque dimidiam marcam; summe autem pecuniarum predicte solvantur ad quatuor anni terminos consuetos; die insuper obitus dicti domini Othonis viginti solidi inter canonicos vicarios et ceteros ministros presentes, secundum ecclesie consuetudines, dividantur.

Ordinamus insuper 8*s.* 8*d.* ad inveniendum unum cereum in dominicis et singulis festis cum regimine chori tam ad matutinas quam ad vesperas in choro continue arsurum ultra luminaria consueta; quicquid vero de fructibus et proventibus hujusmodi, deductis et supportatis oneribus supradictis, residuum fuerit, in thesauro prefate ecclesie collegiate integre reponatur in festo Sancti Michaelis cujuslibet anni in recepcionem hospitum convertendum. Si tamen hujusmodi cetera onera supportari valeant aliunde, tunc hujusmodi residuum inter canonicos secundum modum et ratam residenciarum eorundem anni pre ceteris dividatur; ita tamen quod quatuor canonici in officiis constituti duplum respectum percipiant aliorum. Si vero prefata ecclesia de Northam, cujus fructus et proventus ultra porcionem vicarii ad valorem 40 marcarum ad minus annis communibus estimamus, aliquo casu fortuito ad supportacionem predictorum onerum non sufficiant, volumus quod tunc de porcionibus supradictis prout justius et honestius fuerit defalcetur. In quorum omnium testimonium sigilla nostrum ac dictorum decani et capituli presentibus sunt appensa. Datum in capitulo nostro Exonie primo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini 1361, et consecracionis nostre 34†.

Num. X.

Ordinatio de redditibus quibusdam in civitate Londoniæ collegio de Ottery in usus pios legatis.

(Regist. Stafford, vol. ii. fol. 278.)

Robertus miseracione divina Londonensis episcopus et Edmundus eadem miseracione Exoniensis episcopus

* The grant of this church to the abbey of S. Stephen at Caen is among the Cartæ Antiquæ (S. No. 22) in the Tower.

† A writ or patent, 33 Edw. III., is printed in Dugdale, which purports to be a licence of appropriation relating to this church, but it is, in fact, only the revocation of an irregular presentation by the crown to the benefice after the sale of it and transfer to the college had been sanctioned by the king's licence.—S.

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dilectis nobis in Christo custodi et collegio ecclesie collegiate de Ottery Sancte Marie Exoniensis diocesis salutem, graciam et benedictionem. Cum Willielmus Thyrnyng miles, Gerardus Braybrok miles, magister Thomas Stowe clericus, Edmundus Hampdene armiger, Johannes Wyke clericus magister, Johannes Skystelyng clericus, et Rogerus Albryghton clericus, ex concessione et licencia excellentissimi in Christo principis et domini domini Henrici Dei gracia regis Anglie et Francie et domini Hibernie illustrissimi a conquestu Anglie quarti, unum messuagium vocatum *Blosmysyn* cum quadam shopa ex parte boreali ejusdem messuagii cum pertinenciis in parochia Sancti Laurencii in veteri Judaismo London, ac quoddam gardinum in parochia Omnium Sanctorum de Honylane eidem messuagio adjacens, necnon unum messuagium vocatum *warehous* prefatis messuagio vocato Blosmysyn et gardino annexum, ac quendam annuum redditum viginti et sex solidorum et octo denariorum exeuntem et percipiendum de certis tenementis ex latere aquilonis dicti messuagii vocati Blosmysyn situatis, que quondam fuerint Walteri Cavendysh nuper civis et merceri London ac Willielmi Gore nuper civis et foundour civitatis predicte, cum pertinenciis, que quidem messuagia shopa et gardinum ac tenementum unde redditus ille provenit de domino rege tenentur in burgagio sicut tota civitas London, dederint et assignaverint vobis custodi et collegio habenda tenenda et percipienda vobis et successoribus vestris ad quedam onera in collegio predicto et alibi juxta ordinacionem nostram in hac parte faciendam supportanda imperpetuum, prout in litteris patentibus prefati domini regis inde confectis plenius continetur; nos, Robertus et Edmundus episcopi supradicti virtute concessionis dacionis et assignacionis predictorum ad onera subscripta divini cultus in dicto collegio et ecclesia Exoniensi supportanda in honore Jhesu Christi, beate Marie Virginis et apostolorum Petri et Pauli sub quorum vocabulis dicte ecclesie nuncupantur, unanimi nostro consensu ad perpetuam rei memoriam volumus et ordinamus, quod quilibet octo canonicorum qui in dicto collegio continue residens fuerit, alioquin juxta ratam temporis residencie sue et successorum eorundem, de fructibus redditibus et proventibus de predictis messuagiis shopa et gardino cum suis pertinenciis provenientibus et exeuntibus ac de redditu viginti et sex solidorum et octo denariorum predicto percipiat duos solidos et sex denarios.

Item quod capellanus parochialis quindecim denarios; item magister scolarum qui pro tempore fuerit decem denarios; item uterque duorum clericorum qui clerici aquebajuli nuncupantur, decem denarios singulis quarteriis anni singulariter et divisim percipiat imperpetuum. Item quod quilibet octo vicariorum et duorum presbiterorum per appropriacionem ecclesie parochialis de Northam Exoniensis diocesis custodi et collegio factam in eodem collegio fundatorum et successorum suorum et capellanus matutinalis duodecim denarios; item quilibet octo clericorum, qui clerici secundarii nuncupantur, et clericus capelle beate Marie Virginis, octo denarios; item uterque duorum clericorum, qui clerici ecclesie nuncupantur, octo denarios; item quilibet octo chorustarum quatuor denarios singulis mensibus tocius anni, computando tresdecim menses in anno, de dictis fructibus redditibus et proventibus de redditu predicto in dicto collegio singulariter et divisim percipiat imperpetuum.

Item quod custos et collegium obitum magistri Nicholai Braybrok et domini Theobaldi Mountenay militis secundo die post festum Epiphanie Domini singulis annis in ecclesia collegiata predicta solempniter celebrare et tres solidos et quatuor denarios in die ejusdem obitus inter pauperes ante prandium ejusdem diei annuatim pro animabus dictorum defunctorum distribuere teneantur; pro quo quidem obitu decem solidos inter canonicos presbiteros et clericos ejusdem collegii volumus, more solito dicti collegii in distribucionibus in eodem faciendis et consueto, fore dividendos singulis annis imperpetuum.

Item ordinamus quod quatuor clerici predicti, videlicet, duo clerici ecclesie et duo clerici aquebajuli habeant pro classo (*classico*) in dicto obitu faciendo octo denarios eciam annuatim in futurum.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod vicarii predicti tres solidos et quatuor denarios et secundarii sexdecim denarios, magister scolarum et choriste duos solidos, pro reparacionibus domorum suarum singulis annis percipiant imperpetuum de fructibus redditibus et proventibus ac redditu predictis. Item ordinamus quod receptores dictorum reddituum et proventuum infrascripti qui pro tempore fuerint habeant singulis annis imperpetuum pro eorum laboribus circa recepcionem et distribucionem pecunie predicte fideliter faciendam, preter expensas circa reparacionem dictorum messuagiorum shope et gardini et alias congrue apponendas, tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios de eisdem redditibus et proventibus antedictis.

Item ordinamus quod receptores reddituum et proventuum predictorum, quos singulis annis per custodem et collegium in hac parte sub forma subscripta deputari et jurari volumus, uni capellano in capella occidentali extra ostium ecclesie cathedralis Exonie situata, in qua corpus bone memorie domini Johannis de Grandissono quondam Exoniensis episcopi quiescit humatum, imperpetuum divina celebraturo, quam quidem cantariam tali capellano hujusmodi primo et postea cuilibet ejus successori qui alibi beneficiatus non existat per diocesanum loci imperpetuum conferri volumus, et quod quilibet capellanus hujusmodi post adeptam possessionem cantarie hujusmodi continuam residenciam in dicta cantaria facere teneatur, pro victu et vestitu suis octo marcas annuatim ad quatuor anni terminos principales, quolibet, videlicet, termino viginti sex solidos et octo denarios, Exonie fideliter persolvant et sic persolvere decetero sint astricti de fructibus redditibus et proventibus supradictis; et quod si per mensem post lapsum alicujus termini supradicti cessatum fuerit per dictos receptores a solucione dictorum viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum, extunc iidem receptores capellano hujusmodi qui pro tempore fuerit nomine pene pro dampno et interesse suis in retardata solucione tociens quociens sic cessatum fuerit quadraginta denarios una cum dictis viginti sex solidis et octo denariis solvere teneantur de porcione eos per hanc nostram ordinacionem contingente.

Item ordinamus quod capellanus dicte cantarie libros, missale, et alia ornamenta seu eorum aliqua ad dictam cantariam pertinencia aliqualiter distrahere vel inpignorare seu quovis alio modo alienare non presumat in futurum; qui si contrarium faciat in hac parte per loci diocesanum a cantaria predicta penitus ammoveatur, et quem quidem capellanum ad hujusmodi distraccionem impignoracionem et alienacionem nullatenus faciendas dictis collegio cavere volumus juxta arbitrium diocesani antequam de redditibus et proventibus predictis quicquam percipiatur.

Item ordinamus quod custos et collegium supradictum librum missalis, vestimenta, phiolas, tuallas altaris, panem, vinum et luminaria et alia ad missam celebrandam eidem capellano in capella predicta invenire et eadem quociens opus fuerit reficere et reparare teneantur; et pro hujusmodi onerum supportacione custos et collegium antedictum in festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli singulis annis sex solidos et octo denarios percipiant imperpetuum de receptoribus antedictis, quem quidem capellanum ad mandatum domini Exoniensis episcopi per decanum vel presidentem capituli ecclesie Exoniensis in corporalem possessionem cantarie predicte volumus realiter induci.

Item ordinamus quod dicti receptores obitum magistri Nicholai Braybrok secundo die post festum Epiphanie Domini singulis annis in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi predicta faciant imperpetuum solempniter celebrari, et tres decim solidos et quatuor denarios inter canonicos presbiteros et clericos ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis ibidem presentes more solito dividendos, necnon clericis qui custodes dicte ecclesie cathedralis nuncupantur pro classo ad eundem obitum faciendo duodecim denarios annuatim persolvant et modo premisso persolvere realiter astringantur.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod in thesauraria ecclesie collegiate de Ottery predicte sit una cista fortis duabus ceris et clavibus diversis firmata, in qua dicti redditus et proventus temporibus oportunis debite ponantur et secure custodiantur, quarum unam clavim predictarum penes unum et alteram penes alterum receptorum predictorum pro tempore existencium volumus remanere.

Item ordinamus quod si aliquis canonicorum vicariorum vel clericorum superius nominatorum alibi quam in negociis ipsius ecclesie collegiate absens fuerit, et nisi ibidem infirmus existat ita quod commode ad ecclesiam accedere non poterit, pecuniam ei debitam si presens esset totaliter amittat, et quod succentor dicti collegii qui pro tempore

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fuerit antequam de dictis redditibus et proventibus quicquam percipiat in domo capitulari ecclesie collegiate predicte coram custode et majori vel saniori parte dicti collegii ad sancta Dei evangelia corporale prestet juramentum quod defectus canonicorum presbiterorum et clericorum predictorum qui absentes fuerint per aliquam septimanam vel quatuor aut tres dies ejusdem, nisi in negociis ecclesie vel in infirmitate, ut predicitur, detenti fuerint, singulis septimanis punctet in scriptis et eosdem defectus ac punctuaciones custodi et collegio ac receptoribus hujusmodi in fine cujuslibet termini, necnon loci diocesano vel, ipso in remotis agente, ipsius vicario in spiritualibus suis generali, si quem dimiserit, infra octo dies post festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli; alioquin si idem diocesanus absens fuerit extra suas civitatem et diocesim et nullum vicarium in spiritualibus suis generalem dimiserit, eidem diocesano infra octo dies a tempore quo in suam diocesim reversus fuerit singulis annis imperpetuum in scriptis per se vel alium significare teneatur, et alias cum fuerit per partem ejusdem debite ac congrue requisitus fideliter significet pro quibus defectibus sic significandis idem succentor in remuneracionem sui laboris tres solidos et quatuor denarios pecunie, quam canonici vicarii et clerici ecclesie collegiate predicte absentes ab officiis et per eum punctati racione absenciarum suarum amittent, percipiat de receptoribus antedictis, ipsius vero succentoris absencias canonicus alter receptorum infrascriptorum fideliter punctet et sibi ipsi percipiat quod idem succentor occasione absencie sue juxta superius annotata amittet.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod singulis annis in vigilia festi Sancti Michaelis archangeli per custodem et canonicos dicti collegii ibidem residentes, vel majorem et saniorem partem ejusdem, eligantur unus canonicus et unus vicarius in dictorum reddituum et proventuum receptores, qui ad sacrosancta Dei evangelia tunc jurare teneantur quod redditus et proventus predictos fideliter exigi et levari ac ad eos transmitti facient pro posse suo et recipient, ac in forma superius prenotata distribuetur in messuagia shopam et gardinum predicta de redditibus et proventibus eorundem pro posse suo facient congrue sustentari singulis annis in futurum, et in fine cujuslibet anni de receptis hujusmodi liberatis et expensis in hac parte coram dictis custode et collegio vel majori et saniori parte ejusdem computabunt et computare teneantur fideliter sine fraude, et quod post hujusmodi compotum redditum residuum omnium reddituum et proventuum predictorum, ac tota pecunia vacaciones canonicorum, vicariorum, presbiterorum, et clericorum predictorum collegii predicti concernens supportatis oneribus supra et infra scriptis in eadem cista ponantur in dicti collegii utilitatem et ministrorum ejusdem per loci diocesanum, cum et si sibi visum fuerit expediens, convertenda; et si dicti custos et collegium vel major et sanior pars ejusdem in dictis receptoribus eligendis consentire non valeant, custos et canonici, dicte eleccionis dissensu durante, de summis pecuniarum supradictis eos contingentibus nichil percipiant, sed pro tempore dissensus predicti eas penitus amittant in dicta cista per receptores redituum et proventuum anni proximi tunc precedentis fideliter reponendas. Si autem dierum crescente malicia vel ex alio infortunio nichil residuum fuerit ultra onera predicta supportata, sed defectus ad eadem supportanda forsan fuerit, volumus et ordinamus quod quicquid defuerit ad supportacionem onerum predictorum de porcionibus canonicorum et ministrorum dicti collegii prenominatorum, considerata quantitate earundem, per loci diocesanum defalcetur, et si dicta messuagia shopa et gardinum ac redditus duarum marcarum predictus penitus consumantur vel imminuantur a custode et collegio supradictis, tunc iidem custos et collegium ad nulla onera supradicta supportanda quovismodo teneantur. Si autem hujusmodi redditus et proventus in eventum data ubertate adeo excrescant quod sufficiant ad augmentacionem aliquarum porcionum predictarum, tunc volumus et ordinamus quod dicti decem vicarii et capellanus matutinalis singulariter et divisim sexdecim denarios, et duo clerici ecclesie superius nominati duodecim denarios, singulis mensibus de dictis redditibus et proventibus juxta discrecionem receptorum predictorum percipiant; alioquin quod contentantur porcionibus eis superius assignatis.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod executor officii in dicto collegio qui pro tempore fuerit ac ceteri ministri ejusdem singulis diebus statim lecto mortilegio et in ejusdem lectura presentes pro statu nostro, Roberti Braybrok, et Edmundi Stafford, episcoporum predictorum dum vixerimus, et postquam ab hac luce migraverimus, pro animabus nostris, imperpetuum orare specialiter teneantur.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod quilibet canonicus dicti collegii jam admissus in eodem et ibidem residenciam faciens personalem infra quindenam post publicacionem premissorum et quilibet de cetero admittendus tempore induccionis sue et per se vel procuratorem suum de observando et observari faciendo quatenus ad eum attinet inviolabiliter ordinaciones predictas coram custode dicti collegii ad sancta Dei evangelia per ipsos et eorum singulos corporaliter tacta juramentum corporale realiter prestare teneantur; et quousque hujusmodi juramentum prestiterint de redditibus et proventibus supradictis nichil percipiant.

Item volumus et ordinamus quod episcopus Exoniensis, qui pro tempore fuerit, presenti ordinacioni ad divinum cultum in ecclesia collegiata predicta augmentandum addere et detrahere valeat, et eam cum opus fuerit corrigere, ac custodem et collegium necnon personas quascumque ejusdem ad observandum presentem ordinacionem nostram canonice coartare ac statuta ibidem facere ad omnia singula premissa infuturum firmiter observanda, et quod potestas premissa omnia et singula, quociens opus fuerit, interpretandi dicto domino episcopo Exoniensi pro tempore existenti perpetuo sit servata. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum nos prefati Robertus Londoniensis et Edmundus Exoniensis episcopi sigilla nostra presentibus duximus apponenda. Datum Londonie vicesimo secundo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo secundo ac nostre consecracionis Roberti episcopi supradicti anno vicesimo secundo, nostre autem consecracionis Edmundi episcopi supradicti anno octavo. Et nos Custos et collegium predicti omnia et singula premissa per reverendos patres supradictos ut canonice et legitime ordinata acceptantes rata et grata habemus ac eisdem expresse consentimus. In quorum testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus apposuimus. Datum quoad nos in domo nostra capitulari apud Otery Sancte Marie quinto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quarto.

Num. XI.

De obitu Johannis Prestecote celebrando.

(Penes Decanum et capitulum ecclesiæ cathedralis Exoniæ.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Custos et collegium ecclesie collegiate de Otery Sancte Marie comitatus Devonie et Exoniensis diocesis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra nos Custodem et collegium ecclesie collegiate de Otery Sancte Marie predicte teneri et firmiter per presentes obligari pro nobis et successoribus nostris diem obitus anniversarium discreti viri Johannis Prestecote, domicelli, et Margerie uxoris sue, per nos et successores nostros ceterosque dicte ecclesie collegiate ministros tenere et celebrare in festo Sancte Katarine virginis cum diacono et subdiacono et cum nota juxta modum et formam statutorum bone memorie domini Johannis de Grandissono olim Exoniensis episcopi in eadem ecclesia collegiata de obitibus celebrandis editorum et actinus observatorum annis singulis imperpetuum. Ad que quidem premissa omnia et singula fideliter observanda et exequenda per nos et successores nostros, ut prefertur, atque complenda bona fide promittimus et eciam obligamus nos et successores nostros in decem solidis sterlingorum nomine pene solvendis et applicandis ecclesie cathedrali Exoniensi, quociens et quando contigerit manifeste premissa negligenter omitti aut, quod absit, non adimpleri. Insuper ad solucionem et levacionem dicte pene in eventu quod premissa more ut premittitur per nos et successores nostros non adimpleantur, nos custos et collegium predicti autoritate diocesana per censuras ecclesiasticas concedimus fore compellendos et cohercendos, cujus cohercioni nos et bona nostra spontanea nostra voluntate submittimus et subjicimus in hac parte. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium has litteras nostras quadripartitas fieri fecimus nostroque sigillo communi communiri. Et in majorem securitatem et fidem

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sigillum reverendi in Christo patris et domini domini Edmundi miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopi et dominorum decani et capituli ecclesie cathedralis Exoniensis presentibus apponi procuravimus; ac sigillum Johannis Prestecote presentibus indenturis est appensum. Datum apud Otery Sancte Marie predictum sexto die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto, et regni regis Henrici quarti post conquestum Anglie octavo.

[Attached are the collegiate seal of Ottery S. Mary, the seals of bishop Stafford, of the Chapter of Exeter, and of John Prestecote, viz. ermine, a chevron sable on a chief, or, two leopards faces gules, with the legend, SIGILLVM JOHANNIS PRESTECOTE.]

Num. XII.

Testamentum magistri Willielmi Holcombe cantoris collegii de Otery.

(Redmayne Regist. fol. 27.)

In Dei nomine amen. Primo die Aprilis anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo^ nonagesimo nono ego Willielmus Holcombe cantor Sancte Marie de Otery licet indignus, hujus transitorie vite instabilitatem matura deliberacione providens, compos mentis saneque memorie, condo testamentum meum in modum qui sequitur. Imprimis lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia beate Marie de Otery predicto. Et volo quod ille quinque libre quas nuper solvi pro pardonacione domini regis ad defencionem tocius collegii ac omnium ministrorum ejusdem, ut latius notatur in libro scaccarii, remaneant in dicto scaccario pro obitu meo celebrando per decem annos proximos post mortem meam, sic quod distribuantur in forma que sequitur, videlicet, in quolibet obitu; videlicet, cuilibet canonico presenti octo denarios, cuilibet vicario quatuor denarios, et cuilibet clerico duo denarios, et octo choristis octo denarios, et totum residuum si quid fuerit disponatur solum pauperioribus et magis indigentibus secundum discrecionem executorum meorum, et si bona mea sufficiant, omnibus debitis et legatis persolutis, volo quod alie quinque libre reponantur per executores meos pro obitu meo pro aliis decem annis in forma superius dicta. Item lego collegio Exoniensi in Oxonia librum sermonum factum de tempore per circulum anni ad orandum pro anima magistri Willielmi Major quondam rectoris dicti collegii Exonie. Et si de meis propriis libris quosdam forte invenire poterit, et non habeantur consimiles vel ejusdem sentencie in libraria dicti collegii, illos post debitam examinacionem habitam cum rectore ejusdem collegii do et lego eidem collegio in dicta libraria cathenandos, exceptis illis qui aliter per me disponentur seu disponendi sunt, dummodo non excedant numerum duodenarium et saltem fiat secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item lego collegio Lincolnie in Oxonia pro decimis quando eram lector in aula Sancti Laurencii infra parochiam Sancti Michaelis ibidem, 5*s*. Item volo et ordino quod post mortem meam cicius quo commode fieri poterit disponantur inter pauperes infra parochiam de Ayshberton ad orandum pro salute anime mee, 6*s*. 8*d*. Et consimiliter inter pauperes de parochia de Ipplepen, 6*s*. 8*d*. Item lego successoribus meis in Asberton et Ipplepen vel eorum vicem gerentibus in curis ibidem, videlicet, cuilibet eorum per se pro anno 12*d*. ad orandum pro me diebus dominicis in pulpito, et pariformiter pro secundo anno 12*d*. et pro tercio anno 12*d*. Item lego collegio de Otery meum album coopertorium ad prosternendum coram summo altari in festis solempnibus ad honorem Dei, et meum secundum melius carpetum ad supponendum cruci ad honorem crucifixi quolibet anno in die parasceve, quando crucis prefertur in navem ecclesie et sic per duos dies sequentes. Item lego dicto collegio meas tres virides cortinas sericas, sic quod ordinentur quolibet anno ad ornamentum sepulcri per subsacristam melius quo sibi videbitur ex consilio custodis et canonicorum. Item volo quod magister Thomas Cornysh episcopus Tinensis et custos hujus collegii habeat ad usum suum proprium durante vita sua unum magnum librum secundo folio a putredine peccati, in quo libro multa continentur sed specialiter opus Parisiensis super evangelia, sic quod iste liber sic disponatur per dictum custodem ut alius honestus presbiter post mortem dicti custodis aptus et dispositus ad predicandum habeat eundem librum durante vita sua, et postea disponatur alteri honesto presbitero ut predictum est; quod si presbiter inveniri non poterit, tunc ille liber disponatur ad collegium Exonie in Oxonia ibidem cathenandus in libraria pro imperpetuo; ita quod quilibet possidens pro tempore non solum oret pro me sed eciam pro salute magistri Johannis Pyttys* nuper canonici Exonie. Item volo quod magister Petrus Casely habeat unam pulcram Bibliam qui nuper fuit Biblia beati Edmundi Lacy ad usum predicti magistri Casely durante vita sua, sic quod postea disponatur sicut patet in eadem Biblia prope finem. Item do et lego eidem ministro unum par precularum† lapidibus deauratis, ad orandum pro salute anime mee. Item do et lego magistro sacriste librum qui vocatur Liber dialogorum beati Gregorii pape, et alium librum qui vocatur Gesta Alexandri‡. Item lego domino Willielmo Stanys unum librum gramaticale qui vocatur Hugucio, ut ipse oret pro me et pro magistro Pyttys quondam canonico Exonie. Item lego collegio unum librum qui vocatur Lynwode super constituciones provinciales, ut cathinetur in choro ex parte cantoris. Item lego omnibus vicariis et eorum successoribus meum minimum salsarium precii 20*s*., ut me habeant in memoria quando orent pro Doctor Stevyns. Item lego secundariis 5*s*. Item lego chorustis 2*s*. Item lego domino Johanni Hocker 13*s*. 4*d*. Item volo quod quiscumque receperit aliquem legatum meum promittat se oraturum pro me et animabus, pro quibus ego teneor orare. Item lego dilecte consanguinie mee Elizabeth Pym unam zonam wyth a blew corse and harnysse acordyn of silver and gylte, ut ipsa oret aut orare faciat pro me et pro magistro Pyttys quondam canonico Exonie. Item volo quod omnes servientes mei habeant completum stipendium suum pro illo termino in quo decedam, et si velint expectare per mensem post mortem meam habeant completum stipendium cum mensa eorum pro illo mense. Item volo quod Willielmus Holcombe habebit 6*s*. 8*d*. Item volo quod Thomas Pelson habeat 6*s*. 8*d*. Item volo quod Thomas Rede habeat 5*s*. Item volo quod Henricus Hulett 3*s*. 4*d*. Item volo quod Willielmus May chorusta, si continuaverit scolas suas et susciperit gradum presbiteratus, habeat mea duo portiforia. Item lego Alicie Holcombe duas togas simplices non duplicatas cum capiciis. Item Willielmo Holcombe unam togam talarem clausam apte ante de mustvilys. Item Alicie Holcombe pro pueris suis tres curtas togas, quarum una viridis coloris, altera murey, tercia musterdevyllys §. Item volo quod si hec voluntas non possit plene perfici de bonis meis, tunc predicti executores mei super consciencias suas ubi magis sibi congrue videatur retrahant vel addant speciatim hiis quibus majorem favorem habui secundum discreciones suas; et, ut hec voluntas mea stabiliter perficiatur, ordino et constituo duos executores, videlicet magistrum Petrum Casely doctorem in theologia, et magistrum Willielmum Hyllyn sacristam; et quilibet eorum habebit pro labore suo.... Residuum vero bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego ad staurum et proficuum collegii Sancte Marie de Otery predicti. Supervisorem hujus testamenti mei ordino et constituo Jacobum Chudleigh seniorem, et volo quod habeat pro labore suo £2. Presentibus ad confeccionem prefati mei testamenti domino Willielmo Toker, domino Willielmo Major, capellanis; Thoma Holcombe, Thoma Pelson, et Willielmo Holcombe, literatis ||.

* See note ||.

† A pair of rosaries.

‡ Of this favourite book, see Warton's Hist. Poet. vol. i. p. 91, 132, &c.

§ This word, which sometimes takes the grotesque form of *mustard-devils*, is said to be a corruption of *moitié-de-velours*; but it here clearly denotes the colour, rather than the material. It has been plausibly derived from Montivilliers in Normandy (called Moustier Villiers in the 15th century), the seat of a supposed manufactory.

|| This William Holcombe was residuary legatee to John Pittys, who, by his will, Sept. 1, 1464, proved Oct. 7, 1467, desired to be buried in the nave of Exeter cathedral under a marble slab, to be inscribed with the following verses:—

"Subjacet hoc lapide John Pyttys, musicus ille
Qui fuit ecclesie quondam canonicus hujus
Presulis Edmundi Lacy, cantorque capelle,
Rector de Tavy Petri, Parkham simul extans,
Pro quo mente pia rogo dicite Sancta Maria.
Qui obiit ut supra anno, mense et die per omnia."

The above will is here inserted rather to gratify curiosity, than to supply any material fact in the history of the college. The will of another canon, dated 1460, may also have some interest, and will be found in Bothe's Register, fol. 50. As to the use of the term *literatus* to denote the clergy, see Ducange, ad voc.

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Num. XIII.

Compotus ministrorum collegii tempore Ricardi Secundi.

(Penes Dom. Johannem Trevelyan de Nettlecombe, Baronettum.)

Compotus domini Roberti Sellake, sacriste et senescalli scaccarii ecclesie collegiate Sancte Marie de Ottery a festo Sancti Michaelis anno regni regis Ricardi Secundi sexto usque ad idem festum anno ejusdem regis Ricardi septimo per annum integrum.

Spiritualitates ibidem. In primis respondet de £48 16*s.* 8*d.* de decima garbarum hoc anno. Idem de £10 de decimis agnorum sive lane. Item de £4 10*s.* de decimis mercati. Item de £6 10*s.* 5½*d.* de pixide parochie ibidem. Item de £3 12*s.* 5*d.* de pixide Salvatoris. Item de £1 6*s.* 1½*d.* de pixide Sancte Marie. Item de £3 2*s.* 6½*d.* de oblacionibus in die natalis, pasche, et in obitu uxoris Thome Bityllysgat ac pecunie communis. Item de £2 1*s.* 4*d.* pro mortuariis. Item de 5*s.* 10*d.* pro decimis oblitis. Item de 13*s.* 4*d.* pro annua pencione de Neuenham. Item de £1 13*s.* 4*d.* pro decimis feni. Item de £1 2*s.* de lacticiniis. Item de 3*s.* 6*d.* pro decimis porcorum. Item de £1 10*s.* pro focalibus venditis. Item de 2*s.* 8*d.* pro pane et cerevisia in pasca. Item de 12*s.* 11*d.* pro porcellis decimalibus. Item de 4*s.* 1½*d.* pro aucis decimalibus. Item pro hortis 10*s.* Item 6½*d.* pro columbariis.

Summa totalis, £85 16*s.* 9½*d.*

Soluciones et expense.—Item allocatur de £57 7*s.* 3*d.* solutis canonicis ecclesie ejusdem pro eorum prebendis officiis cotidianis. Item petit allocari de £17 4*s.* 2*d.* pro expensis molendinorum apud Ottery et Typtod. Item de 1*s.* 10*d.* in cena Domini. Item de £1 8*s.* 3*d.* pro communi festo in die assumpcionis Sancte Marie. Item de 2*s.* 3*d.* pro cathedratico et sinodatico. Item de £2 6*s.* 9*d.* pro dimidio decime domini regis de Ottery et Ilsyngton. Item de £1 pro pensione mea. Item de 7*s.* pro fratribus predicantibus per tres vices et in die assumpcionis. Item 7*s.* 4*d.* pro quercu vendito. Item 2*s.* 8*d.* pro ferro empto. Item pro pomis collegendis 4*s.* Item pro factura sicere 5*s.*

Summa expensarum £80 16*s.* 6*d.* et debet £5 0*s.* 3½*d.* quos solvit, et sic quietus.

Ilsyngton.—Item respondet de £20 pro decimis garbarum ibidem. Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* de annua pencione vicario ibidem. Item de 8*s.* de redditu ibidem. Item de 5*s.* ..... ibidem. Summa £21 6*s.* 4*d.*

Expense et soluciones.—Item petit allocari de £10.19*s.* 1*d.* solutis quatuor canonicis pro eorum officiis in capella beate Marie et magistro scolarum. Item de £6. 4*s.* 8½*d.* solutis pro diversis obitibus et distributionibus pauperibus pro Ottery et Ilsyngton.

Summa £17 3*s.* 9½*d.*

Et debet £4 2*s.* 6½*d.* quos solvit, et sic quietus.

Compotus domini Rogeri Perom, sacriste et senescalli scaccarii ecclesie collegiate Sancte Marie de Otery a festo Sancti Michaelis, anno regni regis Ricardi Secundi sexto usque ad idem festum anno ejusdem regis Ricardi septimo per annum integrum.

Temporalitates.—Idem respondet de £75 11*s.* 6*d.* receptis de Waltero Cole ballivo per indenturam inter eos confectam.

Idem de £12 13*s.* 4*d.* de molendinis.

Idem de 10*s.* 3*d.* de pecunia cere. Item de ..... 2*s.* 10½*d.* Item pro heriot Henrici Here 8*s.* Item de arreragiis ballivi hoc anno £6. 7*s.* 7¼*d.*

Summa totalis omnium recepcionum £95 13*s.* 6¾*d.*

Expense et necessarie liberaciones.—Item petit allocari de £69 5*s.* 11*d.* solutis ministris ecclesie. Item petit allocari de £9 3*s.* 9*d.* in expencis et emptione meremii et molendini. Item petit allocari de £5 12*s.* 2*d.* de expensis sacriste. Item petit allocari de 6*s.* solutis fratribus predicantibus per tres vices, videlicet, prima dominica Adventus, dominica prima et tercia quadragesima. Item petit pro pensione sua £1. Item pro uno brevi, 9*d.* Item pro denariis beati Petri, 1*s.* 8*d.* Item petit allocari de 9*d.* pro uno apud portam claustri. Item petit allocari de 1*s.* 8*d.* pro redditu unius domus apud Alphyngton.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberacionum £85 12*s.* 8*d.*

Et debet £10 0*s.* 10¾*d.* quos solvit super compotum, et sic quietus.

Northam.—Compotus ejusdem Rogeri pro ecclesia de Northam anno supradicto. Idem respondit de £32 pro decima garbarum ibidem. Summa £32.

Expense et solutiones.—Item petit allocari de £11 16*s.* 4*d.* solutis ministris ecclesie et uni presbitero pro uno quarterio. Item pro decima domini regis £1 9*s.* 6*d.* Item 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis magistro Johanni procuratori ibidem.

Summa omnium expensarum et liberacionum £13 9*s.* 2*d.*

Et debet £18 10*s.* 10*d.* quos solvit super compotum, et sic recepit quietanciam.

Num. XIV.

Rentale beatæ Mariæ de Otery, anno regni regis Ricardi Secundi quinto *.

(Penes eundem.)

Summa redditus liberorum tenencium per annum £3 1*s.* 8½*d.*

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Custumarii de Streteyete . Summa	2	10	–
Pitte custumarii	1	–	–
Taleford custumarii	2	1	–
Gofford custumarii	4	–	–
Aish custumarii	1	10	–
Alfyngton custumarii	3	3	9
Cobeton custumarii	–	17	6
Newton custumarii	–	17	6
Leginheys custumarii	1	–	–
Hill custumarii	1	5	–
Burgh et Wode custumarii	1	5	–
Wigeton custumarii	2	2	6
Wakiswaye custumarii	1	10	–
Comb custumarii	2	–	–
Tipton custumarii	4	–	–
Mettecombe custumarii	3	–	–
Fluxton custumarii	3	–	–
Salveston custumarii	3	–	–
Otery beate Marie custumarii . .	1	12	6

Summa totalis redditus liberorum tenencium et custumariorum, £42 11*s.* 5½*d.* †

De tenente clausi quinque acrarum.

Summa quinque acrarum terre in Otery, £3 18*s.* 9*d.*

Wigeton quinque acrarum. Summa £1.

Summa liberorum tenencium et quinque acrarum terre, £48 10*s.* 2½*d.*

Summa redditus quarterii absque liberis tenentibus et illis quinque acris qui non debent nisi ad duos terminos cum £13 tenure nove breve £13 0*s.* 9¾*d.*

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Streteygate barton . . . Summa	–	10	7½
Pit barton	–	5	6
Alphyngton barton	–	14	8
Wodford barton	1	3	–
Newton barton	–	7	7
Hille et Radway barton	1	3	6
Wakiswaye barton	–	17	11
Comb barton	–	3	–½
Tuppeton barton	–	4	8
Metcomb et Morcomb barton . . .	–	8	5
Fluxton barton	–	14	6
Wigton, Curcomb, et Wynscomb barton	2	18	3½

Summa totalis . . . £10 2*s.* 7*d.*

Summa totalis redditus quinque acrarum preter barton de Otery, £15 1*s.* 5½*d.*

* The following are the heads only; the whole rental fills fourteen folio pages.

† This sum is incorrect, if the preceding sums are right.

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Num. XV.

Compotus ministrorum collegii anno 14 Hen. IV.

(Ex originali rotulo penes Gubernatores ecclesiæ B. Mariæ de Ottery.)

Otery Sancte Marie: scilicet, compotus Johannis Hamond, sacriste ecclesie collegiate de Otery predicte et senescalli scaccarii spiritualitatis ejusdem ecclesie a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Henrici Quarti post conquestum Anglie quarto decimo usque idem festum extunc proxime sequens anno regni regis Henrici Quinti primo. [1413–1414.]

Vendiciones garbarum et mortuariorum cum aliis minutis decimis et receptione oblacionum, cum exitu pixidum.] — Idem respondet de £43 18*s.* 4*d.* receptis de vendicione decime garbarum hoc anno. Et de 54*s.* receptis de exitu pixidis parochialis hoc anno. Et de £4 11*s.* 4*d.* receptis de exitu pixidis Sancti Salvatoris. Et de 52*s.* receptis de oblacionibus trium terminorum, videlicet, natalis Domini, pasche et assumpcionis beate Marie hoc anno. Et de 3*s.* 8*d.* receptis de exitu pixidis beate Marie hoc anno. Et de £6 5*s.* receptis in festo pasche per manus ministri de decimis parochianorum. Et de 2*s.* receptis de decimis unius vituli venditi per manus ministri. Et de 2*s.* 7½*d.* receptis de Johanne Cobe per manus ministri pro decimis focalium venditis hoc anno. Et de 20*s.* receptis de decimis porcellorum, aucarum, porri, lini, et canabi venditis hoc anno. Et de £12 6*s.* 8*d.* receptis de decimis agnorum, lane, butiri, et casei venditis hoc anno. Et de 7*s.* 9*d.* receptis de devocionibus provenientibus ad crucem in die parasceve et in festo pasche. Et de 3*s.* receptis de oblacionibus in die reliquiarum hoc anno. Et de 5*s.* 6*d.* receptis pro cera in die pasche eodem anno. Et de 2*s.* 4*d.* pro una armilauso proveniente de mortuario Margarete atte More. Et de 10*s.* pro uno equo vendito proveniente de mortuario Alicie Wyford eodem anno. Et de 20*d.* receptis pro porco vendito proveniente de mortuario Stephani Sergeaunt eodem anno. Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de pensione ecclesie de Lovepitte per manus abbatis de Neweham. Et de 40*s.* receptis de decimis pomorum venditis hoc anno. Et de 40*s.* receptis de decimis feni venditis hoc anno. Et de £18 receptis de rectoria ecclesie de Ilstyngton dimissa ad firmam hoc anno. Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de pensione ecclesie de Ilstyngton hoc anno.

Summa totalis recepta, £98 12*s.* 6½*d.*

Allocaciones et expense. — Idem comput' solut' in primis custodi pro cotidianis suis per annum £7 7*s.* 3*d.* Et eidem custodi pro quarterlegiis suis per idem tempus £9. Item solut' domino ministro pro cotidianis suis per annum £7 7*s.* 3*d.* Et eidem ministro pro quarterlegiis suis per idem tempus £7. Item solut' domino cantori pro cotidianis suis per annum £7 7*s.* 3*d.* Et eidem cantori pro quarterlegiis suis per idem tempus £5 10*s.* Item solut' domino sacriste pro cotidianis suis per annum £7 7*s.* 3*d.* Et eidem sacriste pro quarterlegiis suis per idem tempus £5 10*s.* Item solut' domino Johanni Kyt pro cotidianis suis per annum £3 4*s.* 4*d.* Et eidem Johanni pro quarterlegiis suis per idem tempus 40*s.* Item solut' domino Johanni Prata pro cotidianis suis pro dimidio anno 32*s.* Et eidem Johanni pro quarterlegiis suis pro tribus quarteriis unius anni 30*s.* Item solut' Johanni Laurence, procuratori persone ecclesie de Bridestowe, 10*s.* Item solut' domino Willielmo Langeton canonico pro prebenda sua per annum 40*s.* Item solut' Willielmo Cantesby pro prebenda sua per annum 40*s.* Item solut' Johanni Hamond senescallo pro pensione sua 20*s.* Item solut' clerico capelle beate Marie pro pulsacione ad missam beate Marie per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Item solut' magistro scolarum pro pueris collegii predicti docendis et informandis per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* Item solut' pro diversis obitibus in eadem ecclesia celebrandis per annum £6 17*s.* 8*d.* Item solut' pro communi festo in assumpcione beate Marie hoc anno 29*s.* Item solut' tribus predicatoribus pro predicacione in ecclesia predicta per quinque vices hoc anno, 9*s.* 8*d.* Item solut' pro potu et spicis in cena Domini hoc anno 19*d.* Item solut' pro colleccione ovorum in cena Domini 2*d.* * Item solut' pro duabus ceris cum clavibus ostii campanilis 7*d.* Item solut' pro una cathena empta ad pendendum unum librum in choro 8*d.* Item solut' pro composicione trium aubes † 14*d.* Item solut' pro sirpis per totum annum 14*d.* Item solut' pro emendacione organorum per manus cantoris 3*s.* 4*d.* Item solut' domino cantori pro diversis negociis faciendis 2*s.* Item solut' 2*s.* 10*d.* pro succissione focalium apud Stretyate pro quatuor hominibus in duobus diebus captorum quilibet trium hominum per diem 4*d.*; et quartus homo per diem 5*d.* Item solut' pro uno hope pro torculari 1*d.* Item solut' vicario ecclesie de Sydebury pro decimis lane 4*s.* Item solut' pro procuracione archidiaconi Exoniensis 6*s.* 8*d.* Item solut' pro cenagio et cremagio 2*s.* 3*d.* Item solut' pro Peterspeny 20*d.* Item solut' pro portacione cenagii et cremagii 4*d.* Item solut' Johanni Swayn pro cereis in eadem ecclesia 4*s.* per annum. Item solut' Philippo atte were pro maeremio empto pro Tippeton mille 4*s.* 6*d.* Item solut' Johanni Hillyng pro bokeram empto ad emendenda vestimenta 2*s.* 6*d.* Item solut' eidem Johanni pro canevas ab eo empto ad emendenda vestimenta ecclesie predicte 4*d.* Item solut' Thome Langerig pro emendacione vestimentorum ejusdem ecclesie 4*s.* Item solut' pro quatuor amys pro presbiteris ejusdem ecclesie 18*d.* Item solut' pro una virga de bokeram pro ecclesia predicta 11*d.* Item solut' Willielmo Oton pro clavibus emptis ad cooperiendum campanile 10*d.* Item solut' pro 140 libris cere empte ad opus ecclesie de Otery predicte £3 2*s.* 6*d.* Item solut' pro 400 libris sebi ad opus ecclesie predicte 34*s.*; precium le centum 8*s.* 6*d.* Item solut' pro vino empto hoc anno diversis vicibus ad opus ejusdem ecclesie 17*s.* Item solut' in pane ad celebranda divina sacramenta hoc anno 4*s.* 6*d.* Item solut' pro mattes hoc anno in choro 14*d.* obolum. Item in expensis ad faciendam ceram hoc anno, videlicet, in cibo et potu 2*s.* 1*d.* Item solut' pro tribus cordulis emptis ad campanas pulsandas 16*d.* Item solut' pro emendacione campanarum Johanni Frycon per duos dies 8*d.* Item solut' pro duobus gymeys emptis pro ostio campanilis 6*d.* Item solut' pro rosyn empto ad faciendum ceram hoc anno 3*d.* Item solut' pro lichno empto pro eisdem cereis 12*d.* Item solut' pro cepo empto hoc anno pro campanis 3*d.* Item solut' pro uno tintinnabilo empto 8*d.* Item solut' pro emendatione et ligacione librorum 10*d.* Item solut' pro emendacione vestimentorum diversis vicibus quando laventur, 8*d.* Item solut' Stephano Swayn per tres dies ad emendandum ecclesiam et ad lavandum fenestras in choro et in potu eidem Stephano dato per idem tempus, 16*d.* Item solut' pro clavibus emptis ad emendandum campanile hoc anno 2*d.* Item solut' pro lavacione vestimentorum per annum 2*s.* Summa omnium expensarum et allocacionum £88 18*s.* 8½*d.*

Recepcio rectorie de Northam.—Idem reddit compotum de . . . . . receptis de rectoria predicta sic dimissa ad firmam. Summa totalis recepta . . . . . .

Allocaciones pro quarterlegiis. — Imprimis idem petit allocari de 20*s.* solutis sex vicariis ecclesie beate Marie de Otery pro eorum quarterlegiis suis termino Sancti Michaelis hoc anno, capiente quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* 4*d.* et non plus, propter absenciam duorum vicariorum ibidem hoc termino. Et de 7*s.* 6*d.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente quolibet in quarterium 10*d.* Et de 2*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo choristis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 4*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis capellano parochiali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis capellano matutinali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis magistro scolarum de Otery predicta pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subcantori pro ejus officio termino pre-

* For a notice of the old usages respecting eggs at Easter, see Sir H. Ellis's ed. of Brand's Popular Antiquities.

† Albs?

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dicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subsacriste pro ejus officio termino predicto. Item idem petit allocari de 20*s.* solutis sex vicariis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis termino natalis Domini anno supradicto, capiente quilibet per quarterium 3*s.* 4*d.* et non plus, causa supra. Et de 7*s.* 6*d.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 2*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo choristis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, quolibet capiente 4*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis capellano parochiali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis capellano matutinali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis magistro scolarum de Otery predicta pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subcantori pro ejus officio termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subsacriste pro ejus officio termino predicto. Item idem petit allocari de 26*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo vicariis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis termino pasche anno supradicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* 4*d.* Et de 7*s.* 6*d.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 2*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo choristis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis, capiente quolibet per quarterium 4*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis capellano parochiali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis capellano matutinali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto capiente utroque per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 20*d.* magistro scolarum pro quarterlegiis suis, termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subcantori pro ejus officio termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subsacriste pro ejus officio termino predicto. Item idem petit allocari de £1 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo vicariis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno supradicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* 4*d.* Et de 7*s.* 6*d.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 2*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo choristis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis, capiente quolibet per quarterium 4*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis capellano parochiali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis capellano matutinali ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis magistro scolarum pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subcantori pro ejus officio termino predicto. Et de 20*d.* solutis subsacriste pro ejus officio termino predicto. Summa . . . . . .

Allocaciones pro duobus presbiteris fundatis.—Idem petit allocari de 24*s.* solutis duobus presbiteris fundatis ad celebrandum in ecclesia collegiata beate Marie de Otery pro anima domini Ottonis de Northwode pro eorum cotidianis termino Sancti Michaelis anno supradicto, capiente utroque per septimanam 12*d.* Et de 16*s.* 8*d.* solutis eisdem presbiteris pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 8*s.* 4*d.* Et de £1 4*s.* solutis predictis presbiteris pro eorum cotidianis termino natalis Domini anno supradicto, capiente utroque per septimanam 12*d.* Et de 16*s.* 8*d.* solutis eisdem presbiteris pro quarterlegiis suis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 8*s.* 4*d.* Et de £1 4*s.* solutis predictis presbiteris pro eorum cotidianis termino pasche anno supradicto, capiente utroque per septimanam 12*d.* Et de 16*s.* 8*d.* solutis eisdem presbiteris pro eorum quarterlegiis termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 8*s.* 4*d.* Et de £1 12*s.* solutis predictis presbiteris pro eorum cotidianis termino nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno supradicto solutis pro 16 septimanis hoc anno tantum, capiente utroque per septimanam 12*d.* Et de 16*s.* 8*d.* solutis eisdem presbiteris pro eorum quarterlegiis, capiente utroque per quarterium 8*s.* 4*d.* Et de 20*s.* solutis pro obitu domini Ottonis de Northwode tenendo in predicta ecclesia de Otery semel in anno. Summa £9 10*s.* 8*d.*

Num. XVI.

Compotus ministri ejusdem collegii, annis 2 et 3 Hen. V.

(Ex originali penes eosdem.)

Otery Sancte Marie.—Compotus Johannis Bokelond clerici ac ministri ecclesie collegiate beate Marie de Otery et seneschalli scaccarii temporalitatis ejusdem ecclesie a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Henrici quinti post conquestum secundo usque idem festum extunc proxime sequens anno revoluto, etc.

Arreragia.—Idem reddit compotum de . . . . . receptis de Henrico Bolle ballivo manerii de Otery hoc anno de arreragiis suis super compotum suum, etc. Summa . . . . .

Receptiones spiritualium. — Idem reddit compotum de £73 1*s.* 4*d.* receptis de ballivo de Otery per indenturas inde inter prefatum nunc computantem et prefatum ballivum inde confectas. Et de £2 10*s.* 2*d.* receptis de eodem ballivo exeuntibus pro Northam ad festum natalis Domini pro quarterlegiis ministrorum ecclesie predicte inde solvendis per easdem indenturas. Et de £10 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de firma molendinorum de Otery et Tuppeton sic dimissa ad firmam hoc anno. Summa . . . Summa totalis recepti . . . . .

Allocaciones pro cotidianis. — Item petit allocari de £4 16*s.* solutis sex vicariis et capellano matutinali et parochiano pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de termino Sancti Michaelis archangeli hoc anno, capiente quolibet per septimanam 12*d.*, et non plus propter absenciam duorum vicariorum hoc termino. Et de 72*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie de Otery beate Marie pro eorum cotidianis: scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de termino predicto, capiente quolibet per septimanam 8*d.* Et de 10*s.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro cotidianis suis, scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de termino predicto capiente utroque per septimanam 5*d.* Et de 40*s.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de termino predicto, capiente quolibet per septimanam 5*d.* Item idem petit allocari de £4 16*s.* solutis sex vicariis et capellano matutinali et parochiali pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de termino natalis Domini hoc anno, capiente quolibet per septimanas 12*d.*, et non plus propter absenciam duorum vicariorum hoc termino. Et de 72*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 8*d.* Et de 10*s.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro cotidianis suis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente utroque per septimanam 5*d.* Et de 40*s.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 5*d.* Item idem petit allocari de £6 solutis octo vicariis et capellano matutinali et parochiali pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de termino pasche hoc anno, capiente quolibet per septimanam 12*d.* Et de 72*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet, pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 8*d.* Et de 10*s.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro cotidianis suis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente utroque per septimanam 5*d.* Et de 40*s.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet pro tribus mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 5*d.*

Item idem petit allocari de £8 solutis octo vicariis et capellano matutinali et parochiali pro cotidianis suis, scilicet pro quatuor mensibus de termino nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste hoc anno, capiente quolibet per septimanam 12*d.* Et de £4 16*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet, pro quatuor mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 8*d.* Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro cotidianis suis, scilicet pro quatuor mensibus de eodem termino, capiente utroque per septimanam 5*d.* Et de 53*s.* 4*d.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum cotidianis, scilicet pro quatuor mensibus de eodem termino, capiente quolibet per septimanam 5*d.* Summa . .

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Allocaciones pro quarterlegiis.—Idem petit allocari de 35*s.* solutis sex vicariis et capellano matutinali pro eorum quarterlegiis de termino Sancti Michaelis archangeli hoc anno, capiente quolibet per quarterium 5*s.* Et de 27*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie pro quarterlegiis suis pro predicto termino, capiente quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* Et de 2*s.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis pro termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 15*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis duobus clericis aquebajulis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro termino predicto, capiente utroque per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro termino predicto, capiente quolibet per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 7*s.* solutis capellano parochiali pro quarterlegiis suis pro predicto termino. Et de 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis magistro scholarum pro quarterlegiis suis pro termino predicto. Item idem petit allocari de 35*s.* solutis sex vicariis et capellano matutinali pro eorum quarterlegiis de termino natalis Domini hoc anno, capiente quolibet per quarterium 5*s.* Et de 27*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie pro quarterlegiis suis pro eodem termino, capiente quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* Et de 2*s.* 6*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis pro eodem termino, capiente utroque per quarterium 15*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis duobus clericis aquebajulis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro eodem termino, capiente utroque per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro eodem termino, capiente quolibet per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 7*s.* solutis capellano parochiali pro quarterlegiis suis pro eodem termino. Et de 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis magistro scolarum pro quarterlegiis suis de termino nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste hoc anno, capiente quolibet per quarterium 5*s.* Et de 27*s.* solutis octo secundariis et clerico capelle beate Marie de Otery pro quarterlegiis suis eodem termino, capientes quolibet per quarterium 3*s.* Et de 2*s.* 6*d.* solutis duobus clericis ecclesie predicte pro eorum quarterlegiis eodem termino, capiente utroque per quarterium 15*d.* Et de 20*d.* solutis duobus clericis aquebajulis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro eodem termino, capiente utroque per quarterium 10*d.* Et de 3*s.* 4*d.* solutis octo choristis pro eorum quarterlegiis pro eodem termino, capiente quolibet per quarterium 20*d.* Et de 7*s.* solutis capellano parochiali pro quarterlegiis suis pro eodem termino. Et de 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis magistro scolarum pro quarterlegiis suis eodem termino.

Num. XVII.

Compotus ministri ejusdem collegii annis 16 et 17 Hen. VI.

(Ex originali penes eosdem.)

Otery.—Compotus Henrici Swayne cantoris et seneschalli spiritualitatis ibidem a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Henrici Sexti 16° usque ad idem festum ex tunc proxime sequens anno ejusdem regis 17, viz. per annum integrum.

Recepcio garbarum. — Imprimis idem reddit compotum de £43. 16*s.* 8*d.* receptis pro garba decimarum ibidem sic vendita hoc anno. Et de £17 receptis de firma ecclesie nostre de Ilsyngton sic dimissa per quinquennium hoc anno quinto. Summa £60. 16*s.* 8*d.*

Recepcio agnorum, lane, casei, et butiri.—Idem reddit compotum de £11. 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de lana, agnis, caseo, et butiro sic venditis hoc anno*. Summa £11. 13*s.* 4*d.*

Recepcio vitulorum decime.—Idem reddit compotum 15*s.* 2*d.* de vitulorum decima sic vendita hoc anno, viz. de 1*s.* 4*d.* de Nicholao Oliver de Combe, de 12*d.* de Hereward de Talford, de 1*s.* 3*d.* de Rynryche, de 1*s.* 6*d.* de Waltero at-ye-were, de 11*d.* de Willielmo Lane, de 6*d.* de Ricardo Parker, de 12*d.* de Johanne Stretezate juniore, de 1*s.* 4*d.* de Thoma Bolle de Combe, de 1*s.* 3*d.* de Johanne Laurence, de 1*s.* 5*d.* de Johanne Trowe, de 1*s.* 4*d.* de Wedmore de Holkome, de 12*d.* de Henrico Cadey, de 1*s.* 4*d.* de Johanne Furnesse de Alfyngton. Summa 15*s.* 2*d.*

Recepcio porcorum, aucarum, lini, canabis, et porrorum.—Idem reddit compotum de 18*s.* 4*d.* receptis de porris, porcellis, aucis, lino, et canabe, hoc anno. Summa 18*s.* 4*d.*

Recepcio feni.—Idem reddit compotum de feni decima vendita hoc anno £2. 6*s.* 8*d.* Summa £2. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Recepcio mortuariorum.—Idem respondet de 9*s.* pro uno bove mortuario uxoris Thome Glade vendito eidem Thome, et de 6*s.* pro una vacca mortuario uxoris Johannis Harbelyn vendita eidem Johanni, et de 6*d.* pro una ove matrice mortuario Matilde Byre vendita Johanni at-ye-welle et de 12*d.* pro uno porco mortuario Johannis Benyne vendito relicte ejusdem Johannis, et de 1*s.* 8*d.* pro uno vitulo mortuario Ricardi Swayne apud Wakkesway, et de 6*s.* 4*d.* pro una vacca mortuario Willielmi Raymond vendita relicte ejusdem Willielmi, et de 1*s.* 2*d.* pro uno ariete mortuario matris uxoris Rogeri at-ye-welle, et de 6*s.* pro una vacca mortuario Ricardi Calley de Wygdon. Summa £1. 11*s.* 8*d.*

Recepcio oblacionum.—Idem respondet de 18*s.* 1½*d.* oblatis die natalis Domini, et de 4*s.* 4*d.* oblatis die purificacionis beate Virginis, et de 8*s.* 9½*d.* oblatis ad crucem diebus parasceve et pasche. Et de £1. 5*s.* oblatis die pasche. Et de 2*s.* 4*d.* oblatis die reliquiarum †. Et de 11*s.* oblatis die assumpcionis beate Virginis. Et de 3*d.* pro uno cereo vendito per subsacristam die pasche. Et de 10*s.* pro cereo paschali die pasche. Summa £3. 19*s.* 10*d.*

Recepcio pyxidum.—Idem respondet de £2. 5*s.* 9½*d.* receptis de pyxide parochiali. Et de £2. 13*s.* 1½*d.* receptis de pyxide Sancti Salvatoris. Et de 1*s.* 3½*d.* receptis de pyxide beate Marie ad altare matutinale. Summa £5. 0*s.* 2½*d.*

Recepcio decimarum personalium ac aliarum recepcionum.—Idem respondet de £5. 6*s.* 8*d.* receptis per manus ministri pro decimis personalibus diversis vicibus. Et de 2½*d.* pro melle et cera de Alicia Codycote. Et de 14*s.* 9*d.* receptis de ecclesia de Northam pro dimidia decimarum concessa domino regi. Et de 8*s.* 8*d.* pro cereo in choro de Otery exhibendo de eadem ecclesia de Northam. Et de 12*d.* receptis pro decimis oblitis Willielmi Raymond. Et de 2*s.* de aquebajulo pro pane et vino exhibendis ad altare parochiale. Et de 2*s.* receptis de Thoma Bolle de Combe pro pomis decimalibus. Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de abbate de Newham pro pensione sua de Lovepytte. Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* receptis de domino Willielmi Crekowe nuper vicario de Ilsyngton pro pensione sua. Summa £8. 1*s.* 11½*d.* Summa totalis recepta £95. 3*s.* 10*d.*

Soluciones cotidiane.—De quibus idem computat solutum custodi, ministro, cantori, et sacriste, cuilibet eorum per annum £7. 10*s.* 8*d.* pro communiis suis, £30. 2*s.* 8*d.* Et solutum magistro Ricardo Chychestre pro communiis suis per annum £3. 4*s.* 8*d.* Et domino Willielmo Sylk pro primo quarterio anni 16*s.* 2*d.* Summa £34. 3*s.* 6*d.*

Stipendia officialium.—Et solutum custodi per annum pro officio suo £7. Et solutum ministro pro officio suo per annum £5. Et solutum cantori et sacriste pro officiis suis, quorum uterque capit per annum pro officio suo £3. 10*s.*—£7. Summa £19.

Solucio prebendariorum et aliorum.—Et solutum octo canonicis, viz. custodi, ministro, cantori, sacriste, Chychestre, Webber, Sylk, et Exetre, quorum quilibet capit per annum £2—£16. Et solutum Johanni More clerico capelle beate Marie Virginis pro custodia ejusdem capelle et pulsacione ad missam cotidianam ejusdem Virginis 13*s.* 4*d.* Et solutum Johanni Weymon magistro scolarum per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* Et solutum fratri Curteys pro sermone suo in festo Sancti Edwardi 3*s.* 4*d.* Et pro aliis sermonibus excusatis per annum 6*s.* Et in stipendio computatoris 20*s.* Summa £18. 9*s.* 4*d.*

Solucio obituum.—Et solutum ministro ecclesie in obitu Sibille matris fundatoris cum 2*s.* 6*d.* distributis inter pauperes £1. 0*s.* 7*d.* Et in obitu domine Agnetis Northwood, et Johannis filii ejusdem £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* Et in obitu domini Johannis pape cum 2*s.* 6*d.* inter pauperes distributis, 7*s.* 2*d.* Et in obitu Petri Patteshull et Thome Patteshull 13*s.* 4*d.* Et in obitu Katerine de Monte acuto 13*s.* 4*d.* Et in obitu domini Petri Prenestrini cum 2*s.* 6*d.* distributis inter pau-

* The accounts show the sale of tithe taken in kind for many of the articles in respect of which the parishioners have now established a modus!

† The Feast of Relicks in Exeter diocese was the first Monday after the Ascension: in some dioceses (as at Worcester) it was kept Sept. 15.

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peres, 7*s.* 2*d.* Et in obitu domini Willielmi patris fundatoris cum 2*s.* 6*d.* inter pauperes, £1. 0*s.* 3*d.* Et in obitu Johannis fundatoris nostri cum 8*s.* 4*d.* distributis inter pauperes 17*s.* 8*d.* Summa £6. 6*s.* 2*d.*

Soluciones necessariorum ecclesie.—Et solutum in pane ad celebracionem divinorum 6*s.* Et in vino ad idem opus 19*s.* Et in 400 libris sebi pro candelis et mortariolis £1. 12*s.* Et in lichnis emptis 3*s.* Et in scirpis emptis 2*s.* Et solutum Willielmo Kyng pro reparacione librorum in choro 4*d.* Et Willielmo Coke et Davy Glade pro reparacione campanarum in campanili 10*d.* Et Matilde Swayndon pro factura manutergiorum et tualium 12*d.* Et pro reparacione organorum 8*d.* Et solutum Johanni Plumbario per octo dies laboranti 2*s.* 8*d.* Et pro prandio ejusdem per idem tempus 1*s.* 4*d.* Et pro novem libris de sowdre 1*s.* 10*d.* Et pro tribus cordis quarum due erant pro campanis 2*s.* 10*d.* Et pro custodia horologii 3*s.* 4*d.* Et pro factura cereorum et torticiorum 4*s.* Et pro prandio operantis per idem tempus 2*s.* Et pro lotrice 2*s.* Et pro factura candelarum sebi 1*s.* 8*d.* Et pro ligatura unius antiphonaris 2*s.* Et Alexandro pro reparacione vestimentorum 12*d.* Et pro factura campane in domo capitulari 15*s.* 6*d.* Et pro reparacione facta in camera presbiteri matutinalis 1*s.* 10*d.* Et pro decem virgatis panni linei pro rydelis * 5*s.* 8*d.* Et pro cera hoc anno £3. Summa £8. 12*s.* 6*d.*

Expense necessarie.—Et solutum pro medietate unius decime concesse domino regi £4. 1*s.* 2*d.* Et in cena Domini pro pane 1*s.* 5*d.* Et in pane 1*s.* 1*d.* Et pro colleccione ovorum decime 3*d.* Et pro reparacione sepis circa capellam Sancti Salvatoris 9*d.* Et in reparacione camere magistri scolarum pro calce et tegulis et pro tegulacione 1*s.* Et solutum clericis cantantibus in capella Sancti Salvatoris in festo Sancte Trinitatis 6*d.* Et pro custodia oblacionum ad crucem diebus parasceve et pasche 2*d.* Et pro victualibus emptis die assumpcionis beate Virginis pro festo, ut patet per parcellas, £31. 15*s.* 10*d.* Et inter servientes eodem die. . . . . Et in cena Domini episcopi venientis ad Otery in festo nativitatis beate Virginis et ibidem pernoctantis, 14*s.* 10½*d.*, ut patet per parcellas. Et solutum archidiacono pro visitacione sua 6*s.* 8*d.* Et pro denariis Sancti Petri 1*s.* 8*d.* Et pro synodatico et cathedratico cum 2*d.* ad excudendum processionem 2*s.* 7*d.* Et solutum Andree Chalvedon procuratori collegii in consistorio 6*s.* 8*d.* Et in datis Thome Elwelle quia bene solvit soluciones suas 5*d.* Et in reparacione horrei de Ilsyngton per visum domini Willielmi Crekow 6*s.* 8*d.* Summa £8. 1*s.* 8*d.* Summa omnium expensarum £94. 13*s.* 2*d.* et debet 10*s.* 8*d.* quos solvit.

Num. XVIII.

Compotus ministrorum collegii ejusdem, annis 1482-3.

(Ex originali penes eosdem.)

Otery.—Compotus Willielmi Hillyng sacriste et senescalli temporalitatis a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno Domini 1472 (1482?) et anno regni regis Edwardi Quarti usque ad idem festum anno Domini 1483, et anno regni regis Ricardi Tercii primo.

Inprimis reddit compotum de £83. 2*s.* receptis de Johanne Shaldoe ballivo idem pro 13 cotidianis et stipendiis ministrorum ecclesie. Item pro redditu macellorum nundinis et mercatis a ballivo supradicto ut patet per scedulam huic compoto annexam, £4. 8*s.* 6½*d.* Item recepit de Thoma Haw pro firma molendinorum granorum et brasiatorum, scilicet, Typton et Otery, et quatuor molendinorum fullaticorum in australi parte pontis qui ducit ad capellam Salvatoris £11. 6*s.* 8*d.* Item de eodem Thoma pro tribus molendinis fullaticis et una parcella terre quasi duarum acrarum in parte boreali molendinorum granaticorum £2. 10*s.* Et de £3. receptis de scaccario. Et de 2*s.* receptis de custodibus parochie pro domo super macella qui vendunt ibidem cerevisiam in septimana Penticostes. Et de £13. receptis de scaccario alias pro reparacionibus et expensis factis forinsecis 17*s.* 5*d.* nimis allocatis in compoto magistro custodi senescallo spiritualitatis pro cotidianis pertinentibus ad prebendam cantarie in tempore vacacionis ejusdem inter Crese et Holcum. Summa omnium receptorum £118. 6*s.* 7½*d.*

* Curtains—*Rideaux.*

Soluciones.—Unde petit allocari pro cotidianis octo vicariorum et duorum sacerdotum parochialis et matutinalis, quorum quilibet capit per annum £2. 12*s.*, £26; pro cotidianis clerici capelle beate Marie et octo secundariorum quorum quilibet capit per annum £1. 14*s.* 8*d.*—£15. 12*s.* Item pro communiis duorum clericorum ecclesie et octo choristarum, quolibet capiente per annum £1. 1*s.* 8*d.*—£10. 16*s.* 8*d.* Summa cotidianorum hoc anno £52. 8*s.* 8*d.* Item solvit octo vicariis et sacerdoti matutinali pro stipendiis suis, quolibet capiente per annum £1.—£9. Item presbitero parochiali £1. 8*s.* Item magistro schole £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* et clerico capelle beate Marie et octo secundariis, quolibet capiente per annum £1. 8*s.*—£5. 4*s.* Item duobus clericis ecclesie inter se 10*s.* Item duobus aquebajulis inter se 6*s.* 8*d.* Item octo choristis, quolibet capiente per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* £2. 13*s.* 4*d.* Summa stipendiorum hoc anno £20. 8*s.* 8*d.*

In obitibus.—In primis 25 die Novembris in obitu Johannis Prescote, juridici et quondam senescalli curiarum de Otery et Margerie uxoris ejus de quatuor ferlingis terre apud Otery, quos quatuor ferlingos jam tenet Johannes Ware ibidem, 11*s.* 3½*d.*, canonico 10*d.* Item tercio die Decembris, in obitu Thome Bryngtingham canonico 1*s.* 4*d.*, in toto 19*s.* 4*d.* Item in obitu Sibille Mylmede decimo die mensis Aprilis, canonico 8*d.*—8*s.* 8*d.* Summa obituum £1. 19*s.* 3½*d.*

In pensionibus et aliis expensis extrinsecis et forinsecis.—In primis Johanni More seneschallo curiarum nostrarum £2. hoc anno. Item pro pensione Johannis Kyrton attornati nostri 13*s.* 4*d.* Et pro stipendio computatoris ex consuetudine £2. Et de £19. 2*s.* 10½*d.* solutis in reparacionibus et expensis forinsecis ut patet in libro reparacionum. Summa £23. 16*s.* 2½*d.* Summa omnium expensarum £98. 12*s.* 10*d.* Et debet £19. 13*s.* 9½*d.* Et preterea oneratur pro septem plaustris factis de focalibus remanentibus super maremium de Aysh, precium plaustri 4*d.*—2*s.* 4*d.* Quibus conjunctis debet £19. 16*s.* 1½*d.* Et preterea ei allocantur 3*s.* 8*d.* soluti ballivo pro colleccione pecuniarum in nundinis et mercatis. Et debet de claro £19. 9*s.* 5½*d.* quos solvit et quietus recessit in die Sancti Vincencii Martiris. Summa dividencie cuilibet per se, £2. 8*s.* 8¾*d.*

Northam.—Compotus Willielmi Hillyng sacriste pro anno supra. Recepit £35. de Ricardo Wynterburn firmario ibidem. Summa £35. Unde petit allocari pro pensione vicarii ibidem £10. Item pro cotidianis duorum vicariorum sparsim in diversis terris £2. 6*s.* Et pro stipendio eorundem vicariorum tanto tempore £1. 9*s.* 11½*d.* Item octo vicariis, quolibet capiente per annum 13*s.* 4*d.*—£5. 6*s.* 8*d.* Item presbitero matutinali per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Item presbitero parochiali per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* Item succentori et subsacriste pro officiis suis inter se 13*s.* 4*d.* Item clerico capelle et octo secundariis, quolibet capiente per annum 3*s.* 4*d.*—£1. 10*s.* Item magistro scole 6*s.* 8*d.* Item duobus clericis ecclesie inter se 13*s.* 4*d.* octo choristis inter se 10*s.* 8*d.* Item in obitu domini Othonis de Grandissono, qui providit nobis de beneficio Northam, 17*s.* 2*d.* Item sacriste pro pelve pendente in medio chori 8*s.* 8*d.* Item Richardo Wynterburne pro mandato † in die cene 2*s.* Item pro stramine pro ecclesia 1*s.* 4*d.* Item pro diversis denariis corporum presencium allocatis vicario pro pane et vino celebrantis 1*s.* 5*d.* Item pro expensis suis, scilicet firmarii 3*s.* 4*d.* . . . . . Et de £5. 18*s.* 2*d.* solutis et allocatis Ricardo Wynterburne pro nova construccione tecti capelle Sancti Johanne Baptiste ut patet per billam annexam huic compoto. Item in costagiis sacriste ibidem et in itinere suo illic et domum in mense Aprilis per septem dies in faciendo pactum suum operariis pro nova construccione illius tecti 6*s.* 9*d.* Item pro una flamea ‡ data uxori Wynterburne ex consensu canonicorum tunc 2*s.* 8*d.* Item de 2*s.* solutis inter pauperes ibidem per manus Wynterburne et de 1*s.* 4*d.* allocatis sibi pro decima Thome Gowys. Summa omnium expensarum £32. 17*s.* 0½*d.* et debet £2. 18*s.* 6½*d.* quos solvit quarto die Junii anno quo supra et quietus est.

Wynford Ryvers.—Compotus ejusdem Willielmi Hillyng sacriste anno supra reddit compotum de redditu assise £7. 0*s.* 6*d.* Item de perquisitis curiarum hoc anno 14*s.* 6*d.*

† A maundy. See Glossary to the Finchdale cartulary, ed. Surtees Soc.

‡ A veil or scarf?

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Et nil de molendino fullatico neque de arreragiis. Et de £2. 6*s.* 8*d.* de Johanne Richard et Johanne Holle of Burford pro una silva ibidem at Burford eis vendita per sacristam Hillyng. Summa £10. 1*s.* 8*d.* Unde petit allocari £2. 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis octo vicariis pro missa celebrata cotidie ad altare Sancte Katerine pro anima domini Petri Curtenay et aliorum benefactorum. Et de 5*s.* solutis sparsim duobus vicariis. Et de 1*s.* 1½*d.* pro novem septimanis inter vicarios capientes qualibet septimana 11½*d.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Item pro obitu Petri Curtenay et domini Tenefeld et omnium benefactorum cum 1*s.* 4*d.* inter pauperes 13*s.* 4*d.*, canonico 10*d.* Item preposito ibidem allocatur pro uno novo milbrasse, ponderis novem librarum et dimidii, 3*s.* 2*d.* Item pro novo jexyn et assere pro alowys 1*s.* Et ei pro defectu redditus tenementi Galfridi Tepper 1*s.* Et ei pro stipendio Johannis Stanni senescalli nostri, bis decennarii curiarum nostrarum, de 10*s.* Item pro introitu finis de Hawkeryg 2*d.* Et ei 3*s.* 4*d.* pro fine ibidem. Et ei 3*s.* 4*d.* pro Hoferlese. Et ei 1*s.* pro secta apud Plymton. Et ei 3*d.* pro introitu finis ibidem. Et ei in expensis duarum curiarum 3*s.* 6*d.* Et ei 3*d.* pro Myldeche. Et ei 1*s.* circa reparaciones factas circa were molendini. Et 2*s.* allocatis Johanni Richards pro labore suo tunc veniendo nobis pro diversis materiis. Et ei preposito pro expensis suis cum servo suo veniente secum 8*d.* Summa omnium expensarum £5. 3*s.* 5½*d.* et debet £4. 16*s.* 6½*d.* quos solvit et quietus est. Dividencia istius summe debite £1. 4*s.* 6½*d.*

Forde, Cheldysworth.—Idem sacrista Hillyng percepit de Waltero Barter et Petro filio suo duabus vicibus £3. 7*s.* pro Forde, et de Johanne Clyndon, famulo Ricardi Clerke pro Cheldysworth £1. 12*s.* Summa £4. 19*s.*

Unde petit allocari pro annuitate Ysabelle Leper per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Et de 2*s.* pro labore Walteri Barter colligentis redditus et adducentis redditum de Forde. Et ei 7*d.* solutis Johanni Clendown portante nobis pecunias de Cheldysworth. Summa 16*s.* Et debet £4. 3*s.* quos solvit die Sancti Vincencii [January 22] et quietus recessit. Dividencia istius summe cuilibet canonico per se £1. 0*s.* 10*d.*

Compotus Johannis Shaldoo receptoris redditus macellorum nundinarum et omnium proficuum mercati proveniencium per annum a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Edwardi Quarti 22 usque in crastinum ejusdem festi anno regni regis Ricardi Tercii primo.

Idem respondet de 18*s.* 8*d.* receptis de septem macellis carnis per annum. Et de £1. 19*s.* 8*d.* receptis de 17 macellis carnis ut patet per rentale. Et de 1*s.* 4*d.* de Thoma Wytheman pro macellis piscium per annum. Et de 1*s.* recepto de Nicholao Aysshe pro macello suo per annum. Et de 8*d.* de Thoma Thorne per annum. Et de 6*s.* 2*d.* receptis de mercato die dominica ante festum pasche. Et de 3*s.* 1*d.* receptis de nundinis in festo sancte Trinitatis. Et de 6*s.* 5½*d.* receptis de nundinis in festo assumpcionis beate Marie. Et de 11*s.* 6*d.* receptis de mercato aliis diebus per annum.

Summa totalis receptorum £4. 8*s.* 6½*d.* Inde computat de magistro Willielmo Hillyng £3. 6*s.* 8*d.*

Summa £3. 6*s.* 8*d.* et debet £1. 1*s.* 10½*d.*

[Indorsed Holcomb 7*s.* 4½*d.* vacacionis 2*s.* 4*d.* crese 6*d.*]

Ippelpen.—Liberacio denariorum.—Compotus Willielmi Hillyng sacriste de Otery et senescalli proventuum ecclesie de Ippelpen inter idem tempus. Nichil in arreragiis. Idem reddit compotum de £57. 10*s.* receptis de Waltero Huet firmario ibidem hoc anno. Et solvit mihi senescallo. Summa £57. 10*s.*

Inde petit allocari de £26. 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis magistro Johanni Evylyng vicario idem per manus Walteri Barter firmario. Et de £13. 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis decem vicariis sparsim cuilibet eorum per annum £1. 6*s.* 8*d.* Et de £3. 6*s.* 8*d.* solutis parochiali presbitero matutinali et clerico capelle quorum matutinali parochiali clerico capelle utrique per annum £1. 5*s.* 4*d.* Et parochiali per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Et de 4*s.* solutis octo secundariis quorum quilibet capit per annum 10*s.* Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis duobus aquebajulis quorum cuilibet per annum 6*s.* 8*d.* Et de £1. duobus clericis ecclesie solutis quorum quilibet capit per annum 10*s.* Et de £1. 4*s.* 8*d.* solutis octo choristis quorum quilibet capit per annum 4*s.* 4*d.* Et de £2. solutis magistro custodi distribuendis inter pauperes per duodecim menses, quolibet mense 3*s.* 4*d.* Et de £2. solutis magistro scole gramaticalis per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Et de 13*s.* 4*d.* solutis vicariis secundariis et choristis de Otery ex dono episcopi Exoniensis Lacy pro indempnitate ecclesie de Ippelpen, pro reparacionibus domorum suarum, de quibus 13*s.* 4*d.* vicariis 6*s.* 8*d.*, secundariis 3*s.* 4*d.*, et choristis 3*s.* 4*d.* Et de 6*s.* 8*d.* distributis ibidem inter pauperes in die Parasceves per Walterum Barter. Et de £1. 9*s.* solutis Johanni Dollyng carpentario pro factura duorum parium of dexis * in choro ibidem. Et de 2*s.* . . . . . sacriste in itinere per octo dies. Et de 7*s.* in costagiis magistri custodis et sacriste in dominica ibidem de . . . . . Et de 2*s.* pro costagiis ejusdem Walteri quater veniendo cum pecuniis ad Otery. Et de 1*s.* pro reparacione cancelli ibidem. Et de 8*s.* 4*d.* magistro custodi ibidem in veniendo ad sermonem predicandum. Et de 1*s.* 8*d.* solutis magistro scole pro tribus annis scolagii filie Walteri Barter. Summa de £58. 8*s.* 1*d.* Et debet computum 8*s.*, quam summam solvit in scaccario.

Num. XIX.

Valor ecclesiasticus.

De collegio de Oteri beate Marie in decanatu de Aylysbeare.

Possessiones temporales custodis et canonicorum ejusdem collegii.

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Oterie beate Marie.			
Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum £126 7*s.* 8*d.* ultra £9 10*s.* inde annuatim solutos Thome Denys militi senescallo ibidem £2 pro feodo suo per annum, ac Rogero Stokman clerico receptori ibidem £2 pro feodo suo per annum, et Willielmo Stowford auditori ibidem 10*s.* pro feodo suo per annum, et Johanni Mone ballivo ibidem £5 pro feodo suo per annum	116	17	8
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus cum finibus terrarum ibidem communibus annis £9 1*s.* .	18	–	4
Ford et Chilsworthy.			
Valet in redditu assise tenementorum in Ford et Chilsworthy per annum ultra 4*s.* inde solutas annuatim Willielmo Cullyng ballivo de Ford predict' pro feodo suo per annum 2*s.*, et Thome Hext ballivo de Chilsworthy predict' pro feodo suo per annum 2*s.*	4	12	8
Somerset in Bathoniensi et Wellensi diocesi.			
Wynsford Ryvers†.			
Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum £7 1*s.* 4*d.* ultra £1 3*s.* inde annuatim solutos Thome Hacche senescallo ibidem, 13*s.* pro feodo suo per annum, et Ricardo Howell ballivo ibidem 10*s.* pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare	5	18	4
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus £1 6*s.* 11*d.*, cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis £2 13*s.* 4*d.*	4	–	3
£9 18*s.* 7*d.*			

* Of desks.

† From the college rental, supra, it should seem that this property was given by Peter Courtenay. The preceding silence of the rentals shows it could not have been the gift of Sir Peter Courtenay, who died Feb. 2, 1405; nor can it refer to bishop Courtenay, who died after 1483.

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London, in diocesi Londoniensi.

Blosoms Inne. £ s. d.

Allocatur hic quod oneratur superius inter cantarias infra ecclesiam cathedralem Exonie.—Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum, ultra £6 17*s.* 8*d.* inde annuatim solutos, Johanni Brokeshoe capellano et successoribus suis £5 10*s.* in ecclesia cathedrali beati Petri Exonie predicte imperpetuum ibidem ad celebrandum missam et alia divina servicia in occidentali parte ejusdem ecclesie pro animabus Johannis de Grandissono quondam Exoniensis episcopi ac fundatoris collegii predicti; et solutos decano et capitulo ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis et successoribus suis 14*s.* 4*d.* de annuali redditu pro anniversario ibidem tenendo singulis annis pro anima Roberti Braybroke quondam Londoniensis episcopi; et solutos annuatim Rogero Brompston clerico receptori ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 13*s.* 4*d.* Remanet clare 16 2 4

Devonia.

Possessiones spirituales dictorum custodis et canonicorum.

Otery beate Marie.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum communibus annis in decima garbarum £44. Lane et agnellorum £19 2*s.* Ac in oblacionibus £7, et aliis decimis predialibus £10, et personalibus £15 10*s.* 9*d.* communibus annis, ut patet in libro paschali inde nobis ostenso, ultra £5 13*s.* 7*d.* inde annuatim solutos, episcopo Exoniensi et successoribus suis 6*s.* 8*d.*, et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis 6*s.* 8*d.* pro eorum procuracionibus sinodatico et cathedratico communibus annis 2*s.* 5*d.* Et vicario de Sydbury in diocesi Exonie et successoribus suis 9*s.* de quadam pencione per annum. Et Rogero Stokman clerico receptori ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1 8*s.* 10*d.* Et custodi ecclesie parochialis predicte et successoribus suis 13*s.* 4*d.* de quadam pencione recepta de abbate de Newenham, ut patet preantea, in onere ejusdem abbatis pro invencione luminis et cereorum ardencium in ecclesia dicti collegii cotidie et imperpetuum sub pena sequestracionis reddituum et proveniencium collegii predicti, ut patet in quodam scripto inde nobis ostenso cujus datum est in anno Domini 1344. Et solutum annuatim communibus annis in distribucione facta inter parochianos ibidem, videlicet, pro pane potu et aliis victualibus in festo assumpcionis beate Marie Virginis pro anima Johannis de Grandissono fundatoris collegii predicti secundum antiquam ordinacionem ejusdem fundatoris in scriptis nobis ostensis cujus datum est in anno Domini 1337. Remanet clare 99 19 2

Northam.

Rectoria ibidem in omnibus exitibus valet per annum ut per dictos custodem et canonicos dimittitur ad firmam Wilmote uxori Thome Hext ad terminum vite ejusdem Wilmote ultra £10 10*s.* inde solutos Johanni Smyth clerico vicario ibidem et successoribus suis, £10 de quadam pencione per annum, et Thome Hext ballivo ibidem 10*s.* pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare . . . 25 10 –

Iplepen.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum in omnibus exitibus suis ut per dictos custodem et canonicos dimittitur ad firmam Willielmo Gewys capellano pro termino septem annorum, termino illo incipiente primo die Octobris anno Domini 1530, ultra £28 13*s.* 4*d.* inde annuatim solutos Olivero Smyth clerico et successoribus suis vicariis ibidem de quadam pencione per annum £26 13*s.* 4*d.* Et in distribucione facta annuatim apud Otery predictum inter pauperes ibidem existentes ad duodecim exequias et missas celebratas in collegio predicto pro animabus Johannis Laurens et Thome Frank juxta eorum ordinacionem in evidencia nobis ostensa. Remanet clare . . . . . 42 – –

Ilstyngton.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum in omnibus exitibus suis sic dimissis Johanni Ford pro termino quinque annorum, termino illo incipiente ad festum pasche anno regni regis Henrici Octavi 26°, ultra 18*s.* inde annuatim solutos in denariis distributis in collegio predicto inter pauperes existentes ad obitum ibidem, 8*s.* annuatim et imperpetuum celebranti pro anima Sibille matris domini Johannis de Grandissono quondam Exoniensis episcopi et fundatoris collegii predicti. Et ad obitum ibidem annuatim celebratum et tentum pro anima Katarine sororis dicti episcopi nuper fundatoris 2*s.* 6*d.* Et in obitu ibidem annuatim et imperpetuum celebratum pro animabus Willielmi Grandissono 2*s.* 6*d.* patris dicti episcopi fundatoris, et domini Petri cardinalis Prenestrini 2*s.* 6*d.* ac Johannis nuper episcopi Romani 2*s.* 6*d.* prout ex antiqua ordinacione dicti fundatoris in evidencia nobis ostensa plenius patet. Remanet clare . . . . . 15 2 –

Summa totalis omnium spiritualium £171 17*s.* 10*d.* et temporalium £165 11*s.* 7*d.* dictorum custodis et canonicorum de Oterye predicta 338 2 9

Unde

Solutum annuatim Olivero Smyth custodi ibidem et successoribus suis £9 pro annuali pencione sua: Et Rogero Brampston clerico ministro ibidem et successoribus suis £7 pro annuali pencione sua per annum: Et Roberto Peryens clerico cantori ibidem et successoribus suis £5 10*s.* per annum pro pencione sua per annum: Et Rogero Stokman clerico sacriste ibidem et successoribus suis £5 10*s.* pro annuali pencione sua per annum: Et quatuor simplicibus canonicis ibidem et successoribus suis £8 pro eorum prebendis, videlicet, cuilibet eorum £2 quorum nomina postea patent. Remanet . . . . . 35 – –

Et remanet clare, omnibus deductis, ... 303 2 9

Decima inde 30 6 3½

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Oterey Vicaria.

Valet.	£	s.	d.
Quedam annualis pencio annuatim virtute literarum nuper regis Henrici Octavi patencium* per quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie ibidem vicario concionatori perpetuo in eadem ecclesia solubilis ad duos anni terminos equaliter per annum, prout patet in recordo inde manu Ricardi Garth subscripto	20	–	–
Decima inde	2	–	–

De collegio de Otterye beate Marie infrascripta.

Dignitates in collegio predicto.

Oliverus Smyth custos ibidem percipit ibidem annuatim sibi et successoribus suis de pencione per annum	9	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	18	–
Rogerus Brampston clericus minister ibidem percipit ibidem annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro pencione sua per annum	7	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	14	–
Robertus Peryens clericus cantor ibidem percipit ibidem annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro pencione sua per annum	5	10	–
Inde pro decima	–	11	–
Rogerus Stokman clericus sacrista ibidem percipit annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro pencione sua per annum	5	10	–
Inde pro decima	–	11	–

Prebendarii in collegio predicto.

Willielmus Dicher clericus prebendarius ibidem percipit annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro prebenda sua per annum	2	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	4	–
Ricardus Hals clericus prebendarius ibidem percipit annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro prebenda sua per annum	2	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	4	–
Ricardus Browne clericus prebendarius ibidem percipit annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro prebenda sua per annum	2	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	4	–
Johannes Yong clericus prebendarius ibidem percipit annuatim sibi et successoribus suis pro prebenda sua ibidem per annum	2	–	–
Inde pro decima	–	4	–
Summa	35	–	–

Haccombe Archpresbytery,

IN THE DEANERY OF KENN.

THE foundation deed of this archpresbytery sets forth that Sir Stephen Haccombe had proposed to make the endowment, but was prevented by death; that Sir John Lercedekne, knt., the heir to his property, had fully entered into his views and wishes, and with the concurrence and approbation of bishop Grandisson had erected an establishment here for six priests, the superior of whom was to be denominated the archpriest, and endowed it with the tithes of Haccombe, and of St. Hugh de Quedyock †, or Quethiock, in Cornwall, the patronage of which Sir Stephen had acquired previously to his death. These six clergymen were indeed chantry priests; they were daily to sing the canonical hours in choir, and two masses; the first of the office of the day, the second in honour of the blessed Virgin. A third mass was to be said, but not sung except at dirges and anniversaries. At these services they were to pray for the said bishop; for Hugh Courtenay, earl of Devon; for Sir John Lercedekne, and his wife Cecily ‡, and for their children; for Margaret, the relict of Stephen de Haccombe, and for Robert de Pyl, clerk, all of whom were then living, and to continue the proper suffrages for them after their death. One of the priests was daily to celebrate for the repose of the soul of the founder, Sir Stephen de Haccombe, knt.; of Sir Thomas Lercedekne and his wife Matilda, the parents of Sir John Lercedekne aforesaid; of Jordan de Haccombe and his wife Isabella, and for all the faithful departed.

Haccombe must formerly have been more populous

* As the king was alive at the time of the survey or Valor, the word "nuper" must apply to the letters patent, and not to the king. These letters patent will be found in the Supplement at the end of the volume.

† The ordination of this benefice may be seen in p. 53, vol. iii. Grandisson's Register, April 14, 1346. See also Brantyngham's Register, vol. i. fol. 80. "Capella S. Marie de Trecorme infra parochiam de Quedek," also occurs fol. 106, vol. iii., of Lacy's Register.

‡ Cecily was more probably the daughter of Sir Stephen de Haccombe than of Jordan de Haccombe, as Sir W. Pole asserts, Hist. Collections, p. 270.

Elizabeth Lercedekne, widow, by will made at Haccombe, December 12, 1406, orders two priests to celebrate service for her repose in this church of S. Blase.

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than at present, for the priests were to assist their superior in the cure of souls. Bishop Grandisson required that the archpriest and his associates should lodge and board under the same roof*; that their dress should resemble that of the vicars of the cathedral church of Exeter; that the salary of each should be two marks per annum; that two clerks, sufficiently skilled in reading and singing, should assist them in the church and serve them at home, who were also to be provided with board and lodging, and a stipend of 10*s*. The archpriest could claim no peculiar exemption from the jurisdiction of his ordinary, nor of the archdeacon †; he was precisely on the same footing as the superiors of the archpresbyteries at Penkivell, Beerferrers, and Whitchurch, which were instituted in this diocese in the early part of the 14th century. The foundation deed of the last was indeed the model in founding that of Haccombe. (Stapeldon Reg. fol. 165.)

Sir Henry Carew, bart., the late proprietor of Haccombe, restored and embellished this interesting church.

The following is a list of the archpriests:

Thomas de Braunton admitted July 17, 1309, "ad capellam de Haccombe vacantem," on the presentation of Sir Stephen de Haccombe, knt.

John Dreynat succeeded to the chapel of Haccombe, May 14, 1315, on the resignation of Thomas de Braunton: the same patron.

Andrew de Tregors admitted archpresbyter of Haccombe, March 19, 1342: patron Sir John de Lercedekne.

Stephen de Hendre was collated archpriest October 1, 1351, per lapsum temporis. He exchanged for Cullompton with

Robert Tholy, February 13, 1371-2.

Thomas Potel; on whose death,

Henry Bole was admitted August 4, 1390: patron Sir Warren Lercedekne.

Michael Lercedekne, July 30, 1400, on the death of Bole: patron as before.

Michael Lercedekne appointed December 18, 1409: patron Sir Hugh Courtenay, of Haccombe, knt. This Michael Lercedekne died treasurer of Exeter cathedral. His will, made January 5, 1441, was proved on the 23rd of the ensuing month.

Edward Legh appointed April 1, 1413, on the resignation of Michael Lercedekne: same patron.

John Carnell, July 31, 1434, on Legh's resignation: patron Sir Nicholas Carew. This archpriest made his will September 11, 1445, which was proved on February 12, following: he was buried in the chancel, and was a benefactor to his church.

Thomas Grugge admitted July 22, 1446: same patron. He was succeeded by

John Drake, November 14, 1479: patron Sir John Crocker, knt.

John Sixtinus followed: he had been registrar of John Arundell, bishop of Exeter; was a member of the university of Sienna, and afterwards of Oxford. His canonry and prebend in Exeter cathedral, void by his death, were conferred by bishop Veysey, April 1, 1520, on Roger Elys.

John Powne, May 19, 1519, on the death of Sixtinus, was presented by Catharine, countess of Devon, "ratione custodie Johannis Carewe, filii et heredis Johannis Carewe, armigeri, nuper defuncti, de Haccombe."

George Hull, August 5, 1527, on the death of the last incumbent: patron, William Hull, by reason of the advowson granted for this turn by John Carew, esq.

Christopher Strode, October 24, 1534, on the death of Hull: presented by Richard Hody, of Pylsdon, Dorset, esq., by reason of his wardship of Thomas Carew, son and heir of John Carew, late of Haccombe.

King Henry VIII. by writ dated May 10, in the twenty-seventh year of his reign, directed to bishop Veysey, affirmed that he had recovered in his court at Westminster the right of presenting to the church of Haccombe against the aforesaid Richard Hody and Christopher Strode and others; and he commands the removal of the said incumbent, and presents

John Ford, June 16, 1535, who was admitted accordingly.

John Willoughby occurs in 1536, when his rectory was valued at £20 per annum.

Oliver Whiddon, May 21, 1575 ‡, on whose death,

John Wolton, bishop of Exeter, succeeded October 20, 1581: patron Thomas Carew, of Haccombe, esq.

Zackary Hooker followed; on whose death,

Richard Pridham was admitted, January 26, 1643: patron Thomas Carew, esq.

Thomas Carew; on whose resignation,

Matthew Carew succeeded, January 3, 1671: patron Sir Thomas Carew, of Haccombe, bart. On his death,

Francis Strode became incumbent, July 22, 1684: patron Samuel Strode, gent.

Nicholas Rowe, April 29, 1709: patroness Gratiana Carewe, of Haccombe, widow.

William Penfound, December 2, 1737, on Rowe's death: patron Sir Thomas Carew, bart.

Tristram Whitter, October 7, 1754, on Penfound's death: patroness Lady Dorothy Carew.

Walter Kitson, December 4, 1776, on Whitter's death: patron Sir Thomas Carew, bart. Mr. Kitson was buried at S. Mary Major's, Exeter, of which he was rector, on Feb. 7, 1809, æt. 65.

John West Carew, September 24, 1781, on the resignation of Kitson: the same patron.

Thomas Carew, the present archpriest, succeeded July 26, 1826, on the death of his uncle, who died at Bickleigh near Tiverton, (of which he was also rector,) on the 5th and was buried there January 12, 1826, aged 70.

Haccombe church, dedicated to S. Blase, is of small dimensions, being but fifty-five feet long by thirty broad, and consists of a chancel and a nave opening into a north wing by four unadorned arches of the earliest pointed style. On July 19, 1328, bishop Grandisson dedicated the church with its two altars and cemetery, (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 53,) probably on account of certain alterations and improvements then completed by Sir Stephen de Haccombe. The outer walls and lancet windows evidently belong to a preceding century; and the bishop, in the foundation deed of the archpresbytery, expressly affirms, that this parish church had served for the burial-place of Sir Stephen de Haccombe, and of his progenitors; "in qua corpora ejus et suorum progenitorum traduntur ecclesiastice sepulture §."

Haccombe became the property of the Carew family, through Joanna, wife of Sir Nicholas Carew, knt., the lineal ancestor of the present Sir Walter Carew, bart., temp. Henry VI. and daughter of Sir Hugh de Courtenay, knt., younger brother of Edward Courtenay, earl of Devon, by Philippa, Sir Hugh's second wife, daughter and coheiress of Sir Guarinus Le Ercedekne, or archidiaconus,

* This, we presume, was the ancient parsonage-house.

† Rural decani are sometimes called archpresbyters. Constit. Benedict. XII. in Spelm. Concilia, fol. 505.

‡ This gentleman was also archdeacon of Totnes, and rector of Combinteignhead. His will was proved December 10, 1580. In it we read,—"I give to the poor of both my parishes four pounds, and to the poor of Chagford forty shillings." He leaves some jewels to his brothers Laurence and Nicholas, and makes his brother Francis whole and sole executor.

§ There is an effigy of a crusader in the south wall of the chancel: his armour is of the most rich and graceful description. This, we suspect, was not the original situation of the monument, the sedilia having been cut away to receive it. Perhaps it once reposed in a recess in the north aisle. The shield bears the arms of Haccombe, argent, 3 bends, sable. Under the first arch of the chancel are two figures, recumbent on an altar tomb, perhaps those of Hugh Courtenay, and Phillippa his second wife, granddaughter of Sir John L'Archdeacon. Under the first window of the north aisle is a recumbent figure of a female bearing the arms of Haccombe, perhaps intended for Margaret, the lady of Sir Stephen de Haccombe. Under the second window is a raised tomb, inscribed with a long cross, which, it is not unlikely, covers the remains of Rev. Robert de Pyl, whose name occurs as benefactor in the abovementioned foundation deed. Under the third and fourth window the niches are vacant, one of which may have contained the graceful female figure now in the second arch of the nave, which, we may conjecture, represented Cecily, the lady of Sir John L'Archdeacon. Rich as the church is in monuments, there were probably more at the time of the Reformation. Leland, in his Itinerary, mentions "diverse fair tumbes of the Archidikens at Hacham; diverse of the Carews be also buried in the same chirch."

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knt., son of John Le Ercedekne, by Cecilia his wife, daughter and heiress of Jurdan de Haccombe, son of Sir Stephen de Haccombe, knt., which John was son and heir of Thomas, son of Sir Odo Le Ercedekne *.

Num. I.

Fundatio archipresbyteratûs de Haccombe.

(Grandisson Regist. vol. ii. fol. 14.)

Universis, &c. Johannes, &c. salutem in sinceris amplexibus Salvatoris. Cum multa nobis sint de studio devocionis olim dilecti filii domini Stephani de Haccomb, militis, ad Deum et divini cultus augmentum in parochiali ecclesia de Haccomb, nostre diocesis, in qua ipse, dum viveret, jus obtinuit patronatus et in qua corpora ejus et suorum progenitorum traduntur ecclesiastice sepulture, placida insinuatione suggesta, ita cordi nostro est ejus intentio devota, ut ea que rationabiliter erant sibi concedenda vivo, eciam concedamus defuncto; et eo libencius, quod dilectus filius dominus Johannes Lercedekne, miles, qui sicut eidem domino Stephano in temporalibus heres substituitur, ita devocionem ipsius, cujus velut fidei commissarius fidelis curam suscepit, imitatus, explanando sepe nobis suum et dicti domini Stephani circa premissa amplectendi desiderium, et petendo sepius in declarationem devocionis dicti Stephani et sue fidei, ad divini cultus augmentum in dicta ecclesia perpetuum archipresbyteratus officium et infrascriptum presbyterorum numerum, premissa solempnitate debita, statuere sub modis et porcionibus subdistinctis. Considerantes igitur, quod illa benigno sunt concedenda favore, per que divinus cultus augeri valeat et pia defunctorum vota salubriter adimpleri, dilectos filios decanum et capitulum ecclesie nostre Exon ad tractandum una nobiscum super premissis eorum causis ad certos diem et locum peremptorie fecimus evocari, habitoque cum eis super hiis tractatu diligenti et solempni die dicta, de predictorum decani et capituli ac prefati militis et omnium aliorum, quorum interest, collaudacione et consensu, concurrentibusque omnibus et singulis que requiruntur de jure super petitis hujusmodi et circa ea in hiis scriptis, ordinamus providemus et statuimus sub hac forma, ut, videlicet, dilecto filio nunc rectore dicte ecclesie de Haccombe cedente vel decedente, persona idonea scientia et moribus ac in sacerdotio constituta, que non solum clericorum ponendorum in ea et amovendi eosdem, cum expedire videbitur, verum etiam presbyterorum predictorum et parochianorum quorumcumque ejusdem ecclesie sollicitudinem et curam gerat debitam animarum, quique per verum patronum dicte ecclesie infra tempus indultum a jure, velut archipresbyter et sub archipresbyteri vocabulo nobis et successoribus nostris Exon episcopis instituendus presentetur et instituatur archipresbyter in eadem, qui eciam mox in institutione sua prestet juxta formam constitutionis bone memorie dominorum Otonis et Ottoboni, olim sedis apostolice legatorum in Anglia de vicariis edite, faciende ibidem residencie corporalis et continue, excepta defensione necessaria seu saltem utilitate communi dicte ecclesie, juramentum; alioquin dicti archipresbyteri institutio nullius penitus sit momenti.—Item quod idem archipresbyter quinque presbyteros suos socios idoneos, nobis et successoribus nostris per eundem patronum, postquam dictus archipresbyter corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie de Haccomb et possessionem corporalem ecclesie Sancti Hugonis de Quedyock infrascripte cum majoribus fructubus ad eas (preter portionem vicarie in eadem ecclesia Sancti Hugonis per nos vel successores nostros taxande et ordinande) spectantibus, auctoritate presentis ordinationis fuerit adeptus, ac postmodum eis vel eorum subrogatis sive simul, sive separatim, cedentibus vel decedentibus, infra mensem ibidem continuum nominando nostrarum aut successorum nostrorum hujusmodi auctoritate literarum, eciam omissa solempnitate inquisitionis et inductionis in aliis servari solita, recipiat et secum habeat; quos cessante causa rationabili nolumus a quoquam amoveri; per quos autem omnes divinum officium in predicta ecclesia de Haccomb devote et solempniter celebretur, ut, videlicet, preter horas canonicas quas dicent cum nota quolibet die, missam convenientem dici et aliam de beata Virgine Dei genitrice cum nota, necnon terciam de mortuis cum pleno officio mortuorum ordine servari solito, cessante impedimento legitimo, cotidie sine nota, preterquam in anniversariis, psallere et dicere teneantur. In quibus missis et aliis oracionum suffragiis pro salubri statu nostro et nobilis viri domini Hugonis de Courtenay comitis Devon, dictique domini Johannis Lercedekne et domine Cecilie, uxoris sue, suorumque liberorum, necnon Margarete quondam uxoris domini Stephani de Haccombe, militis, et domini Roberti de Pyl, clerici, dum vixerimus et vixerint, ac pro animabus ipsorum et nostra cum ab hac luce migraverimus et migraverint; et specialiter pro animabus domini Stephani predicti fundatoris, et domini Thome Lercedekne militis, patris domini domini Johannis, ac domine Matilde matris ejusdem, necnon Jordani de Haccomb et Isabelle uxoris sue, omniumque fidelium in Christo quiescentium, orare specialiter teneantur; proviso quod unus de presbiteris hujusmodi cotidie pro statu nostro ac predictorum omnium et animabus nostris ac predictorum nominatim expressorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum celebrare cotidie teneatur; quodque vicissim hebdomadarios se constituant, dictique presbyteri prefatum archipresbyterum, cum oporteat, juvent in cure executione animarum, ejusdem judicio et ordinationi in hiis que decentie sunt et honestatis se subjicient cum omni reverentia et timore. Statuimus insuper et ordinamus quod idem archipresbyter ratione sui regiminis animarum et supportationis sui aliorumque onerum ejusdem ecclesie, ad instar aliorum beneficiatorum nostre diocesis et curam animarum habentium, disponendi de bonis ejusdem ecclesie plenam et liberam habeat facultatem, proviso tamen quod tam ipse quam alii presbyteri predicti, quos per eum volumus sibi socios appellari, sub eodem tecto simul se reficiant et cohabitent in communi. Quodque volumus idem archipresbyter de bonis ad dictam ecclesiam spectantibus, singulis predictis presbyteris pro stipendiis et vestibus, preter et ultra victualia statui eorum competencia, que ipse administrabit eisdem, xi marcas sterlingorum ad festa Sancti Michaelis et pasche per equales porciones singulis annis solvere teneatur. Et sibi caveat tam idem archipresbyter quam presbyteri quod sic in refectione et cohabitatione ita pares sint, si comode poterint, in vestis colore et honestate, et, ut eorum unicuique provideri valeat primitus de decentia, non queratur quod preciosum est vel subtile sed quod utile valeat inveniri. Sint eciam vestes super tunicam clause, precincte, et non scisse, utanturque singuli in executione divini officii superpelliceis et nigris almiciis omnibus diebus velut vicarii in nostra ecclesia cathedrali: habeant eciam duos clericali caractere insignitos in arte legendi et cantandi sufficienter instructos, x solidos sterlingorum pro vestibus et suis necessariis ultra victualia annua juxta gradum et condicionem eorum a dicto archipresbytero percepturos, qui cum eis cantent et divinum ministerium in suis ordinibus exequantur, et alias in eorum domesticis negociis sint, juxta jussum dicti archipresbyteri et mandatum, si et quando expediet, occupati. Si vero contigit dictorum presbyterorum aliquem coram suo competente judice in peccato carnis legitime convictum, ita quod sit quodamodo incorrigibilis, vel extra dictam ecclesiam celebrare, nisi causa rationabilis suberit a predicto archipresbytero approbata, a predicta societate amoveatur protinus summarie et de plano, ac sine judiciorum strepitu et figura, et alius loco amoti idoneus modo premisso subrogetur. Quia vero dicta ecclesia de Haccomb ad complendum hujusmodi salubre propositum non sufficit, parochialem ecclesiam Sancti Hugonis de Quedyk dicte nostre diocesis, in qua dictus videlicet dominus Stephanus, dum viveret, optinuit, Johannesque suus heres jus ad presens obtinet patronatus, de collaudatione et consensu unanimi decani et capituli nostri, predictorum necnon omnium et singulorum aliorum quorum interest, predictique multa instancia militis et heredis, cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis dicte ecclesie de Haccomb et officio archipresbyteratus predicti et presbyteris in dicta ecclesia domino, ut premittitur, servituris, in subportacionem dictorum onerum pontificali auctoritate concedimus, appropriamus et unimus, juribus et dignitate nostre Exon.

* The arms of the Haccombes are, argent, three bends, sable; of the Ercedeknes, argent, three chevrons, sable.

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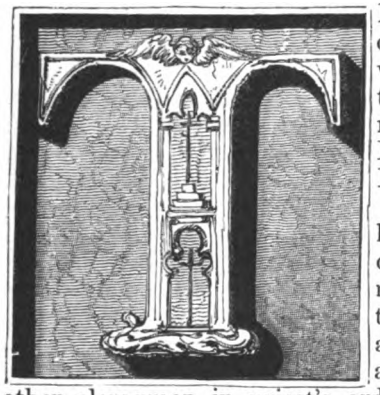
ecclesie et archidiaconorum locorum in omnibus semper salvis. Ita quod auctoritate appropriationis et unionis hujusmodi, cedente vel decedente dilecto filio ad presens ejusdem ecclesie rectore, factaque inde nobis et successoribus nostris fide, prefatus archipresbiter suo dicteque ecclesie de Haccomb ac presbiterorum predictorum nomine per se vel alium seu alios ejusdem ecclesie Sancti Hugonis possessionem libere apprehendere et tenere fructusque ejusdem in usus predictos committere valeat, nostra (nec alterius cujuscumque) licencia unice requisita; reservata tamen de ejusdem ecclesie fructubus et proventibus perpetuo vicario canonice instituto in ea assignanda per nos porcione congrua, ex qua idem vicarius comode sustentari possit et episcopalia jura solvere aliaque sibi incumbencia onera supportare, quam collationi nostre ordinarie et successorum nostrorum de consensu dicti militis specialiter reservamus. Rursus premissis admittimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris Exon. episcopis, quod in vacationibus singulis predicti archipresbyteratus illa perceptione proventuum ratione custodie durante vacatione hujusmodi contentari volumus et debemus, quam idem archipresbiter, si viveret, esset pro porcione sua discreta et libera percepturus. Ut autem contra dispendium quod parari possit forsitan eidem ecclesie pro premissa deliberacione debite consulatur, statuimus et ordinamus quod dictus archipresbyter, in signum recordacionis beneficii hujus, annis singulis mox, postquam et earum ecclesiarum de Haccomb et Sancti Hugonis de Quedyk possessionem auctoritate presentis ordinacionis apprehenderit, v marcas sterlingorum in subsidium fabrice prefate ecclesie nostre committendas in scaccario dicte ecclesie nostre in festis predictis equis porcionibus, et 1 marcam pro obitu dicte Matilde Lercedekne, matris domini domini Johannis Lercedekne, et ejusdem Johannis, cum ab hac luce migraverit, secunda die post festum Sancti Bartholomei apostoli in eadem ecclesia Exon. tenendo, inter canonicos et alios ministros dicte ecclesie tunc presentes per clericum scaccarii dividendam dicto die in scaccario predicto solvere per juramenti vinculum teneatur. Reservata nobis, et successoribus nostris, premissis addendi et ea mutandi, corrigendi, et interpretandi ac muniendi potestate. In cujus rei, etc. etc.

Archpresbytery of Bere-Ferrers,

IN THE DEANERY OF TAMERTON.



THE manor of Beerferris, on the banks of the Tavy, was long the residence of the noble Norman family of Des Ferrières, De Ferrariis, or, in English, Ferrers *.

Sir William de Ferrariis, having rebuilt the parish church, was desirous of making it collegiate. For this purpose he assigned a sufficient endowment for an archpriest and four other clergymen in priest's orders, who were to live in common under the same roof. Provision was also made for an assistant deacon or subdeacon, or at least a clerk. The community were to perform the daily and nightly office in the church, and to offer up perpetual prayers for the prosperity of the founder and his lady Matilda during their lives, and for their souls after their death, as also for the souls of Reginald de Ferrers and his wife Margery, and the souls of Sir Roger de Carminow, knt., and his lady Joan; and the bishops of Exeter were to be remembered, both living and dead. Bishop Grandisson, and the dean and chapter of his cathedral, approved and confirmed this foundation on Jan. 17, 1333–4, but secured the yearly payment therefrom of 20*s*. for the chorister boys of Exeter cathedral.

* The Norman family is believed to have derived its surname from the seigneury of S. Hilaire de Ferrières: "Les seigneurs de Ferrières prenaient, à cause de l'ancienneté et de l'importance primitive de leur forges, le titre de premiers barons fossiers de Normandie." Pluquet, Roman de Rou, vol. ii. p. 232, n. If this be the same family, they exchanged their iron works abroad for a more precious inheritance of silver mines in Devonshire. The argentiferous lead-mines in the parish of Bere, or Birland as it was sometimes called, are said to have been very productive, and certainly were extensively worked, in the reigns of Edward I. and II.; but there is reason to believe that the prerogative of the crown did not permit the lords of Bere to reap the profits; for the warden of the royal mines accounted to the exchequer for the produce, and, as late as Henry VI., the lessee of the crown enjoyed the mines under their undoubted inheritance. The original accounts are in the chapter-house at Westminster; and in Plowden's Commentaries, in the Case of Mines, p. 320, the reader will find other records adduced relating to this property.—S.

The founder did not long survive his charitable work; for we find in bishop Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 219, that his relict and executrix, Matilda, obtained from the bishop, on Dec. 15, 1338, an acknowledgment of having well and faithfully administered to her late husband's property, and that only the sum of £20 remained in arrear, "ad completionem cantarie de Biry." The portraits of these founders may still be seen in the east window of the church, and in the drawings, by Stothard, in Lysons' Devonshire, part i. p. cccxxvi.

Reginald Pipard was the rector at the time of this foundation, on whose resignation shortly after,

Walter de Godemewy was presented to bishop Grandisson by the founder, and was instituted as archpriest March 23, 1334. (See Reg. vol. iii. fol. 32.)

John de Boterworth succeeded to the vacant office July 2, 1349. Patron, Sir John de Ferrariis, knt.

Walter de Ayssheford was admitted to the vacant archpresbytery Nov. 4, 1351. Patron as before.

As the right of patronage was annexed to the manor, it descended, on the death of Sir John, to his son Martin de Ferrers. An inquisition, reported in Lacy's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 244, states that Alexander Champernoun and Thomas Boneville succeeded to it in right of their wives, and that Sir John Cornwaylle shared in the patronage as guardian of John Flemyng, and that subsequently the parties agreed to assign the whole patronage of Beer-Ferrers to the Champernoun family.

Richard Monk was the next archpriest, whose institution is not recorded; on his death

Roger Monk was instituted Feb. 17, 1416–17. Patrons, Sir John Cornwayll, knt., Alexander Champeruoun, and Thomas Bonevyle, esqrs. (Stafford's Reg. vol. ii. fol. 182.)

John Monk succeeded, June 16, 1417, on Roger's cession; patrons as in the last instance; on whose death

William Chyke was admitted May 26, 1449. Patron, Roger, son of Alexander Champernoun, esq.; on whose death

Walter Kynnecote succeeded, June 23, 1452. Same patron.

James Molyneux, on whose resignation

Robert Williamson admitted Dec. 21, 1500. Patron, Robert Willoughby, Lord Broke (Redmayne's Register, fol. 19); on whose resignation

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Owen Watson, Dec. 13, 1507. Patron as in the last instance; on whose death

William Willoughby succeeded, April 21, 1533. Patron, pro hac vice, Walter Seymour, by virtue of Lord de Broke's grant. (Veysey's Reg. fol. 64.) This William died in 1565, and the archpresbytery appears to have expired with him.

In the taxation of king Hen. VIII. it is simply styled a rectory, but it continued to be charged with the yearly payment of 20*s*. to the choristers of Exeter cathedral, as fixed by bishop Grandisson in the deed annexed*.

Fundatio archipresbyteratûs de Bir.

(Grandisson Regist. vol. ii. fol. 8†.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos pervenerit hec scriptura Johannes, etc. salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Quia presentis vite condicio statum habet instabilem et ea que visibilem habent essentiam tendunt visibiliter ad non esse, dilectus filius dominus Willielmus de Ferariis, miles, hoc salubriter cogitans et ea racione desiderans diem sue peregrinacionis extremum salubri disposicione prevenire nobis cum instancia supplicavit ut in parochiali ecclesia de Bir nostre diocesis, in qua idem miles jus optinet patronatus quamque ex devocione de novo construxit competenter suis sumptibus et decenter, perpetuum archipresbiteratus officium et infrascriptum presbiterorum numerum ad divini cultus augmentum modis et porcionibus subdistinctis pontificali auctoritate statuere et ordinare, servata solempnitate debita, curaremus. Considerantes igitur quod illa sunt benigno concedenda favore per que divinus cultus augeri valeat et salus animarum non mediocriter procurari, dilectos filios capitulum ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exonie ad tractandum una nobiscum super premissis et eorum causis ad subscriptos diem et locum peremptorie fecimus evocari habitoque cum eis super hiis tractatu solempni et diligenti dicto die, demum de predicti capituli nostri et prefati militis ac omnium aliorum et singulorum quorum interest collaudacione et consensu, concurrentibus omnibus aliis et singulis que requiruntur de jure, super petitis hujusmodi per dictum militem et circa ea in scriptis ordinavimus, providimus, et statuimus sub forma quam, ut clarius pateat exemplum, presentibus fecimus annotari, ut videlicet, dilecto filio Reginaldo nunc rectore predicte ecclesie de Bir cedente vel decedente, persona idonea sciencia et moribus ac sacerdocio constituta, que non solum clerici ponendi in eadem et amovendi cum expediens videbitur unum eciam presbyterorum predictorum et parochianorum quorumcumque predicte ecclesie sollicitudinem et curam animarum gerat et excerceat in eadem, queque per unum patronum ejusdem ecclesie infra duos menses ab ipsius vacacionis tempore continue numerandos velud archipresbiter et appellacione archipresbiteri necnon omnibus et singulis vacacionibus aliis predicti archipresbiteratus modo premisso nobis et successoribus nostris Exoniensibus episcopis instituendis presentetur et instituatur archipresbiter in eodem, mox in institucione sua hujusmodi prestito per eum juxta formam constitucionis reverendorum patrum Otonis et Octobonis quondam sedis apostolice in Anglia legatorum faciende ibidem residencie corporalis et continue juramento, alioquin ipsius archipresbiteri institucio nullius penitus sit momenti. Si vero predictus patronus in mora fuerit infra predictum terminum presentandi, ad nos et successores nostros Exonienses episcopos ea vice predicti archipresbiteri provisio devolvatur. Item quod idem archipresbiter quatuor presbiteros suos socios idoneos et honestos nobis et successoribus nostris hujusmodi qui pro tempore fuerint per eundem patronum post creacionem predicti archipresbiteri ac postmodum eis vel eorum subrogatis cedentibus seu decedentibus infra prefatum terminum nominandos et nostrarum ac successorum nostrorum hujusmodi auctoritate, litterarum omissa solempnitate qualibet inquisicionis et inductionis in aliis servari solite, loco cedencium vel decedencium presbiterorum predictorum subrogandos recipiat et secum optineat, quos cessante causa racionabili nolumus a quoquam amoveri et per eos omnes divinum officium diurnum pariter et nocturnum in predicta ecclesia de Bir convenienter et debite celebretur, ut videlicet preter horas canonicas missam de die, plenum servicium tam pro vivis quam pro defunctis, scilicet, Placebo et Dirige et commendacionem animarum necnon tres missas pro mortuis cum officio Requiem eternam et quartam de beata Maria Dei Genetrice, cessante impedimento legitimo, cotidie dicere teneantur. In quibus missis et aliis oracionum suarum suffragiis pro salubri statu predicti militis et Matildis uxoris ejusdem ac nostro, necnon liberorum predictorum militis et Matildis dum vixerint et vixerimus, et pro animabus eorundem et nostra cum ab hac luce migraverint vel migraverimus, et pro animabus Reginaldi de Ferariis militis ac Margerie uxoris sue necnon Rogeri de Carminow militis ac eciam Johanne uxoris sue et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum specialiter orare, matutinas quoque et alias horas canonicas nocturnas et diurnas missas de die et de beata Virgine Maria, cessante impedimento legitimo, psallere teneantur. Proviso quod prima missa hora prima diei vel tercia de beata Maria et de die ultima medie vero pro defunctis diebus singulis celebretur. Proviso eciam quod vicissim ebdomadarii existant ipsum quoque archipresbiterum predicti presbiteri cum oporteat in cura juvent et regimine animarum ejusque judicio et ordinacioni tam in hiis que Dei sunt quam honestatis se subjiciant cum omni reverencia et timore, ad que ipsorum singulos in eorum admissione corporali astringi volumus juramento. Statuimus insuper et ordinamus quod idem archipresbiter racione regiminis animarum et supportacionis sue aliorum onerum eidem ecclesie ad instar aliorum curatorum disponendi de bonis ejusdem ecclesie plenam et liberam habeat facultatem. Proviso tamen quod tam ipse quam alii presbiteri supradicti, quos per eum volumus sibi socios appellari, sub eodem tecto simul continue se reficiant et habitent, quodque nichilominus idem archipresbiter de bonis provenientibus de predicta ecclesia singulis presbiteris predictis pro stipendiis et vestibus preter et ultra victualia que subministrabit eisdem duas marcas sterlingorum ad festa Sancti Michaelis et Pasche per equales porciones annis singulis solvere teneatur; et sibi caveant tam iidem archipresbiter quam sacerdotes quod sicut in refeccione et cohabitacione, ita pares sint, si commode poterint, in vestis colore et honestate. Et ut eorum unicuique provideri valeat eo prompcius de dicta veste non queratur quod preciosum vel subtile, set quod utile valeat inveniri; sit eciam vestis ipsa rotunda per circuitum et non cissa; utantur quoque singuli in execucione divini officii superpelliciis et nigris almuciis, velut vicarii in nostra ecclesia cathedrali. Habeant eciam unum in diaconatus vel subdiaconatus ordine constitutum vel saltem clericali caractere insignitum in arte legendi et cantandi sufficienter instructum octo solidos sterlingorum pro vestibus et aliis necessariis suis ultra victualia annuatim percepturum ab eodem, qui secum cantet et divinum ministerium exequatur et aliis in eorum communibus negociis intrinsecis sit, si expediat et deceat, occupatus prout idem archipresbiter duxerit ordinandum. Si vero contigerit dictorum presbiterorum aliquem coram eodem judice competenti uno vel pluribus seu eciam coram dicto archipresbitero et de peccato carnis legitime convinci manifeste, vel extra dictam ecclesiam celebrari nisi racionabilis causa suberit a predicto archipresbitero approbata, vel forsan predictus patronus aliquem eorum secum optaverit pro missis celebrandis seu aliis negociis racionabilibus et honestis, quo casu volumus absentem presbiterum hujusmodi ultra quindecim dies a dicta ecclesia in absencia remanere, monicione precedente legitima competenti tempore facta, a societate predicta auctoritate diocesana amoveatur protinus et alius loco ejusdem idoneus modo premisso subrogetur. Singuli insuper presbiteri prenominati dicto archipresbitero singulis mensibus ad confessionem semel accedant. Nullusque eorum discordiam provocet, conclamacionem moveat, impetumve committat. Ad hec premissis adjicimus pro nobis et successoribus nostris Exoniensibus

* A Capella Sanctæ Trinitatis, in this parish, was licensed Oct. 19, 1435.

† See also Pat. 2 Edw. III. p. 1, mem. 6, for the royal confirmation.

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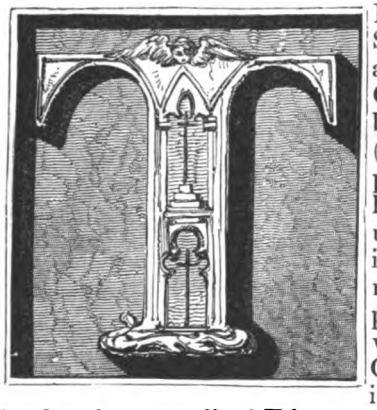
episcopis quod in vacacionibus singulis predicti archipresbiteratus illa percepcione proventuum racione custodie durante vacacione hujusmodi contentari volumus et debemus, quos idem archipresbiter, si viveret, esset pro porcione sua discreta libere percepturus. Ut autem contra dispendium quod parari posset forsitan ecclesie nostre Exoniensis per modificacionem hujusmodi deliberacione provida consulatur, statuimus et ordinamus modo premissorum quod predictus archipresbiter archipresbiteratus predicti nomine annis singulis ad quatuor anni terminos principales camere capituli predicte nostre ecclesie viginti solidos sterlingorum in melioracionem victus puerorum chorustarum in ipsa ecclesia nostra psallencium et ministrancium integraliter convertendos eciam per juramenti vinculum perpetuo solvere teneatur. Quos quidem pueros chorustas singulos artari volumus quod singulis annis futuris temporibus imperpetuum postquam predictam pensionem perceperint die obitus tam dicti domini Willielmi militis quam Matildis uxoris sue predicte, singula psalteria dicere teneantur, juribus nostris episcopalibus ac loci archidiaconi ecclesieque nostre Exoniensis dignitate ac predicta pensione viginti solidorum annua in omnibus semper salvis. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem pleniorem sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in domo capitulari predicte ecclesie nostre xvij die mensis Januarii anno Domini M°CCC^mo tricesimo tercio et consecracionis nostre septimo. Et NOS capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exoniensis sepedicte premissis ordinacioni provisioni et statuto per dictum patrem ut premittitur habitis et factis nostrum expressum prebemus assensum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune sub die mense anno et loco predictis hiis duximus apponendum. Et EGO Willielmus de Ferariis miles predictus premissis omnibus quatenus ad me attinet expressum prebeo assensum et sigillum meum hiis apposui in testimonium premissorum.

Collegiate Church of S. Mary Magdalene, Chumleigh,

IN THE DEANERY OF CHUMLEIGH.



THE collegiate church of S. Mary Magdalene was annexed to the barony of Oakhampton, in which, as bishop Grandisson states (reg. vol. iii. f. 158) were six prebends. It is mentioned here chiefly in order to clear up an apparent confusion in the registers as to the names and number of the prebends. The founder was doubtless a lord of Okehampton, but his name is unknown, as is admitted in the chantry roll of Edward VI. now remaining in the Augmentation Office *.

In bishop Brantyngham's register (vol. ii. fol. 72) occurs the prebend Overheighes, which is the same which bishop Redmayne (fol. 2) styles "Overhaye."

In bishop Brantyngham's register (vol. ii. fol. 15) he mentions the prebend Puella. In fol. 100 he calls it Puellarum; and bishop Lacy (vol. ii. fol. 248) calls it Le Mayden, alias Denys.

The prebend of Dene occurs in Lacy's Register (vol. ii. fol. 209).

The prebend of Bookelond, or Bucklond, occurs in Grandisson's register (vol. i. fol. 201), and in Vesey's register (fols. 46 and 70).

The prebend of Penelles is mentioned in Brantyngham's register (vol. ii. fol. 75); yet in bishop Bothe's register (fol. 18) Penelles and Northeraye are considered as the same prebend.

The fact is, that the six prebends were originally, 1. Overheighes, or Overhayne, or Hyherhaynes. 2. Puelle, or Puellarum, or Mayden. 3. Denys, or Dene. 4. Bucklond. 5. Penelles. 6. Netherhayne; and that, subsequently to bishop Grandisson's time, they were reduced to five, by uniting Denys, or Dene, to Puelle, or Puellarum, or Mayden.

In pope Nicholas's Taxatio, the six prebends are rated at £8. 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the tenths at 17*s.* 4½*d.*

All these prebends were in the gift of the Courtenay family, until the attainder of Henry Courtenay, Marquis of Exeter, in 1539. John de Courtenay presented to a prebend on April 23, 1260, on the dismissal of Theobald, who had forfeited his prebend "pro eo quod idem Theobaldus uxoratus est, sicut constat et declaratur per sentenciam officialis Exonie." (See Bronescombe's register, fols. 12 and 13.) We read in vol. ii. fol. 188, of Grandisson's register, his license, dated Clist, March 18, 1334, to the then rector, Wm. Hole, to let out for building or cultivation, at a yearly rent, certain lands in the borough of Chumlegh, which belonged to the church there †.

In bishop Veysey's return to the royal writ in 1536, he thus states the matter:—

	£.	s.	d.
Rectoria de Chumlegh ubi Robertus Webber est rector, valet per annum	20	18	1½
Ibidem quinque prebende sunt:			
viz. 1. De Bucklonde, ubi Thomas Taylor est prebendarius	4	8	4
2. De Dean, ubi Willielmus Harveye est prebendarius	4	6	8
3. De Loher Hayne, ubi David Hensley est prebendarius . .	5	–	–
4. De Hyher Hayne, ubi Johannes Turner est prebendarius . .	5	13	4
5. De Penles, ubi Johannes Fowke est prebendarius	5	–	–

* See Lysons' Devonshire, pt. ii. p. 109, where some account is given of the present appropriation of the collegiate property.

† Capella Sancti Edmundi episcopi in Coleton, within the parish of Chumleigh, is mentioned in bishop Stafford's Register on July 3, 1402.

In Lacy's Register (vol. iii. fol. 10) mention is made of S. Mary's chapel at Attewille, and also of S. Nectans, June 6, 1421, in the parish of Chumleigh. S. James's, at Wyk, was licensed July 5, 1453.

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Valor ecclesiasticus temp. Henry VIII.

Chulmelegh.

Rectoria ibidem, unde Robertus Webber clericus est rector, valet per annum, scilicet:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In redditu assise de le glebe land	–	c	–			
Decima garbarum	vi	vi	viii			
Lane	–	xl	–			
Agnellorum	–	xxvi	viii			
Porcellorum et aucarum	–	ii	viii			
Oblacionibus	–	xx	–			
Decimis predialibus et aliis emolumentis in libro paschali existentibus communibus annis	v	xiii	iv	xx	xviii	i
Ultra ii^{s}. ij^{d}. solutos episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuratione communibus annis						
ii^{s}. v^{d}. solutos eidem episcopo ac archidiacono et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico annuatim imperpetuum						
Et vi^{s}. viii^{d}. solutos archidiacono Barum et successoribus suis pro procuratione annuatim imperpetuum						
Sic omnibus allocationibus deductis remanet clare						
Inde pro decima				–	xli	ix ob' q'

Prebenda de Hegher Heyne, in Chulmelegh.

Prebenda ibidem, unde Johannes Tournour est prebendarius, valet per annum, scilicet:

In redditu assisse certarum terrarum et tenementorum in Chulmlegh predicta	–	xlvi	viii			
Decima garbarum	–	xiii	iiij			
Lane	–	xx	–	–	cxiij	iiij
Agnellorum	–	xx	–			
Et in aliis emolumentis	–	xiij	iiij			
Summa						
Ex donacione Henrici marchionis Exon, sed cujus fundacione ignoratur.						
Inde pro decima				–	xj	iiij

Prebenda de Penels ibidem.

Prebenda ibidem, unde Johannes Foke est prebendarius, valet per annum:

In redditu assise certarum terrarum et tenementorum in Chulmelegh predicta	–	xl	–			
Decima garbarum	–	xxiij	viii			
Agnellorum	–	x	–	–	c	–
Lane	–	xiij	iiij			
Lacticinii	–	x	–			
Vitulorum	–	iij	–			
Ex donacione predicti Henrici.						
Inde pro decima				–	x	–

Prebenda de Denes ibidem.

Prebenda ibidem, unde Philippus Hervy est prebendarius, valet per annum, scilicet:

In redditu assise certarum terrarum in Chulmelegh predicta	–	xxvi	viij			
Decima garbarum	–	xxxiij	iiij			
Agnellorum	–	vi	viij	iiij	vi	viij
Vitulorum	–	iij	iiij			
Lane	–	x	–			
Lacticinii	–	vi	viij			
Ex donacione predicti Henrici.						
Inde pro decima				–	viij	viij

Prebenda de Lawerhayne ibidem.

Prebenda ibidem, unde David Hensley est prebendarius, valet per annum, scilicet:

In redditu assisse certarum terrarum et tenementorum in Chulmelegh predicta	–	xl	–			
Decima garbarum	–	xx				
Lane	–	xiij	iiij	–	c	–
Agnellorum	–	vi	viij			
Et aliis emolumentis	–	xx	–			
Ex donacione predicti Henrici marchionis Exonie.						
Inde pro decima				–	x	–

Prebenda de Bokelond ibidem.

Prebenda ibidem, unde Robertus Taillor est prebendarius, ex donacione predicti Henrici, valet per annum, scilicet:

In redditu assisse certarum terrarum et tenementorum in Chulmelegh predicta	–	xl	–			
Decima garbarum	–	xiij	iiij			
Lane	–	x	–	iiij	viij	iiij
Agnellorum	–	vi	viij			
Et aliorum emolumentorum	–	xviii	iiij			
Summa						
Inde pro decima				–	viij	x

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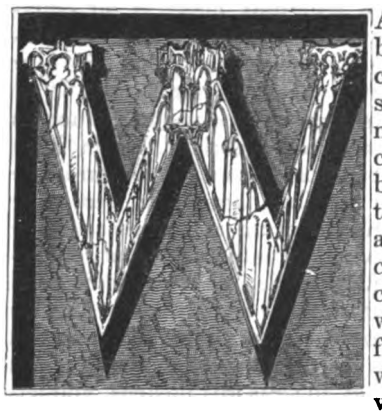
Hospital of S. Gabriel, Clist,

IN THE DEANERY OF AYLESBEARE.



ALTER Bronescombe, bishop of Exeter, purchased of Richard Fomison, then lord of the manor of Sowton*, an estate called Bronsburhe for the benefit of the see of Exeter, together with the advowson of the parish church dedicated to S. Michael. The consideration which Fomison received from the worthy bishop was twenty pounds of silver, and an estate, then called De la More, which consisted of about 200 acres. The transfer was executed in the most public manner, and was attested by the most respected and honourable gentlemen of the neighbourhood. The deed itself is fortunately preserved in the register† of that bishop, and certainly lends no countenance to the unfounded charge of a swindling transaction, which Hoker, Godwin, Westcott, Risdon, and Izacke, have ventured to attach to this purchase. The deed will be found in the Appendix, Num. I.

On the estate of Bronsburhe, which perhaps was part of the tithing of Clist Sachville, though actually in Farringdon parish, this bishop may have erected that "goodly manor place," as Leland describes this favourite episcopal residence (Itinerary, vol. iii. p. 55), to which the stranger and traveller were welcomed with the hospitable invitation inscribed on its gateway:—

JANUA PATET . COR MAGIS.

Within the precincts of this commodious palace Bronescombe founded the chantry chapel of S. Gabriel; and having obtained of Robert Giffard ‡, a canon of Exeter cathedral, the advowson and patronage of the adjoining parish church of Farringdon for the sum of forty marks, he, in the year 1276, appropriated the income of that benefice to the support of the two priests who served the chapel, reserving what was then estimated as a sufficient maintenance for the vicar of Farringdon. The arrangement held good for about the space of forty years, when the provision was complained of by a vicar of that church as totally inadequate to his increasing expenses and burthens. In lieu of the tithes accruing from the domain of the bishop of Exeter in Farringdon parish, the vicar received but a customary acknowledgment of £2 6*s.* 8*d.* Bishop Stapeldon was satisfied that a change was required by the circumstances of the times; and, having acquired an accession of means from the property that had devolved to him by the will of his predecessor, Thomas Bitton, decided on removing the chapel of S. Gabriel § from the manor-house or palace to the village of Bishop's Clist, within the limits of his manor. This was done in the year 1311; and on Tuesday, December 28, in that year, the bishop collated Robert de Gosham "ad quandam perpetuam cantariam in nova capella de Clystbrigg" (Register, fol. 66). Ten years later he assigned to the vicar all the tithes, great and small, in Farringdon parish ‖, with all the oblations and obventions, but charged the vicarage with the yearly payment of eleven marks, or £7 6*s.* 8*d.*, to the chapel of S. Gabriel; and with the payment of another mark, or 13*s.* 4*d.*, per annum, to the rector of Sowton; in all, a clear total sum of £8. The bishop's Ordinatio to this effect bears date Sept. 28, 1321. (Reg. fol. 164.) The reader will find in the Appendix the deed of Robert Giffard, and Bronescombe's deed of appropriation of the church of Faringdon.

The pension of eleven marks, payable by the vicar to the hospital and chapel of S. Gabriel at Clist, was reduced by bishop Grandisson to the sum of 40*s.*, "et non ultra quicquam," Sept. 29, 1360. (Post, Num. VI.)

The site of the new inclosure in the manor of Clist Gabriel, or Bishop's Clist, or Clist Sachville, comprised about an acre. It was bounded on the south-west by the high road leading to Sidmouth; on the other three sides by the parish of Sowton. From being a residence for two priests it became enlarged into an hospital or asylum for twelve blind, infirm, or superannuated clergymen, who lived in common. In case of death, a moiety of such property as they might leave went to the improvement of the general stock. Frequently a canon of Exeter cathedral, or some respectable ecclesiastic; occasionally the rector of Sowton; was appointed by the bishop to be the custos or warden to guard the interests and superintend the administration of this valuable and benevolent institution. From documents dated August 20, 1375, Dec. 28, 1386, (Brantyngham's register, ad finem, vol. ii. fol. 25 & 50.) we collect that the stewards of the exchequer of Exeter cathedral were bound to pay towards its support forty-three marks per annum; which sum had been reserved, hâc de causâ, from the benefices of Westlegh and S. Melan, appropriated to the dean and chapter by his predecessors. Occasionally laymen were permitted to be buried within the precincts in its chapel. Thus Thomas Granger, "familiaris domini episcopi Edmundi Stafford," by his will, dated Oct. 31, 1406 and proved Feb. 24 following, directs his interment therein, and bequeaths 6*s.* 8*d.* to its high altar ¶. (Stafford's Reg. vol. i.)

Bishop Oldham, Feb. 13, 1508, appropriated the revenue of this establishment to the custos and vicars of Exeter cathedral, of which, however, within forty years, they

* So called from the situation of the land, south of the Clist river. In the beginning of bishop Stapeldon's register is a list of the manors belonging, in 1307, to the see of Exeter, with their yearly rentals. This of Clist paid to the bishop only £6 2*s.* 2½*d.* per annum; viz. at Michaelmas quarter, £1 13*s.* 11½*d.*; at each of the other three quarters, £1 9*s.* 5*d.* We conceive that the Clist mentioned in Domesday as belonging to the church of Exeter, is no other than Honiton's Clist.

† Bishop Bronescombe has the merit of having commenced the registers of his see, viz. Dec. 26, 1257. In this interesting small folio volume occur several cancellations that were made with the pen of some person who, after the murder of bishop Stapeldon in October, 1326, became the purchaser of the book, and detained it for a considerable period: "qui registrum post necem secundi Walteri emit, et retinuit multum diu." See the note prefixed to the MS.

‡ He died in 1282. On Nov. 22 that year, his canonry, void by his death, was bestowed by bishop Quivil on Andrew de Kilkenny. (Reg. fol. 119.) Was not Giffard also rector of Clovelly?

§ The ancient chapel in the palace continued for more than two centuries afterwards to be sanctified by the word of God and prayer, and was the scene of many ordinations. We are informed that this building still remains, but is converted to domestic purposes.

‖ The lay tenement of Lawdecote in this parish was held of the bishop by the duty of personally superintending the mowers of the manor on bedrip or reaping days. The vicar, Robert de Patrica, on July 5, 1311, was allowed for once to act by proxy. (See Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 63.)

¶ "In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Thomas Granger, compos mentis tamen eger corpore, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Imprimis, lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in capella Sancti Gabrielis de Clyst. Item do, lego et concedo Johanni Graunger omnia terras et tenementa mea in comitatu Staffordie. Item do et lego eidem Johanni Graunger filio meo xiiis. iiiid. Item do et concedo summo altari capelle predicte vis. viiid. Item do, lego et concedo residuum omnium bonorum meorum Alicie uxori mee sub hac conditione, quod ipsa solvet et satisfaciat omnia debita mea quibuscumque creditoribus meis. Et ad istud testamentum performandum ordino executores meos Aliciam uxorem meam et Johannem Cauley. In cujus rei testimonium presenti testimento meo sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Clyst ultimo die Octobris, anno Domini millesimo cccvi."

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were deprived in the reign of King Edward VI. Queen Elizabeth, highly to her honour, restored to the custos and vicars, on July 5, 1585, "the chapel of Clist Gabriel, with its emoluments, rights, and appurtenances."

Num. I.

Carta Ricardi Fomyson Waltero episcopo.

(Insut. ad finem registri Bronscombe.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Fomyson, dominus de Clist-Fomyson, dedi, concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi venerabili patri Waltero Dei gratia Exonie episcopo, totam terram meam de Bronsburhe, illam, scilicet, quam idem dominus Walterus fossato inclusit et imparcavit: Dedi etiam et concessi dicto domino Waltero cum predicta terra advocationem ecclesie de Clistfomyson. Tenendum et habendum dicto domino Waltero et successoribus suis episcopis Exonie libere quiete integre et in pace jure hereditario imperpetuum, reddendo inde annuatim michi et heredibus meis unam rosam ad festum beati Johannis Baptiste, vel infra quindenam ante vel post, pro omnibus serviciis, sacramentis fidelitatis, sectis curiarum, wardis, releviis et omnimodis auxiliis et demandis ac etiam omnibus aliis exactionibus secularibus tam non nominatis quam nominatis; nec tenetur dominus Walterus episcopus nec successores sui pro ulla summonitione vel districtione ad curiam meam vel heredum meorum vel assignatorum meorum imposterum venire. Et ego Ricardus et heredes mei, et quicumque tenuerit manerium de Clistfomyson in toto vel in parte, tenemur warentizare, acquietare, et defendere dictam terram cum advocatione dicte ecclesie dicto domino Waltero episcopo et successoribus suis episcopis Exonie contra omnes homines et feminas imperpetuum. Pro hac autem donatione concessione et warentizatione dedit mihi dictus dominus Walterus viginti libras argenti pre manibus et totam terram de la More quam Ricardus Fomyson pater meus dedit Willielmo patri meo. Quod ut ratum, firmum, et stabile permaneat imperpetuum presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus; dominis Guydone de Nonant, Johanne de Hydon, Rogero le Arceneske, Hugone de Ralegh, Mattheo de Eglosheyl, militibus; Andrea de Powderham, Johanne le Chamberlayn, et aliis.

Num. II.

Carta Roberti Giffard Waltero episcopo.

(Ibid. inter fol. 9 et 10.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Giffard, canonicus Exonie, dedi, concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi venerabili patri domino Waltero, Dei gratia Exoniensi episcopo, unum messuagium, unum gardinum, et unam clavam* terre in Ferndon, una cum advocatione ecclesie de Ferndon cum omnibus eorum pertinentiis, tenendum et habendum dicto domino episcopo et successoribus et assignatis suis, vel cuicunque dare, vendere, assignare, appropriare, vel legare, voluerit, in quocunque statu fuerit, de capitalibus dominis libere et quiete in perpetuum, salvis duodecim denariis dominis de Ferndon, et uno denario heredibus Galfridi de la Bruere per annum ad festum Sancti Michaelis pro omnibus servitiis et demandis. Et ego dictus Robertus et heredes mei tenemur warentizare, aquietare, et defendere dictum messuagium et gardinum et terram predictam, una cum advocatione ecclesie predicte, dicto domino episcopo et successoribus, legatoribus, et assignatis suis contra omnes homines in perpetuum. Pro hac autem mea donatione et carte mee confirmatione habenda, dedit mihi dictus dominus W. episcopus quadraginta marcas pre manibus. Quod ut ratum sit et duret imperpetuum, presenti carte sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus; dominis Johanne Wiger, Johanne de Mules, Ricardo de Spekcot, Johanne de Cokespitte, Rogero de Guynes, Johanne Walerand, et aliis.

* See notes ante, pp. 180. 224.

Num. III.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Farindon capellanis de Clist.

(Ibid. insut. initio et fol. 74.)

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis Walterus miseratione divina Exon. episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Eo fiducialius possessiones transitorias adquirimus, quo amplius divinum cultum ex earum fructibus augmentare proponimus. Proinde vacantem parochialem ecclesiam de Farndon cum fructibus ejusdem ad collationem nostram spectantem, cujus advocationem ex gratuita concessione dilecti filii Roberti Giffard, tunc ejusdem veri patroni, nuper adquisivimus, ad sustentationem duorum capellanorum per nos et successores nostros canonice substituendorum in capella Sancti Gabrielis, quam infra septa curie nostre de Clist fundavimus ad honorem beate Virginis, dicti archangeli, et omnium angelorum, necnon et pro salute anime nostre, antecessorum et successorum ac benefactorum nostrorum divina perpetuo celebrantium, accedente ad hoc dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exon. consensu legitimo, attestatione presentis instrumenti intuitu caritatis appropriamus, concedimus, et canonica appropriacione annectimus perpetuo possidendam, salva competenti vicaria per nos et successores nostros ydoneis personis cum vacaverit in posterum conferenda. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripture sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Clist, in festo sanctorum Cosme et Damiani anno gratie, M. C. C. LXX sexto et consecrationis nostre decimo nono.

Num. IV.

Annexatio ecclesiarum de Clist Fomizon et de Farndon.

(Stapeldon reg. fol. 164.)

Universis, etc. Walterus, etc. Inter solicitudines quas imbecillitati nostre creditum nobis, permittente Domino, ministerium alligavit, ea sedulis meditationibus revolventes que tam per nos, quam predecessores nostros ad laudem Dei animarumque profectum sunt salubriter ordinata, sicut illa desideramus inviolabiliter custodiri, sic per eam materiem dissensionis et scandali importabilis que oneris detrimentum sine remedio provisionis accomode non patimur aliis imminere. Dudum siquidem felicis recordationis dominus Walterus Exon. episcopus predecessor noster, cujus virtutes, merita recolenda, brevi stilo describere non valemus, ecclesiam de Farndon nostre diocesis in proprios usus duorum presbiterorum qui in capella Sancti Gabrielis infra septa curie nostre de Clist situata, pro animabus omnium predecessorum suorum episcoporum Exonie et sua omniumque fidelium defunctorum perpetuo celebrarent, pro ipsorum presbiterorum alimonia, intervenientibus omnibus et singulis requisitis juris solempniis, assignavit, perpetuoque concessit; sed cum hujusmodi assignationis et concessionis ordinatio tam provida, post obitum prefati predecessoris nostri succedentibus temporibus non servata, sperati fructus non afferens fertilitatem, donec nostri regiminis advenirent tempora omnino sterilis permaneret; nos post multorum temporum curricula ad Exoniensis ecclesie gubernacula, licet ex insufficientibus meritis, evocati pariter et assumpti, memorati predecessoris nostri tam in hoc quam in aliis facta quam plurimum laudabilia recensentes, ipsaque jugiter ponderantes et cogitantes etiam, quam sanctum est et salubre pro defunctis exorare ut a peccatis solvantur, eorum prefatam ordinationem, assignationem, seu concessionem, tam nobis quam predecessoribus et successoribus nostris non mediocriter profecturam, duximus innovandam, ipsamque innovavimus de consensu dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli ecclesie nostre Exon. ac aliorum omnium quorum interfuit vel interesse potuit, et juris ordine qui requirebatur in omnibus observato, locum magis idoneum pro celebratione hujusmodi facienda, capellam, videlicet, Sancti Gabrielis in villa de Clist Episcopi infra limites manerii nostri predicti, de bonis bone memorie domini Thome predecessoris nostri constructam, illis qui nunc sunt et in personis eorum omnibus qui futuris erunt temporibus, assignantes; vicaria perpetua

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in predicta ecclesia de Farndon per nos taliter ordinata, quod vicaria hujusmodi consistat in toto sanctuario, ac terris, domibus, et clausis, decimis tam majoribus quam minoribus predicte parochie de Farndon, una cum decimis tam majoribus quam minoribus, oblationibus et aliis obventionibus quibuscunque de veteri dominico manerii nostri de Clist provenientibus, pro quibus tamen decimis de nostro dominico predicto provenientibus, predicto quidem voluimus vicario de Farndon qui pro tempore fuerit de quadraginta sex solidis et octo denariis sterlingorum satisfacere et ipsas decimas nostris usibus secundum quandam ordinationem possimus applicare. Duo quoque presbiteri memorati per nos et successores nostros preficiendi et ad predicte celebrationis officium secundum modum in nostra super hoc facta ordinacione patenter expressum de cetero deputandi, sub nomine proprietatis ecclesie predicte taliter appropriate, a vicario qui pro tempore fuerit certis statutis terminis undecim marcas sterlingorum percipient annuatim, prout in quibusdam super hiis confectis litteris plenius continetur. Verum quia jam temporum qualitate mutata fructus redditus et proventus ecclesie de Farndon predicte adeo sunt tenues et exiles quod ipsius ecclesie vicarius, soluta memoratis presbiteris predicta pecunie quantitate, nequit de residuo sustentari et onera incumbentia supportare, ne vel ipsorum presbiterorum portio que ipsis ad plenum non sufficit diminutionem caperet, quod nollemus, vel persona idonea non inventa que propter ipsius exilitatem onera, que incumbunt predictam vicariam acceptare voluerit ob gratiam animarum cura que in ipsa imminet negligatur, ipsaque ecclesia debito divino obsequio defraudetur, noctes quandoque transivimus insompnes, dum attentis vigiliis per quas tanto discrimini possemus occurrere cogitavimus de medela. Cum igitur universalis ecclesia tota unum corpus misticum sit censendum, non putamus inconveniens si, quemadmodum unius veri corporis membra sibi mutuo suffragantur, ex unius ecclesie facultatibus alterius inopia sublevetur, cum alterum alterius onera portare percipiat lex divina; quapropter habitis super hoc cum dilectis filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre Exonie deliberatione plenissimis et tractatu, de ipsorum consilio et assensu vocatis ad hoc Johanne de Gisi rectore ecclesie de Clist Fomizon, ac etiam Ricardo Cole perpetuo vicario ecclesie de Farndon predicte nostre diocesis, et de nostro, ratione episcopii nostri, existentium patronatu, ac juris solempniis que requiruntur in omnibus observatis, de ipsius rectoris tunc presentis post multas et varias altercationes expresso consensu, auctoritate ordinaria STATUIMUS et ORDINAMUS, quod omnes decime tam majores quam minores de antiquo dominico nostro manerii nostri de Clist provenientes, pro quibus quadraginta sex solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum in pecunia numerata juxta predictam ordinationem solvere consuevimus vicario ecclesie de Farndon qui pro tempore fuerit, tempore quo decima a novem partibus fructuum separari solet integraliter persolvantur, omni facultate tam nobis quam successoribus nostris prefatas decimas pro predicta pecunie summa retinendi penitus interdicta; ita quod a predicta quadraginta sex solidorum et octo denariorum solutione nos et successores nostri in perpetuum simus liberi et immunes. Decimas etiam tam majores quam minores ex novo dominico nostro nunc in manerio nostro de Clist existente ex parte orientali aque de Clist, quas rector ecclesie de Clist Fomizon aliquotiens consuevit percipere, super quibus inter rectorem ecclesie de Clist Fomizon et vicarium ecclesie de Farndon existentes pro tempore, utroque decimas ipsas ad suam pertinere ecclesiam pretendente, questio est suborta, ad amputandam litis et dissensionis materiam, que tam super hiis quam aliis decimis et juribus parochialibus inter rectorem et vicarium prelibatos, omni utriusque ecclesie scandalo, procurante pacis emulo, suscitata extitit ab antiquo, dicte ecclesie de Farndon inopiam, de qua plenissime nobis constat, quatenus commode possimus sublevandam, ad predictam ecclesiam de Farndon presenti statuto pertinere debere decernimus, ipsasque eidem concedimus ac etiam assignamus; ita quod rector ecclesie de Clist Fomizon omnes decimas obventiones et quecunque jura parochialia, que a nunc tenentibus nostris ex predicta parte orientale aque consueverit hactenus percipere, absque diminutione qualibet percipiat sicut prius. Et quia per assignationem et concessionem predictarum decimarum de novo nostro dominico predicto provenientium, que ad sexaginta solidorum sterlingorum et amplius valorem annuatim communiter se extendunt, sic inopiam predicti vicarii relevare cupimus, quod si quicquam superfluum minime relinquatur, statuimus et ordinamus quod ultra summam undecim marcarum sterlingorum, de quibus supra scribitur, prefate ecclesie de Farndon vicarius qui pro tempore fuerit memoratis duobus presbiteris, qui similiter pro tempore fuerint, tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios, et rectori ecclesie de Clist Fomizon, cui per assignationem et ordinationem hujusmodi aliquale videtur prejudicium generari, tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios prefate monete annis singulis in festis Sancti Michaelis et pasche pro equalibus porcionibus perpetuo solvere teneatur; ad cujus pecunie solutionem tam prefatis presbiteris quam rectori predicto suis terminis fideliter faciendam, et memoratum vicarium eisdem modis et formis astringi volumus et etiam ordinamus, quibus ad solutionem undecim marcarum de quibus supra diximus eisdem presbiteris faciendam per aliam nostram super hoc ordinationem idem vicarius est astrictus pena in eadem ordinatione contenta, si in solutione hujus pecunie defecerit immerite. In cujus rei, etc. Datum in capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exon. XXVIII die mensis Septembris, anno Domini M°CCC^mo^XXI.—Et NOS decanus et capitulum ecclesie Exon. predicte ordinationi et assignationi premissis, super quibus nobiscum solempnis et diligens habitus est tractatus, consensum prebentes unanimem et assensum, presentes literas in testimonium consensus et tractatus hujusmodi sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari. Datum die loco et anno supradictis.

NUM. V.

Carta regis pro capellanis de Clist Episcopi.)

(Rot. patent. 3 Edw. II. m. 44.)

REX omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem. Licet per inquisitionem, quam per dilectum et fidelem nostrum Walterum de Gloucester escaetorem nostrum citra Trentam fieri fecimus, acceperimus quod non* est ad damnum et prejudicium nostrum si concedamus venerabili patri Waltero Exoniensi episcopo quod ipse unam acram terre cum pertinentiis in Clist Episcopi dare possit et assignare duobus capellanis divina in quadam capella apud Clist episcopi in honore beati Gabrielis archangeli de novo construenda pro anima ipsius episcopi et animabus predecessorum et successorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum celebraturis, habendam et tenendam eisdem capellanis et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta pro animabus predictis celebraturis imperpetuum, in hoc, videlicet, quod tempore vacationum episcopatus Exonie nos et heredes nostri exitus et proficuum dicte acre terre amitteremus, eo quod manerium de Clist Episcopi, in quo dicta acra est, pertinet ad baroniam episcopatus predicti que de nobis tenetur in capite; per finem tamen quem predictus episcopus fecit nobiscum concessimus ei et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est, quod ipse predictam acram terre cum pertinentiis dare possit et assignare predictis capellanis habendam et tenendam sibi et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta pro animabus predictis celebraturis de nobis et heredibus nostris, per servitia inde debita et consueta imperpetuum; et eisdem capellanis quod ipsi predictam acram cum pertinentiis a prefato episcopo recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris, sicut predictum est, tenore presentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante. Nolentes quod predictus episcopus vel successores sui aut predicti capellani vel successores sui ratione premissorum per nos vel heredes nostros justiciarios, escaetores, vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros quoscumque occasionentur, molestentur, in aliquo, seu graventur. In cujus, etc. Teste rege apud Touecestr', octavo die Julii.

* Sic; but the negative ought, it seems, to be omitted?

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Num. VI.

De capella Sancti Gabrielis de Clist.

(Grandisson regist. vol. ii. fol. 3 b.)

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Subditorum animos eo magis confovere dinoscimur in quiete, quo obscuritates et dubia, que super hiis specialiter personas eorum concernunt pariter et profectum, emergere poterunt in futurum, prout ad nos pertinet, radicitus evellamus et certitudinis beneficium in quantum possumus apponamus. Sane ordinata nuper per bone memorie dominum Walterum Stapeldon Dei gracia quondam Exoniensem episcopum predecessorem nostrum et alios coexecutores suos testamenti felicis recordacionis domini Thome [Bitton] immediati predecessoris ejusdem, quadam capella apud Clist in honorem beati Gabrielis archangeli ac certum numerum sacerdotum debilium et aliorum, pro animabus prefati domini Thome predecessorum et successorum ejusdem et omnium fidelium defunctorum, ibidem collocandum, et de bonis dicti domini Thome perpetuo sustentandum, prout in ordinacione super hoc habita plenius continetur, licet idem dominus Walterus in ordinacione sua, quam de voluntate et unanimi consensu decani et capituli Exoniensis ecclesie prehabito solempni diligenti et sufficienti tractatu rite fecerat, quedam prout tunc super oblacionibus que ad prefatam capellam aliquociens proveniunt bonis eciam sacerdotum debilium inibi decedencium, reparacione, et sustentacione ipsius capelle et domorum eorundem sacerdotum circumadjacencium ac eciam super quibusdam aliis certis bonis ad dictam capellam spectantibus, necnon oneribus supportandis, ibidem sanxisset et statuisset; in ordinacione tamen prefata ordinacionem ulteriorem super premissis sibi et successoribus experiencia futurorum contingencium efficacius edocendis, ex certa sciencia duxit specialiter reservandam; Nos igitur volentes incertitudinem et dubia sive obscuritates, que circa premissa et alia contingere poterint, in quantum possimus amputare ut sic certitudinaliter sciri valeat quid quis de oblacionibus predictis bonis eciam superius nominatis et quibusdam aliis rebus in eadem capella percipiet et qualiter onera supportari debeant in futurum, volumus et ordinamus primitiva ordinacione de qua super fit mencio in suo effectu per omnia duratura, quod novem solidi et quatuor denarii qui supersunt de assignatis pro sustentacione sacerdotum debilium predictorum postquam cuilibet eorundem de porcione sibi debita plene satisfactum existit, et omnes oblaciones in cera, libris, vestimentis, seu aliis ornamentis, que cedunt in honestatem cultus divini ad eandem capellam provenientes, necnon libri debilium sacerdotum predictorum decedencium ibidem, si qui fuerint, pro ipsa capella necessarii integraliter una cum duabus partibus aliarum oblacionum in pecunia, anulis, firmaculis, animalibus, et rebus aliis, ac eciam duabus partibus ceterorum bonorum a libris predictis debilium sacerdotum predictorum decedencium ibidem residuorum, post impensas appositas circa eorum exequias et funeris sepulturam, eidem capelle pro oneribus eidem incumbentibus supportandis sub custodia duorum majorum capellanorum in eadem capella divina celebrancium remaneant; tercia parte dictarum oblacionum et bonorum debilium sacerdotum predictorum, ut premittitur, sacerdotibus debilibus ibidem degentibus equaliter inter se dividenda, absque onere quocumque, reservata. Et quia racioni congruit ac justissimum reputamus, ut illi uberioribus remunerentur stipendiis quos labor prolixior utiliter impensus amplius recommendat, volumus et ordinamus quod si quis dictorum sacerdotum majorum qui in dicta capella pro tempore fuerint divina celebrantes et bonorum suorum dum in majori etate sua perstiterint tam in vita quam in morte habentes disponendi liberam facultatem, senectute, succrescente seu corporis invalitudine pregravante, ad celebrandum insufficiens habeatur, honesta camera de domibus ad dictam capellam pertinentibus et circumadjacentibus assignetur eidem, in qua honeste conversando porcionem pauperis capellani extunc ibidem proxime decedentis pro toto tempore vite sue percepturus existat, et de medietate omnium bonorum suorum, que tempore mortis ipsum habere contigerit, prout voluerit in ultima sua voluntate disponat; altera medietate dicte capelle et capellanorum debilium usibus juxta superiorem divisionem remanente. Et ut hec nostra presens ordinacio dicteque capelle ordinaciones sanxiones et statuta alia per dictum predecessorem nostrum edita seu per nos vel successores nostros in futurum edenda in dicte capelle et degencium in eadem comodum et honorem diligencius et studiosius observetur, volumus quod dicta capella et omnes degentes in eadem singulis annis per nos seu successores nostros, vel aliquem Exoniensis ecclesie canonicum dicte capelle custodem per nos successoresque nostros specialiter deputandum, curiosius visitentur; coram quo visitatore dicti duo capellani majores de omnibus que ad capellam pertinent receptis et expensis fideliter in scriptis studeant calculare. Et si quid residuum fuerit de redditibus seu proventibus capelle predicte super compotum eorundem, de dicto residuo quedam porcio pro arbitrio visitantis taxanda dictis duobus capellanis majoribus in recompensacionem laboris eorundem ultra ordinata stipendia sua posse condimus assignari, reliqua parte residui antedicti sub salva custodia juxta ordinacionem visitatoris predicti, in utilitatem capelle memorate pro temporibus et locis opportunis impendenda, remansura. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus et nostri sigilli munimine roborari. Datum in manerio nostro de Peyngton xix° die mensis Julii, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^xxix^mo^.

Num. VII.

Ordinatio de pensione solvendâ ex ecclesiâ de Farendon.

(Grandisson reg. vol. i. fol. 210.)

Jhesu Christi Domini nostri precioso sanguine redemptis tam presentibus quam futuris omnibus Johannes, ejusdem miseracione Exoniensis episcopus, salutem quam se diligentibus repromisit. Cum sit humana natura futurorum ignara, sacra testante pagina quod soli Deo omnia reserventur futura, nobis incerta; unde nonnunquam plura que obtutibus vel sensibus mortalium apparent profutura, sequens temporum ac rerum experiencia in contrarium cedere probat, ideoque non debet reprehensibile judicari, si statuta nostra aut predecessorum nostrorum, que ex variacione temporum seu causarum non prodesse conspicimus, divina cooperante gracia in melius reformemus. Dudum siquidem recolende memorie primus Walterus * predecessor noster, inter quamplura sue pietatis opera laudabiliter ordinavit quod duo presbiteri in capella Sancti Gabrielis infra predium nostrum de Clyst situata, quam idem cum toto manerio construxerat et ecclesie Exoniensi adquisiverat, pro sua predecessorum et successorum suorum Exoniensium episcoporum et omnium fidelium defunctorum animabus divina perpetuo celebraturi, sustentacionem suam de fructibus et obvencionibus ecclesie parochialis de Farendon nostrorum patronatus et diocesis perciperent et haberent; postea vero bone memorie secundus Walterus †, mediatus predecessor eciam noster, provide considerans quod in villa pontis de Clyst infra dominium partim manerii nostri situata frequencior patet ad civitatem transitus fidelium populorum, provide statuendo decrevit quod dicti presbiteri in capella Sancti Gabrielis in predicta villa per eum constructa ipsorum officium, ut per hoc cresceret devocio fidelium, perpetuis temporibus exercerent, et pro ipsorum sustentacione duodecim marcas sterlingorum de fructibus et obvencionibus ecclesie de Farendon supradicte reciperent annuatim, residuo fructuum et obvencionum hujusmodi ipsius ecclesie curato, pro sustentacione sua et oneribus per ipsum supportandis, integraliter remanente: quamquam igitur premissa pie et laudabiliter pro tempore fuerint ordinata, quia tamen redditus et proventus ejusdem ecclesie adeo sunt hiis diebus et a diu fuerunt notorie tenues et exiles, prout legittime nobis constat, quod ad sustentacionem proprii curati et duorum presbiterorum predictorum ac onerum ipsi curato incumbencium supportacionem non sufficiunt quovis modo, nec est spes quod

* Bronescombe. † Stapeldon.

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nostris temporibus sufficere poterunt aut debebunt, ad reformandum ordinacionem supradictam natura rei et ipsa miserabilis necessitas non inducunt. Habito igitur super premissis cum dilectis in Christo filiis decano et capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Exonie tractatu diligenti et frequenti, de ipsorum ac eciam dilecti in Christo filii domini Johannis Peby curati ecclesie parochialis supradicte per nos instituti consensu unanimi et assensu, statuimus et ordinamus quod prefati presbiteri in subsidium sustentacionis eorundem habeant et percipiant annis singulis de fructibus et obvencionibus ecclesie de Farendon supradicte quadraginta solidos per curatum loci ad quatuor anni terminos principales porcionibus equalibus persolvendos et non ultra quicquam, quousque fructus et obvenciones hujusmodi notabiliter excreverint et aliter per nos aut successores nostros, fuerit ordinatum. Et quia presbiteri ceci vel debiles et ad celebrandum impotentes, qui ex ordinacione et fundacione predicti ultimi Walteri* episcopi pro anima bone memorie Thome† episcopi, cujus ipse erat executor de bonis defuncti, in dicta capella in numero duodenario ali et sustentari deberent, tempore proxime pestilencie pro majori parte decesserunt nec extunc inveniuntur tot et tales qui velint loco deficiencium subrogari, statuimus et ordinamus quod de redditibus pro dictorum debilium presbiterorum alimonia ordinatis novem marce sterlingorum dictis duobus presbiteris annis singulis interim ministrentur loco novem marcarum de fructibus et obvencionibus dicte ecclesie de Farendon superius subtractarum. De residuo vero dictorum reddituum et proventuum tot presbiteri potentes in capella predicta pro animabus fundatorum ejusdem et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum celebrantes quot poterunt de hujusmodi residuo commode sustentari, et de quinque marcis annuis voluerint contentari, cicius quo haberi poterunt, sustententur, quousque impotencium presbiterorum numerus supleatur. In cujus rei testimonium presentes litteras sigilli nostri appensione fecimus communiri. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh, penultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo, et consecracionis nostre tricesimo tercio.

Num. VIII.

Licentia regia alienandi tenementa quædam in suburbio Exoniæ custodi et capellanis de Clist.

(Rot. Patent. 18 Ric. II. p. 2, n. 6.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, etc. salutem licet, etc. de gratia tamen nostra speciali et pro centum solidis quos dilecti nobis in Christo custos domus sive capelle de Clist Sancti Gabrielis et capellani debiles ejusdem domus sive capelle nobis in hanaperio nostro solverunt, concessimus et licentiam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est Roberto Menell et Johanni Alre quod ipsi quinque shopas et unum gardinum cum pertinentiis in suburbio Exonie, que de nobis tenentur in capite per socagium et fidelitatem pro omnibus servitiis, dare possint et assignare prefatis custodi et capellanis habenda et tenenda eisdem custodi et capellanis et successoribus suis custodibus et capellanis domus sive capelle predicte in auxilium sustentationis sue imperpetuum, et eisdem custodi et capellanis quod ipsi shopas et gardinum predicta cum pertinentiis a prefatis Roberto et Johanne recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis imperpetuum sicut predictum est tenore presentium similiter licentiam dedimus specialem; statuto predicto seu eo quod dicta shope et gardinum de nobis tenentur in capite, ut est dictum, non obstante. Nolentes quod iidem Robertus et Johannes seu heredes sui aut prefati custos et capellani seu successores sui predicti ratione premissorum per nos vel heredes nostros justitiarios escaetores vicecomites aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros vel heredum nostrorum quoscumque inde occasionentur molestentur in aliquo seu graventur. Salvis tamen nobis et heredibus nostris servitiis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus, etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium, xix die Junii.

Modbury Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF PLYMPTON.

IN the Exeter Domesday Motberia is mentioned as the property of the earl of Mortain.

"There was a house of monks aliens of the French order at Modbyri. The scite of their mansion is yet seene on the north side of the chirche. The founder was then scant knowen. I take it that Ruan or Oxton were founders of it. This priory, with the personage of Modbyri impropriate, was given yn king Edward IV. tyme to Eyeton college." —So far Leland in his Itinerary, vol. iii. pp. 47, 48.

This account is imperfect and unsatisfactory. The register of bishop Grandisson (vol. ii. fol. 104) ascribes the honour of foundation to the Champernoun family, and the right of patronage continued in that family ‡ until the dispersion of the community. It further appears from the registers that the establishment consisted of two monks and a prior, and that it depended on the great Benedictine house § of Sancta Maria de Sancto Petro super Divam (S. Pierre sur Dive), in the diocese of Seez, in Normandy,

* Stapeldon. † Bitton.

‡ This ancient family formerly resided at Modbury. The house and domain of Dartington, where the family has now fixed its residence, was originally the property of the Martyns, who presented to S. Mary church at Dartington, in 1261, in 1318, and in 1349. It afterwards passed into the Cornewayll family; thence into that of the dukes of Exeter: Margaret, countess of Richmond and Derby, and mother of king Henry VII., presented in 1499; king Henry VIII. presented in July, 1511; and Henry Courtenay, knight of the garter, baron of Oakhampton and Plympton, earl of Devon, and marquess of Exeter, presented in the month of July, A.D. 1521.

[Reginald de Valletort held "Motbilie" under the earl of Mortain at the time of the Domesday Survey. (Exch. Domesd. fol. 105 b; Exon. ditto, fol. 197; 2 Ellis's Introd. to Domesday, p. 373.) It continued in the family till alienated, in the thirteenth century, to that of Okeston or Oxton, who conveyed it, tempore Edward II., to the Champernons. Tanner refers the foundation of the priory to the reign of Stephen; if so, a Valletort was the founder. The property remained in the Okestons only for a short period. As for the "Ruan" mentioned by Leland, it should rather seem that the family of Rohan or Rohant is intended, which became merged by intermarriage in the Champernons (see Pole's Collections, p. 309, 310), but are not known to have been lords of Modbury. The fact that the priory was dependent on a Norman abbey is almost conclusive evidence that it was founded by a Valletort before the 13th century. The confusion arising from the equivocal import of the term "founder" has been already noticed, supra p. 238, n.—S.

§ Some account of this Norman abbey will be found in Du Monstier's Neustria Pia (folio, Rouen, 1663, p. 496).

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the abbots of which exclusively nominated the priors of Modbury. The right of patronage of Modbury priory was appendant to the manor of Modbury. (Lacy's reg. vol. i. fol. 94.)

This being an alien priory, its temporalities were often seized by the crown during the wars between England and France, (an extent upon a seizure in the reign of Edward II. is in the Appendix, Num. II.) In the reign of Henry VI.*, 1442, it was finally dissolved, and its revenues appropriated to his noble foundation of Eton college (19 Hen. VI., 5 Rot. Parl. 47). A short time afterwards, king Edward IV. conveyed this property to his favourite abbey of Tavistock (Pat. 6 Edw. IV. p. 2, mem. 18); but it was again restored to Eton college.

The revenues, at the period of the dissolution of the priory, were rated at £70 per annum.

In the taxatio of pope Nicholas we read as follows:

	£	s.	d.
Prior de Modbury habet in Penwyk quod taxatur	2	3	4
Decima . . .	–	4	4

The following series of the priors from the year 1270 until the dissolution of the house in the reign of king Henry VI., is supplied from the registers. An earlier prior, *William*, is said by Tanner to be mentioned in a copy of one of the Plympton charters.

Vincent de Fulchis, admitted July 21, 1275.

Robert occurs in 1297, in a document in Prynne's Records.

Nicholas la Barbe confirmed as prior Sept. 21, 1321. On this occasion John de Oxton, knight, presented to bishop Stapeldon.

William, de Nova Domo, occurs as prior on April 22, 1310; again on Sept. 14, 1334; and on Oct. 20, 1336, when bishop Grandisson issued a prohibition to the vicar against interments on the north side of the cemetery in Modbury church, by reason of the inconvenience likely to result therefrom—"priori et monachis ibidem contigue habitantibus." (Register, vol. ii. fol. 204.) During his government, Modbury church† appropriated to the priory was rated at £10 per annum. (See Grandisson's Register, vol. ii. fol. 184.)

John de Ffovea was admitted June 14, 1345. Patron, King Edw. III. ratione guerre.

John Galterus was admitted June 9, 1349. He died early in 1351.

Robert de Curceyo succeeded April 3, and died early in 1361–2.

Philip de Ffurnariis succeeded April 6 in that year. On the occasion of his presentation, the following instruments are found in Grandisson's register:—

"Nobili et potenti viro Thome de Campo Arnulphi, domino Modburie, frater Hebertus permissione divina abbas monasterii beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Dyvam, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Sagiensis diocesis, totusque ejusdem loci conventus, salutem in eo qui est omni vera salus. Ad prioratum nostrum Modburie, liberum et vacantem per mortem Roberti de Curceyo, dicti monasterii nostri monachi, ultimi immediati prioris ejusdem prioratus, religiosum virum fratrem Philippum Ffurnarii, monasterii nostri monachum, presbyterum et professum, et laudabiliter in dicto monasterio nostro conversatum, in quantum vos tangit et quantum in jure tenemur, ad regimen dicti prioratus nostri vobis nominamus per presentes literas et per vos reverendo in Christo patri ac domino, domino Exoniensi episcopo, ipsum mittimus presentandum, vobis humiliter supplicantes, quatenus eundem ad nominationem nostram predictam, caritatis intuitu, vobis placeat predicto reverendo patri libere presentare et ipsum in agendis suis monasterii nostri intuitu consulere et favorabiliter confovere. Bene et diu valeat in Domino vestra dominatio nobis cara. Septem [cœptum] et actum in abbathia nostra 3a die Marcii." [A.D. 1361.]

"Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino domino Johanni Dei gratia Exoniensi episcopo, suus, si placet, humilis et devotus Thomas de Campo Arnulphi, obedientiam et reverentiam cum honore. Ad prioratum Modburie, vestre diocesis per mortem fratris Roberti de Curceyo, ultimi et immediati prioris ejusdem prioratus vacantem et ad meam presentationem spectantem, fratrem Philippum Ffurnarii, monachum monasterii beate Marie de Sancto Petro super Dyvam, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Sagiensis diocesis, presbyterum et professum, ac per fratrem Hebertum, abbatem monasterii predicti et ejusdem loci conventum michi nominatum, vestre paternitati reverende presento per presentes, humiliter supplicans et devote, quatenus eundem Philippum in priorem dicti prioratus ad meam presentationem admittere velitis, ceteraque vestro officio pastorali incumbentia, caritatis intuitu, peragere dignemini. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui. Datum apud Modbury, quarto die mensis Aprilis 1362."

Gilbert de Billeyo succeeded, and died prior in the spring of 1375. In his time Modbury church was taxed £20 per annum.

John Mychel succeeded on May 15, 1375, and resigned his office at the end of twenty-three years.

John Rogger succeeded on Feb. 15, 1398–9, and was translated Dec. 18, 1406, to the office of prior of Tywardrayth, Cornwall.

Richard Leycestre, a monk of Battle Abbey, admitted on Feb. 27 following. He died prior late in the year 1415.

William Ffranchillon succeeded on Jan. 9 following. He resigned in the summer of 1423.

Adam Prianho or *de Pratellis*, alias *Prydeaux*, was appointed prior July 18, 1423; on whose resignation for the priory of Tutbury,

William Benselyn succeeded, on the presentation of Hugh Champernown, March 18, 1429–30, and was the last prior of Modbury. (Lacy reg. vol. ii. fol. 95.) He witnessed the annexation of its property to Eton college, to which it still belongs ‡.

Num. I.

Querela versus abbatem S. Petri super Divam de superonerando prioratû de Modbury.

(Grandisson regist. vol. ii. fol. 104.)

Venerabili in Christo patri, domino Dei gratia abbati monasterii beate Marie de Sancto Petro supra Dyvam in Normannia Johannes miseratione ejusdem Exon. episcopus salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Relatione querula nobilis viri domini Ricardi de Campo Arnulphi, domini de Modbury, militis, repetitis

* Dugdale is incorrect in stating that Modbury priory was dissolved in 1414, 2 Henry V.; William Benselyn being confirmed prior by bishop Lacy in March, 1429-30.

† The will of Sir John Prideaux, knight, dated June 5, and proved August 7, 1403, directs his body to be interred "in alâ beati Petri de Modburi." Leland, in his Itinerary, mentions the Prideaux isle in this church (vol. iii. p. 35). Sir Richard Prideaux married Jane Lercedekne in Milton church; their son and heir, John Prideaux, of Orchardston, established his claim to a tenement of 22 acres of meadow with a high rent of 2*s*., of which a relative, William Prideaux, of Thorleston, unjustly sought to deprive him on the plea of bastardy. (See bishop Lacy's return to the king's writ in 1428, Reg. vol. iii. fol. 77.)

‡ The following notices occur in the registers of the diocese as to chapels, &c. in and near Modbury:—

Thomas de Heaunton obtained a license, May 3, 1332, for an oratory "infra mansum suum apud la porte," in this parish. (Grandisson's register, vol. ii.)

October 20, 1371, bishop Brantyngham granted a license to Sir John Prideaux to have divine service celebrated in his manor of Orchardston.

The same bishop, on January 12, 1373, allowed William Dymok and his wife to have mass performed in S. Leonard's chapel.

Bishop Stafford licensed the prior of Modbury to celebrate in the chapel of S. Margaret, within his manor of Penguit, June 22, 1397. (Register, vol. i. fol. 22.)

The chapels of S. Mary at Lodebrok, and of S. Leonard at little Modbury, are mentioned by Bishop Stafford, December 27, 1407. (Register, vol. i. fol. 82.)

November 8, 1421, bishop Lacy licensed William Fortescue to have divine service in his manor of Wymondeston. To John Fortescue, the first of the family that settled in Devon, king John had given this manor as early as 1208.

Sir William Pole (Collections of Devon, p. 311) says, that in the fourth year of king Edward IV. (1464) certain lands were given in Modbury by the Drew family for chantry services in the south aisle of the parish church.

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vicibus nostris est auribus inculcatum, quod licet in prioratu dicti loci, qui ex devotione progenitorum suorum fundari dignoscitur, duo consueverunt et debuerunt monachi de vestro monasterio assumendi, nostraque auctoritate approbandi, loci ejusdem una cum priore recipi et admitti, unus tamen monachus contra intentionem fundatoris per vos noviter est adjunctus, propter quod hospitalitas in eodem prioratu servari et alia incumbentia eidem comode nequeunt onera supportari, eo quod ex hac causa premissa prioratus non suppetunt facultates; nos igitur, ex injuncto nobis solicitudinis debito, cupientes laudabile fundatoris hujus propositum prosequi et fovere, fratrem Nicholaum de Curceyo, monachum vestrum, exhibitorem presencium, nuper inibi residentem, ad relevationem oneris et expensarum hujusmodi ad vos duximus, prout convenit, remittendum. Ad tutelam et regimen gregis vestri diu in Domino valeatis, qui spiritum consilii et fortitudinis vobis tribuat in agendis. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh idibus Januarii A. D. 1328.

Num. II.

Extenta prioratus de Modbyry, 18 Edw. I.

(Inter extent. priorat. alienig. Remem. Reg. Scacc.)

Extenta prioratus de Modbyry qui est de abbatia Sancti Petri super Divam de potestate domini regis Francie ac aliorum locorum eidem prioratui spectancium facta ibidem coram Roberto de Pylton persona ecclesie de Torbrian et Johanne de Bury, custodibus domorum religiosorum alienigenarum ac aliarum personarum de potestate et dominio dicti regis Francie in comitatu Devonie die Veneris proxima post festum Epiphanie Domini, anno regni regis Edwardii filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per sacramentum Johannis de Maurigge, Thome de Boys, Andree de la Leye, Roberti le Chauncy, Willielmi Spyna, Rogeri de Baucombe, Reginaldi de la Yeo, Willielmi Terry, Johannis de Lopperigge, Roberti Pynka, Willielmi Knellyng, et Thome Harl, qui dicunt quod prioratus de Modbyry fundatur in sanctuario ecclesie loci, et aysiamenta domorum eiusdem extenduntur cum ecclesia. Item dicunt quod dictus prioratus habet quasdam domos apud Penkoyt, quarum aysiamenta valent per annum ultra reprisam xij den. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem v. liberi tenentes qui reddunt per annum ij sol. vj den. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem vij convencionarii qui reddunt per annum xxv sol. viij den. Item dicunt quod opera eorundem valent per annum ultra quod percipient xx den. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem lij acre terre arabilis quarum quelibet valet per annum ij den. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem iij acre prati, quarum quelibet valet per annum x den. Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem x acre bosci quarum quelibet valet per annum iij den. Item dicunt quod est ibidem unum columbare quod valet per annum ultra reprisam xij den. Item dicunt quod est ibidem unum molendinum aquaticum quod valet per annum ultra reprisam viij sol. Item dicunt quod placita et perquisita curie valent per annum ij sol. ij den. Summa lv sol. viij den.

Spiritualia.—Item dicunt quod ecclesia loci appropriatur dicto prioratui in proprios usus, que valet per annum x li. In cujus rei testimonium dicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt die, anno, et loco, supradictis. Summa x li.

Summa summarum prescriptarum xij li. xv sol. viij den.

[To this extent the following schedule is annexed:]

Presens indentura testatur quod inveniebantur in prioratu de Modbyry ac in aliis locis eidem prioratui spectantibus die Veneris in festo Sancti Andree apostoli, anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, videlicet, tresdecim quarter' frumenti, precii quarter' vj sol.; viginti duo quarter' ordei, precii quarter' iij sol. iiij den.; quinquaginta quarter' avene, precii quarter' xvj den. Et decem acre terre frumento seminate precii cuilibet ij sol. vj den. Et de vivo instauro duo equi, precii xl sol., duo affri precii x sol., unum jumentum precii v sol., duo pullani precii vj sol. viij den., octo boves precii capitum viij sol., due vacce precii capitum vj sol., duo boviculi precii capitum iij sol., tres vituli precii capitum xij den., viginti multones precii capitum xij den., viginti quatuor oves matrices precii capitum ix den., sexdecim hogastri precii capitum vj den., duo apri precii capitum xviij den., due sues precii capitum xviij den., sexdecim hogetti precii capitum vj den., decem auce precii cujuslibet iij den., sex capones precii cujuslibet i den. ob. Et in mortuo instauro unum bancar cum quatuor quicinis* precii xij den., una pelvis cum lavatorio precii xx den., duo dolea et una pipa cisere precii xxv sol., unus ciphus argenteus precii v sol., sex coclearia argentea precii v sol., due mappe cum duobus tuellis et duobus manitergiis, precii ij sol., due olle enee, duo vicioli enei, et due patelle cupri precii xiij sol. iiij den., unus tripos, et unum micatorium precii . . . . cum una craticula precii xij den. Et diversa utensilia lignea precii v sol., una caruca cum apparatu precii xij den. Que omnia remanent ibidem.

Summa xxv li. xij sol. xj den.

Num. III.

Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. vol. ii. p. 373†.

Modbury.

Johannes Hunt vicarius ibidem.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Vicaria ibidem valet per annum cum xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ pro terra sanctuarii.						
Pro lana et agnis	–	lxix	iij			
Et pro garba	ix	–	–			
Et pro omnibus aliis decimis et oblacionibus dicte vicarie pertinentibus .	vij	vij	j			
Inde solutum archidiacono predicto, etc. annuatim pro procuracionibus .	–	vj	viij	xix	x	xj ob'
Et pro sinodatico	–	ij	x			
Et pro visitacione episcopo predicto, etc. annuatim	–	ij	ij ob'			
Et magistro collegii beate Marie de Eton et successoribus suis annuatim per capitali redditu	–	vij	–			
Et remanet clare						
Inde pro decima . . .				–	xxxix	i q'

* i. e. un banquier avec quatre coussins, a bench cover with four cushions.

† This is, of course, only the value of the vicarage. The priory lands at this time belonged to Eton college, and are therefore not included under this head.

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Ipelpen Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF IPLEPEN.

N the Exon Domesday (f. 427) we read that "Radulfus de Felgeriis habet unam mansionem que vocatur Iplepena." One of this family, at an early period, conferred the patronage of S. Andrew's church at Ipelpen, or Iplepen, near Newton Abbot, on the canons of the abbey of Fougères, in the diocese of Rennes in Britanny *. The rector of the church, holding his situation immediately from this establishment, and probably having two religious living with him, as was sometimes the case in cells of alien monasteries, was called a prior.

In bishop Bronescombe's register (fol. 56) we find that September 14, 1274, "frater Lucas" was admitted "ad priorem de Ipilpen, vacantem per spontaneam resignacionem fratris Thome quondam prioris, ad presentacionem abbatis et conventus Sancti Petri de Ffilger."

Rolandus occurs in the first week of Lent, 1310.

Galfridus occurs as prior and rector, and rector of the church, in 1315 and in 1334: on September 12 of the last-mentioned year his church was rated at £vi.

Robert Clappysale de Chesterfield, on November 2, 1340, was licensed to attend on the king for one year (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 230).

In 1350 the church was still valued at £6 per annum.

King Edward III. presented the rector in that year, "racione temporalium abbathie de Ffeulgers in manu sua occasione guerre inter ipsum et illos de Ffrancia mote existencium."

John de Encestre occurs as rector June 15, 1398.

John Springthorpe, March 8, 1402.

We believe the crown continued to hold the benefice until bishop Lacy procured its appropriation to St. Mary's college at Otery, in the year 1438 †.

Bishop Stapeldon dedicated the high altar of Iplepen on May 3, 1318. At the dissolution of Otery college, the rectory of Iplepen was valued at £42 in Henry VIIIth's Valor Ecclesiasticus, and the vicarage, with the chapel de Woodland, at £26. 2*s.* 0½*d.*

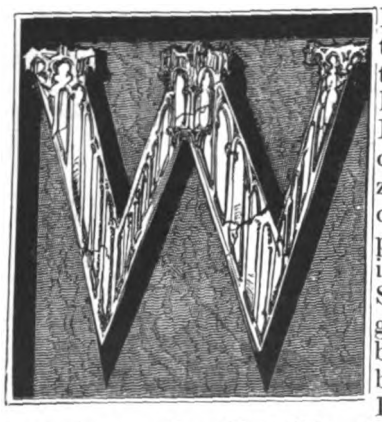
Sir Thomas Rytson, knt., mercer and merchant of London, who died on September 11, 1540, æt. 55, purchased the manor of the crown. The rectory was conveyed to the dean and chapter of Windsor.

* [One of the founders of the French abbey of S. Pierre de Rillé, in the diocese of Rennes, was Raoul, Seigneur de Fougères, probably the same person mentioned in Domesday, who was allied by marriage to Richard de Benefactâ, the brother of Baldwin, vicecomes. (Pluquet's Roman de Rou, vol. ii. p. 231. Morice's Hist. Bretagne, vol. ii. supp. cxxi.) The abbey originally consisted of canons secular, who were translated into regulars, and received additional donations from Henri de Fougères. His son gave effect to his father's gifts by a charter inserted among the Preuves of Morice's History, vol. i. p. 606. The charter purports to convey, among other things, the tithes of a manor in England called Berintonia. The place intended is, no doubt, Bennington in Lincolnshire, which, together with Iplepen, belonged to the family of Fougères until the reign of John. (See an account of the dealings with this property in the reigns of Richard I. and John, in Stapleton's Rot. Scacc. Norman. vol. ii. pp. 198, 199, of the Introductory Observations.)

In the reign of Edward I. the prior had an independent corporate character, being called upon by the name of prior of Iplepen to show his warrant for exercising certain franchises in his manor of Iplepen. In this proceeding Almaricus de Sancto Amando intervened, and claimed for himself the manor and franchises; a claim which was admitted by the prior. (Placita de Quo Warranto, p. 166.)—S.]

† Woodland chapel, in this parish, dedicated to S. John the Baptist, was erected in 1536, and consecrated in the course of that summer (vol. ii. fol. 82, of Veysey's Reg.); and S. Mary's chapel de Holesand, two miles from Stokenham, was licensed by bishop Veysey on April 5, 1540.

The Hospital of SS. John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, Exeter.



E learn, from various authentic documents, that in the sixteenth year of king Henry II., A.D. 1170, whilst Bartholomew was bishop of Exeter, a charitable citizen, William Prodom, son of Ralph, founded an hospital in honour of S. Alexius ‡, behind the priory of S. Nicholas. The spot of ground was called Irlesbury, and was first granted by Walter, the abbot of Battle, and confirmed by his successor, the abbot Odo. The foundation was never intended, as Izacke states it was, to be "a place of and for two monks;" but was designed, as the deed declares, for the benefit of poor distressed objects, "ad utilitatem pauperum"—"dedit pauperibus egenis." The assertion of the above author has misled Mr. Stevens, the continuator of Dugdale's Monasticon, who has placed this establishment amongst the Benedictine monasteries. In the archives of the Exeter corporation an impression of the seal of this hospital is still preserved: it is circular, and, though smaller than the subsequent one of S. John's hospital, it resembles it in form. The inscription is—

SIGIL · HOSPITAL · RETRO · SCM · NICOLAV.

About half a century later §, in the episcopacy of William Briwere, or Brewer, two wealthy brothers, Gilbert

‡ Little is known of the history of this saint. It is believed that he was of an illustrious Roman family, that he preferred a life of retirement and poverty to all the pleasures and luxuries that awaited him, and that he died in the fifth century.

§ It is generally asserted that this foundation took place seventy years after the establishment of S. Alexius's hospital; but we are satisfied, from deeds dated as early as the sixth year of bishop Brewer's episcopacy (1230), that the hospital was founded as above stated. By that deed, still preserved in the archives of the corporation of Exeter, "the brethren and sisters of the hospital of S. John, near East Gate, granted to William le Calm their house near S. Paul's church, and some land contiguous, the gift of dean Serlo, at the yearly rent of ten shillings." That the hospital of S. John was established as early as 1225, is proved by this extract from the old missal of S. Martin's church,—"De dono Philippi fratris archidiaconi Exonie ex opposito contra ecclesiam Sancti Pauli xij^{d}, et debent solvi per manum senescalli hospitalis beati Johannis infra muros Exonie capelle Sancti Martini Exonie M^{o}CC^{o}XXV°."

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and John, the sons of Walter Long, generously employed their worldly substance in founding an hospital for poor men and women, in honour of S. John the Baptist, near the east gate of this city. See Appendix, Num. I.

With this accession of wealth, it was thought that the cause of charity would be better served by uniting the two hospitals; and accordingly, the rents, rights, fee, and customs of S. Alexius were transferred to S. John's hospital. This act of incorporation was confirmed by the reigning sovereign king Henry III., and solemnly approved by the primate Boniface. Soon after, John Long, one of the founders, entered the fraternity, and was appointed the superior.

In the beginning, the mayor and citizens of Exeter had the patronage of the foundation; but, in the year 1244, they exchanged it with bishop Brewer and his successors in the see of Exeter, for the patronage of the lepers' hospital beyond the south gate. From this period until the dissolution of the establishment, our prelates watched over its interests with paternal solicitude, and uniformly appointed some respectable ecclesiastic (generally a dignitary of the cathedral) to be the protector and guardian of its temporalities. At one time, we find bishop Bronescombe gave the hospital the sum of one hundred marks, with which the purchase of Rokesdon *, in Heavitree parish, and of Kynewardesburgh, in the manor of Clyst, from Sir John Mansel, was effected. Bishop Quivill procured, in 1287 †, the annexation to it of seven acres of land lying beyond the east gate. Bishop Bytton is recorded as a liberal benefactor. He repaired, if not rebuilt, their infirmary and common hall, and made statutes for the community. But, of all the friends and benefactors of the establishment, bishop Grandisson unquestionably takes the lead. At his promotion to the see, he found the hospital reduced to the most deplorable state, the only inmates being one priest and a few invalids. By his zeal and charity he was enabled to increase the number of its clergy from one to five, one of whom he appointed to be master or prior. He fixed the number of the poor on the foundation to twelve; he provided for the board and education of twelve children, and for a master to teach them grammar; and he enjoined on the clergymen the observance of the rule of S. Augustine. In his benevolent exertions he was ably assisted by Sir Philip de Columbariis, who granted to the hospital the patronage and advowson of the parish church of Holne; as also by the benefactions of the Martyn family, and by the charitable donations of the faithful. Nor should it be forgotten, that bishop Stapeldon had intended to appropriate the living of Yarnscombe towards the foundation of the grammar-school; but he was prevented, by his untimely death, from carrying his pious design into execution. Bishop Grandisson accomplished his intention; and also rebuilt the hospital church, and granted to it the privilege of a cemetery. His successors continued to support and befriend this useful establishment; the public followed their example; and for many years together there is hardly a single will extant in the episcopal registers, which has not left it some mark of remembrance.

In the archives of the Exeter corporation is a deed bearing date June 4, 1351, by which Henry, son of Amicia de la Pomeray, the lord of Berry, grants to S. John's hospital a tenement near East Gate, Exeter. The community engage to celebrate a solemn dirge on June 27 yearly, during the donor's life, for the soul of Jane, his late wife, and to give 1*d.* to each poor person then within the said hospital; after the donor's death, the same service and alms to be continued for ever for himself and family.

Of the priors, since the middle of the fourteenth century, the following succession is offered:

John Bolehill, admitted by bishop Grandisson February 10, 1349. His conduct and good management fully justified the opinion which the bishop entertained of him. Obiit, July 26, 1384.

Richard Wodeford succeeded Bolehill, and died August 6, 1428. During his government, the dedication-day of his church was altered by bishop Stafford, July 29, 1418, from September 17 to the first Sunday after September 27. Simon Grendon, the mayor, presented the hospital with a silver vase, weighing one hundred and seventy-two ounces. "It was sold," says the cartulary, "on the death of prior Olyver, to John Lake, merchant, for forty marks."

John Dowrysshe succeeded August 31, 1428. Obiit, May 2, 1451.

John Colyford was appointed his successor five days afterwards. He died in the spring of 1468.

S. Bartholomew's chapel, coeval with the original east gate, and close to it, fell in together with it at mid-day, September 26, 1459. Fortunately, no one was passing at the time; and the chapel was subsequently rebuilt, as we find by a deed bearing date June 25, 1481. By an act of the chamber of Exeter, June 8, 1517, we learn that a door within East Gate opened into this chapel.

Robert Combe was instituted May 4, 1468.

John Olyver. We cannot learn the date of his institution, but his name occurs in leases from 1476 until the year of his death, 1497.

Richard Hyll succeeded and died in 1524.

Robert Laurence was the next prior.

Richard Harrys closes the list of priors. He subscribed to the king's supremacy, with three of his brethren, on July 13, 1534. Within six years he surrendered his hospital into the king's hands, and on May 11, 1540, was gratified with a pension of £16. 13*s.* 4*d.* Two of his brethren, John Broderidge and John Scotts, were each allowed a salary of £3. 6*s.* 8*d.*, and one Richard Morthe received a pension of 40*s.* On July 14, 1540, this last prior was presented to the vicarage of Brampford Speke. By his will, dated January 18, 1549-50, he bequeaths to his church "all such stuff of his as remained within it: to every godchild a young hogget-sheep; to every howse of his parishe 12*d.*; to the poor of Stoke-Rewe and Upton-Pyne, to pray for him, a noble a-piece; and 12*d.* to each of the clergymen there, for the deliverance of that money; to the jayle, and to the poor people and bedlers of Exceter, 40*s.*, and specially to the poore people of S. Laurence parishe a noble of this money."

At the dissolution of the hospital the income amounted to £102. 12*s.* 9*d.*

Many of the citizens of Exeter, as well as strangers, selected this hospital for their place of interment. (See Num. IX. post.) We find frequent mention made of the altars of Jesus, of SS. Thomas, Katharine, and John the Baptist, within the church, and of the chapel of the blessed Trinity.

The church of the hospital was granted to Thomas Carewe, son and heir of John Carewe, of Haccombe, esq., in the thirty-second year of Henry VIII. (1540) who converted it into dwelling-houses. Humphry Carewe, the son of the grantee, with Peter his son, on November 24, 1593, leased to the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of Exeter, "all that great house which was sometime the body or lower part of S. John's church; as also that house and room formerly the chauncell, for ninety-nine years, if the said Humphry and Peter should so long live," under the yearly rent of 40*s.* Hugh Crossing, esq., elected alderman of Exeter in 1612, and mayor in 1620, had begun to treat with Peter Carewe for the purchase of the inheritance of these premises, in order to found an hospital there for setting the poor to work; but he died early

* At Rokesdon, near Mere Pole (now corrupted into Mary-pole-head), was a Roman camp, "castrum de Rokysdon," as it is sometimes called in S. John's Cartulary, traces of which are still visible. The stopping up of a road, "juxta castrum de Rokysdon," by the prior Richard Wodeford, became the subject of a trial in May, 1389, in which a verdict was given for the prior. (See the Cartulary, fol. 56.) The last prior, Richard Harris, February 11, 1538, leased Rokysdon to Thomas Carewe, esq., Elizabeth his wife, and Humfrid their son, for their lives, at the yearly rent of forty marks, or £26. 13*s.* 4*d.*

† Until the Wednesday after the feast of S. Bartholomew, 1287, S. John's was a distinct parish from S. Laurence's. Bishop Quivill then united them, with the consent of the prior and convent of Merton, in Surrey, the rightful patrons of S. Laurence's church, and the approbation of Vincent, its then rector. But whilst the parishioners of S. John's parish were required to be subject in future to the rector of S. Laurence's in spirituals, the bishop entirely exempted the members of the hospital from the rector's control: he even exempted them from the jurisdiction of the archdeacon of Exeter; reserving the right of visitation, correction, institution, deprivation, and such like official duties, to himself and his episcopal successors. Appendix, post, Num. III.

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in 1622 before the purchase could be completed. His widow Joan and his son Francis, however, lived to conclude the business, and in August, 1623, they conveyed the premises to the chamber in performance of his charitable purpose.

On June 2, 1637, this hospital was incorporated by king Charles I. At the time of granting his letters patent, it was intended that a part of the building should be allotted to the habitation of aged or impotent poor persons of the city and county of Exeter, but that intention was never carried into effect.

Before this ancient grammar-school existed within S. John's hospital, there was a school for the citizens, sometimes called the High School: its original situation was in Smythen's-street; but Richard de Brayley, dean of Exeter, in 1343, removed it to a better locality in Christ Church, or Trinity-lane, now Musgrave's-alley. Probably a poor school was attached to each convent in Exeter.

Num. I.

Historia fundationis hospitii S. Johannis Baptistæ Exoniæ.

(Regist. hospital. S. Johannis inter archivas Civitatis Exoniæ, fol. 58.)

Memorandum, quod circa annos Domini mclxx. et regni regis Henrici filii imperatricis xii. [xvii.?] in tempore Bartholomei episcopi Exoniensis Willielmus filius Radulphi, fundator hospitalis Sancti Alexii retro monasterium Sancti Nicholai Exonie, impetravit terram loci ejusdem hospitalis ab abbate Waltero [de Lucy] Sancti Martini de Bello, et ejus conventu, olim vocatam Irlesbery: deinde ab abbate Odone cum predicto conventu habuit confirmacionem dicti loci hospitalis predicti ut sit liber et quietus ab omni consuetudine et exaccione ut patet inferius—sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Odo * Dei gracia abbas ecclesie Sancti Martini de Bello assensu et voluntate tocius conventus ejusdem ecclesie concessi Willielmo filio Radulphi partem terre illius quam Irlesbery vocant a superiore angulo ejusdem terre usque ad locum Adwini carpentarii in feudi firma per redditum quatuor solidorum per annum, liberam et quietam ab omni consuetudine vel exaccione. Hoc eciam predecessor meus abbas Walterus † carta et sigillo suo ei confirmavit. Hoc jus et feodum istud totum concessit idem Willielmus et dedit pauperibus egenis et statuit hoc illis esse hospitale in perpetuam elemosynam pro salute anime sue et dominorum et parentum suorum et tocius civitatis, et eciam pro salute omnium pro quibus bonum est elemosinam dare assensu nostro et placet nobis. Obeunte vero Willielmo, vel arctioris vite habitum assumante, vel predicti hospitalis alterius prepositi voluntate curam deserente, nullus in ejusdem domus regimine, qualicumque astucia vel cujuscumque potestatis arbitrio, subrogetur. Sed quem ad custodiam et utilitatem pauperum et in omnibus cives, qui eos elemosinis suis sustentaturi sunt, secundum Deum elegerint, querentem salutem et utilitatem pauperum et in omnibus non que sua sunt sed que Jesu Christi fideliter attendentem. Pro hac vero libertate imperpetuum habenda pauperibus dedit predictus Willielmus ecclesie Sancti Nicholai Exonie terram quam tenet Robertus Sclic reddens inde annuatim xviij denarios, cum quibusdam aliis beneficiis; si vero custodes dicti hospitalis statutis terminis censum non reddiderint et cives inde bis vel ter conventi fuerint, liceat priori et conventui Sancti Nicholai justiciam facere ‡ donec persolvant censum. Isti sunt testes ex parte capituli; Osbertus prior, Willielmus Lever, Radulphus, Robertus, Rembertus, Niger, Walterus, Adam, Gilbertus, Wilbertus Camerarius, Petrus miles, Hugo de Bech. Isti sunt testes ex parte Willielmi; dominus Bartholomeus episcopus, Johannes thesaurarius, Robertus archidiaconus, magister Radulphus Walterus capellanus, Justinus capellanus, Robertus Hanc et nepotes episcopi et multi ex canonicis et clericis Sancti Petri. Ex civibus vero Rogerus Scum, Radulphus Osbertus prepositus, Ricardus Blund, Willielmus Yreis, Adwi de Lydeford, et Ricardus filius ejus, Robertus Sclic [Sanctus?] Omerus et plures alii ex civibus. Et posterius isti fratres Sancti Alexii regebantur per magistrum tanquam principalem sive capitalem preceptorem, sicut patet per cartam xxx solidorum annualis redditus de Lammecote et Emild; et duravit predictum hospitale per sexaginta et decem annos, cujus possessio fuit Hoperne et iiij solidi exeuntes de tenemento prioris Totonie et tenemento Plegh. Posterius circa annos Domini mccxl. et regni regis Henrici filii Johannis regis nuper Anglie xxiii., tempore Willielmi episcopi Exonie, duo fratres Gilbertus Longus filius Walteri et Johannes frater ejus, fundatores hospitalis ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste infra portam orientalem civitatis Exonie, dederunt omnes possessiones redditus et servicia sua Deo et ecclesie ejusdem hospitalis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Et eciam ex consensu et assensu civium predicte civitatis transtulerunt supradictum hospitale Sancti Alexii cum omnibus redditibus juribus feodis et consuetudinibus eidem pertinentibus ad hospitale Sancti Johannis Baptiste de novo constructum in sustentacionem pauperum ibidem Deo servientium. Et super hoc impetrarunt ratificacionem a domino rege Henrico filio Johannis ut esset locus hospitalis, ut patet per cartam predicti regis Henrici; et eciam habuerunt confirmacionem super hiis domini Bonefacii archiepiscopi Cantuariensis. Et sic tunc alter frater, scilicet, Johannes Longus, intrans fraternitatem predicti hospitalis factus est magister fratrum et sororum ejusdem hospitalis, etc. Et circa annos Domini mccxliii. et regni regis Henrici filii Johannis xxvii. tempore dicti Willielmi episcopi facta fuit permutacio fundatorum hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Exonie et hospitalis leprosorum Sancte Marie Magdalene extra portam australem civitatis predicte, ut patet per cartas; quia nunquam ante hoc tempus scribitur quod hospitale Sancti Johannis Baptiste predictum requisivit consensum alicujus episcopi in rebus suis locandis. Item dominus Walterus bone memorie episcopus Exonie cognomento Bromiston dedit eidem hospitali centum marcas, unde terre de Rokesdon et Cliste emebantur ad usum dicti hospitalis. Item dominus Petrus episcopus fecit permutacionem fieri de septem acris ecclesie Sancti Laurencii et de parochianis dicti hospitalis existentibus, eundo, videlicet, a Doddeheystrete usque ad castrum in parte orientali, ita quod dicta terra pertineret dicto hospitali imperpetuum et parochiani predicti intenderent rectori ecclesie Sancti Laurencii, ut per cartam patet inter eos confectam. Item dominus Thomas Bitton § episcopus contulit multa bona ad edificacionem firmarie pauperum et aule dicti hospitalis. Item dominus Johannes Picot custos et magister dicti hospitalis, decanus ecclesie Sancti Petri Exonie, sumptibus suis reparavit cancellum dicti hospitalis et dedit redditus terras et tenementa circa Honewell et eciam infra civitatem Exonie dicto hospitali. Item dominus Walterus Stapeldon episcopus appropriavit ecclesiam de Ernescomb, licet post mortem suam, predicto hospitali ad sustentacionem puerorum ibidem scolatizancium. Item dominus Johannes de Grandisono episcopus impetravit sepulturam in dicto hospitali, et ipsemet consecravit ecclesiam et cemeterium ibidem. Et eciam in tempore suo recuperata fuit sepultura ecclesie de Holne quam dominus Willielmus Martyn miles cum Alienora uxore sua eidem hospitali appropriavit in sustentacionem duorum fratrum ibidem Deo celebrancium. Item dominus Henricus Blackborne, rector ecclesie de Stokenham et canonicus Sancti Petri Exonie, dictum hospitale graciose sublimavit, cujus favore et expensis ornamenta ecclesie et edificacionis domorum, videlicet, et tenementorum dicti hospitalis fere in duplo creverunt. Item magister Robertus Rygg custos dicti hospitalis et magister Johannes Lideford canonici ecclesie beati Petri Exonie suis donariis et sumptibus dictum hospitale multum in libris divine legis extulerunt. Item dominus Johannes Hulle miles per pecuniam et duas nigras capas de satyn: et Symon Grendon quondam major Exonie per cyphum argenteum magni

* He was the seventh abbot of his house, and governed it twenty-five years.

† Walter de Lucy's death occurred June 21, 1171.

‡ See ante, p. 157, note.

§ In a memorandum inserted in Bronescombe's register, between fols. 17 and 18, the greater part of this history of the foundation is given; but it adds, that bishop Thomas Bitton "ordinavit magistrum hospitalis Johannem Lechelade et associavit sibi quatuor fratres sibi obedientes, ut in statutis ejusdem episcopi patet."

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precii predictum hospitale instauraverunt, quod ponderat CLXXII uncias; quod vendebatur post mortem Johannis Olyver prioris ad Johannem Lake mercatorem pro XL marcis.

NUM. II.

Cartæ fundationis hospitalis S. Johannis apud Exoniam.

(Ex registro hosp. ejusdem, fol. 57, b *.)

OMNIBUS Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Henricus Hugheton major civitatis Exonie salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me inspexisse cartam domini regis Henrici filii Johannis regis confirmacionis libertatum hospitalis Sancti Johannis infra portam orientalem Exonie in hec verba: "HENRICUS Dei gracia rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus comitibus baronibus justiciariis et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis tocius Anglie salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et hospitali Sancti Johannis juxta portam orientalem in civitate Exonie et pauperibus ibi degentibus locum ipsius hospitalis et omnes racionabiles donaciones que eis facte sunt vel fient in terris et tenementis redditibus et omnibus aliis rebus. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod idem hospitale et prefati pauperes omnes predictas donaciones sicut determinatum est habeant et teneant in libera et perpetua elemosina bene et in pace libere et quiete integre plenarie et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis. Teste Bonefacio electo Cantuariensi Wygornie episcopo, Johanne Norwicensi episcopo, Rogero elemosinario. Apud Windeshore."

Et eciam ego prefatus Henricus Hugheton inspexi copiam carte Gilberti filii Walteri et Johannis fratris ejus quondam ejusdem civitatis predicte per ineptam custodiam aliqualiter putrefacte et consumpte in hec verba:

"Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Gilbertus filius Walteri et Johannes frater meus dedimus concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam hospitali infra portam orientalem de novo constructo in honore Dei beate Marie et Sancti Johannis Baptiste omniumque sanctorum pro animabus nostris antecessorum et successorum nostrorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum omnia terras et tenementa redditus et servicia nostra cum suis pertinenciis que habemus infra muros civitatis Exonie et extra ad sustentacionem pauperum in eadem domo existencium, videlicet, terram nostram de Ayslond continentem viginti duo acras; et terram vocatam quatuor acra cum prato unius acre illi in occidentali parte adjuncto; et unam acram terre in australi parte earundem quatuor acrarum non tamen illis adjunctam; et tenementa nostra cum acra vocata obliqua acra adjuncta predictis tenementa in parte boreali situata inter Garstlane et rivolum vocatum Schutebroke; et tenementa nostra in australi parte vici vocati Schutebrokestrete situata; et tenementum nostrum situatum fere ex opposito ecclesie Sancte Sativole in suburbio civitatis predicte, et hospicium cum gardino predicti hospitalis; et tenementum nostrum situatum ex opposito porte curie ejusdem hospitalis; et tenementum situatum in angulo inter magnum vicum et viam que ducit versus Poallium castri in parte occidentali; et tenementum situatum ex opposito predicti tenementi in angulo inter predictum magnum vicum et Doddehaystrete; et tenementa nostra sita in vico Sancti Martini infra clausum ecclesie beati Petri partim ex opposito hospicii thesaurarii ejusdem ecclesie partim ex opposito hospicii cancellarii dicte ecclesie; et tenementum nostrum situatum in magno vico fere ex opposito ecclesie Omnium Sanctorum in aurifabria extendens se a dicto magno vico usque ad cimiterium beati Petri; et tenementum nostrum in boreali parte predicti magni vici situatum fere ex opposito Venelle Sancti Martini; et tenementum nostrum in Correstrete extendens se a dicto vico usque ad barbicanum castri; et tenementum nostrum in vico boreali fere ex opposito vici Sancti Pauli situatum; et eciam tenementa nostra retro monasterium Sancti Nicholai; et tenementum nostrum in magno vico situatum in australi parte ejusdem juxta communem fontem ville; et tenementum nostre in australi parte venelle Sancti Johannis de Arcubus situatum; et tenementum nostrum in Smythenestrete in parte australi ejusdem situatum fere ex opposito predicte venelle Sancti Johannis de Arcubus; et tenementum nostrum in Teyztstrete in australi parte ejusdem situatum; et tenementum nostrum in Gennestrete ex opposito vici vocati Melkstrete; Habendum et tenendum omnia predicta terras et tenementa redditus et servicia dicto hospitali et pauperibus ibidem Deo servientibus libere quiete bene et in pace cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis jure hereditario imperpetuum. Quod ut ratum et inconcussum permaneat imperpetuum huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus; Hillario Blundo tunc majore Exonie, Eustachio filio prepositi, Rogero Peytevim preposito, Waltero Turbery, Waltero le Chawe, Rogero filio Henrici, Johanne Caperun seniore, Ricardo milite, Johanne de Wetona et aliis."

Et similiter ego prefatus Henricus Hugheton inspexi cartam sive scriptum approbacionis et ratificacionis carte predictorum civium Gilberti et Johannis domini Bonefacii archiepiscopi in hac verba.

"Universis fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Bonefacius Dei gracia archiepiscopus tocius Anglie primas eternam in Domino salutem. Ad communem omnium noticiam volumus pervenire quod dilecti filii nostri Gilbertus filius Walteri et Johannes frater ejus divine pietatis intuitu dederunt et concesserunt in perpetuam elemosinam hospitali domui, que est prope portam orientalem civitatis Exonie constructa, omnes terras et domos et possessiones quas habuerunt intra muros civitatis Exonie et extra ad sustentacionem pauperum in eadem domo existencium. Et quia quod pro pia devocione fidelium pauperibus Christi collatum est nostra debemus autoritate munire, predictam donacionem ratam habemus et tam scripti nostri testimonio quam sigilli nostri apposicione confirmamus sub interminacione anathematis inhibentes ne quis pauperibus dicte domus hospitalis prefatas terras vel alias eorum possessiones subtrahere vel diminuere vel ad gravamen eis injuste inferre presumat. Si quis autem ausu temerario hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignacionem Dei omnipotentis et sanctissime Virginis Marie et Sancti Johannis et omnium sanctorum et nostram se noverit incursurum."

Quarum cartarum tenorem in unam cartam redactum ego prefatus Henricus Hugheton ad specialem rogatum magistri et fratrum predicti hospitalis et ob amorem Dei beate Marie et Sancti Johannis ejusdem loci patroni ad declaracionem preteritorum et securitatem futurorum sigillo majoratus mei consignavi. Hiis testibus; Thoma Fourbour, Johanne Cok Spicer, Willielmo de Chaggeford, Johanne Colbroke seniore, Roberto Noble, Johanne Niweton, Ricardo Plegh, Johanne Dani, et aliis. Datum Exonie, die Sancti Egidii abbatis, anno regni regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum decimo [1336].

NUM. III.

Unio ecclesiarum S. Laurentii et S. Johannis Baptistæ.

(Ex eod. registr. fol. 8 b.)

IN Dei nomine amen. Cum nobis Petro miseracione divina Exonie episcopo officii nostri debitum in civitate Exonie exercentibus ad hospitale Sancti Johannis juxta portam orientalem civitatis ejusdem declinassemus personaliter causa visitandi, perpenderimus magistrum fratres et sorores ejusdem, qui propter imbecillitatem status sui pariter et inediam, ad summamque paupertatem per lapsus mundanos varios et fallaces miserabiliter sint deducti, per curam ecclesie Sancti Johannis antedicte, quam in eadem optinent ut rectores, multipliciter pregravari, dum pretextu sue debilitatis et inopie ex ipsa quam ut convenit decenter regere nequeunt, plus reportant oneris quam honoris. Sic et accidit quod cura illa dampnabiliter deseritur per impotenciam eorundem. Attendentes et quod parochiani ipsius ecclesie in ecclesia Sancti Laurencii que hospitali predicto satis vicina consistit

* This (already cited, ante, Num. I.) is a folio MS. volume of ninety-five double pages, transcribed, for the most part, temp. Henry VI., and in the possession of the corporation of Exeter.

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parochialia jura commode possunt percipere, eidem pariter et uniri ex perceptione vel unione hujusmodi nullum omnino prejudicium habituri, ac unionem ipsam ecclesie Sancti Laurencii supradicte non dampnum sed comodum pocius allaturam, cupientesque hiis et aliis justis moti rationibus hospitali ecclesiisque predictis ut nostrum deposcit officium salubriter providere; capituli nostri, prioris et conventus de Merton verorum dicte ecclesie Sancti Laurencii patronorum, domini Vincentii tunc rectoris ejusdem, archidiaconi Exonie magistrique fratrum sororumque predictorum expresso interveniente consensu pariter et assensu, ORDINAMUS et ordinando pronunciamus, quod parochiam ecclesie Sancti Johannis predicte ecclesie Sancti Laurencii et rectori ejusdem qui pro tempore fuerit ad quam tenore presencium unimus eosdem tanquam ipsius parochiani assistant perpetuis temporibus et intendant, sacra ecclesiastica juraque omnia parochialia ab ipsa et ipsius rectoribus imperpetuum de cetero percepturi; exceptis magistro fratribus et sororibus supradictis familiaribus commensalibus et servientibus eorundem commorantibus in hospitali predicto quos ecclesie Sancti Laurencii et rectoribus ejusdem jure parochiali nolumus aliqualiter subjacere ac decimarum prestacione de ortis et gardinis infra clausum dicti hospitalis proveniencium, et ne hospitale predictum magister fratres sororesque supradicti per subtraccionem jurium suorum gravatos se defleant sueque miserie affliccionem superaddi doleant ampliorem, volumus et ordinamus ordinandoque decernimus et pronunciamus, quatenus in recompensacionem subtractorum jurium predictorum, hospitale magister fratres sororesque supradicti habeant et teneant totam terram cum omnibus juribus et pertinentiis suis extra portam orientalem Exonie versus Honewille que ad ecclesiam Sancti Laurencii supradictam antea pertinuit pleno jure sicut melius liberius plenius et magis pacifice rectores ecclesie Sancti Laurencii supradicte eam transactis temporibus habuerunt et tenuerunt sicut veri dictorum rectorum et ecclesie Sancti Laurencii veri et legitimi assignati; ita quod dictus rector nec parochiani predicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit sive fuerint a predictis magistro fratribus et sororibus dicti hospitalis ratione terre antedicte aliquid exigere poterit seu poterint in futurum. Et ut dicti magister fratres et sorores in suis debilitate et inopia Deum liberius contemplentur, volumus ordinamus et ordinando pronunciamus ut ipsa hospitale magister fratres et sorores ejusdem a jurisdictione archidiaconi Exonie qui pro tempore fuerit futuris temporibus penitus sint exempta; quorum visitacionem correccionem institucionem destitucionem et cetera jurisdiccionis officium qualitercunque contingencia nobis et successoribus nostris successorum nostrorum officialibus et ministris futuris temporibus reservamus. In quorum omnium fidem et testimonium sigillum nostrum sigilla nostri capituli dictorumque prioris et conventus et dictorum magistri fratrum et sororum magistrique Roberti de Evesham tunc archidiaconi Exonie, dictique Vincencii rectoris ecclesie Sancti Laurencii, ac communitatis Exonie, presenti ordinacioni, quam in modum cirographi fieri fecimus et apud dictos fratres et sorores et dictum rectorem Sancti Laurencii manere precepimus, bipartita alternatim sunt appensa. Datum Exonie die Mercurii proximo post festum Bartholomei apostoli anno Domino M°CC° octogesimo septimo, consecracionis nostre septimo *.

NUM. IV.

Appropriacio ecclesie de Holne hospitali S. Johannis †.

(Ex eod. registro, fol. 67. Vide etiam Grandisson regist. vol. ii. fol. 2, 3.)

UNIVERSIS sancte matris ecclesie filiis hoc presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Johannes miseracione divina Exonie episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Inter nostre sollicitudinis curas illa debet esse precipua ut ad relevandum miseriam inopum et gemitum pauperum ibi libencius exurgamus ubi per relevacionem hujusmodi vivorum ac mortuorum necessitati succurritur et una cum hoc cultus divinus augetur. Attendentes igitur quod dominus Philippus de Columbers, miles, et domina Alienora uxor ejusdem, unam acram terre cum pertinenciis in manerio eorundem de Holne et jus patronatus seu advocacionem ecclesie parochialis de Holne nostre diocesis zelo devocionis pro salubri statu domini nostri domini Edwardi tercii post conquestum regis Anglie illustris, ipsorum domini Philippi et Alienore dum vixerint ac animabus eorundem cum ab hac luce migraverint, et eciam pro animabus progenitorum dicti domini regis Anglie, et specialiter pro animabus nobilis viri domini Willielmi Martyn, domine Alienore uxoris ejusdem, Willielmi de Hasting, Willielmi Martyn, Johanne de Lacy, antecessorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, magistro et fratribus hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste infra portam orientalem civitatis Exonie situati et eorum successoribus qui pro tempore fuerint dederunt et sub certa forma concesserunt perpetuo possidendam; ita quod predicta ecclesia eisdem magistro et fratribus in proprios usus concedi poterit et appropriari, de licenciis dicti domini regis et aliorum quorum interest super hoc impetratis, prout hec in carta regia et aliis diversis munimentis et scriptis super hoc confectis vidimus plenius contineri. Paucitatemque ministrorum in predicto hospitali Deo famulancium, qui ad numerum collegii non attingunt, et exhilitatem reddituum et possessionem eorundem non absque cordis amaritudine advertentes, prout super hiis non solum per rei evidenciam sed eciam per testes et alia legitima documenta nobis est sufficienter et notorie facta fides, nos episcopus antedictus qui ex officii nostri debito tenemur divinum cultum pro viribus ampliare, ut suffragia vivorum cedant vivis ad meritum et prestent subsidia resolutis, magistro Johanne de Wyteby nunc rectore ejusdem ecclesie de Holne, decano eciam et capitulo ecclesie nostre Exoniensis et omnibus aliis quorum interat seu interesse poterit propter hoc specialiter convocatis, predictisque causis omnibus et singulis examinatis discussis sufficienterque probatis, predictam ecclesiam de Holne cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis magistro et fratribus hospitalis predicti qui ejusdem ecclesie de Holne veri sunt patroni et per quos ipsam parochialem ecclesiam speramus et credimus debite posse gubernari, predictorum rectoris decani et capituli et aliorum quorum interest expresso accidente consensu prehabitoque super hiis per plures dies solempni diligenti et sufficienti tractatu ac precedente decreto, observatis eciam omnibus in hac parte observandis, in forma que subsequitur in proprios usus concedimus et appropriamus perpetuo possidendam, jure et jurisdictione episcopali et archidiaconali in omnibus semper salvis. Ita, videlicet, quod, cedente vel decedente aut alias legitime ammoto dicto magistro Johanne nunc rectore ejusdem ecclesie, liceat predictis magistro et fratribus hospitalis predicti aut eorum successoribus qui pro tempore fuerint possessionem dicte ecclesie cum suis juribus et pertinentiis ingredi et tenere imperpetuum, nostro vel successorum nostrorum episcoporum Exoniensium consensu minime requisito; salva tamen competenti vicaria in eadem per nos vel aliquem successorum nostrorum ordinanda inibi et taxanda, cujus presentacio ad predictos magistrum et fratres ac eorum successores imperpetuum pertineat. Huic tamen appropriacioni de consensu dictorum magistri et fratrum adjicimus et adjiciendo juxta modum, qui sequitur, oneramus eosdem, videlicet quod postquam et quamdiu dicti magister et fratres pacificam possessionem ipsius ecclesie ex appropriacione hujusmodi habuerint fructus, redditus, ac proventus ejusdem de dicta vicaria integraliter absque solucione cujuscunque inconsueti oneris perceperint annuales predicti magister et fratres hospitalis antedicti, qui in numero duorum tantum ordinis sacerdotalis nunc existunt et persistere consueverunt, duos alios fratres qui in ordine consimili sint constituti vel in brevi post eorundem ingressum in presbiteros possint ordinari sibi assumant sub habitu professione et regula eorundem Domino servituros, ita quod in numero quarternario eorum fraternitas ex tunc perpetuo perseveret; quorum quatuor unus mane in aurora diei, alius vero post inceptionem summe misse ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie celebrande, missas celebrent in ecclesia dicti hospitalis; ita quod circiter finem dicte misse cathedralis

* Then follows, in a later hand, "Memorandum quod pauperes de firmariâ S. Johannis non condent testamenta, quia, ut patet superius, penitus sunt exempta a jurisdictione archidiacone Exonie."

† Lysons' Devonshire, p. 277, says that Holne was appropriated to the abbey of Buckfastlegh. We can find only a donation to that abbey of temporal possessions there. See post. Buckfastlegh.

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ecclesie vel saltem in fine ejusdem secunda terminetur. Et unius dictarum missarum officium sit de Sancta Maria et alterius de defunctis vel de die pro disposicione celebrantis, si racionabilis causa hoc exposcat, una cum propriis collectis pro dictis vivis et defunctis in utraque predictarum missarum. Item inveniant magister et fratres dicti hospitalis qui pro tempore fuerint annuatim viginti cereos singulos ponderis unius libre cere super herciam dictorum domini Willielmi Martyn et Alienore uxoris ejusdem apud Fratres Predicatores, ubi corpora eorundem humata quiescunt, die anniversarii dicti domini Willielmi Martyn, videlicet, in festo Sancte Katerine virginis collocandos, qui singulis annis accendantur et ardeant tantum dicto die anniversarii; necnon die anniversarii dicte domine Alienore uxoris ejusdem, videlicet, in festo Sancti Blasii martiris, dum anniversarii officium defunctorum videlicet, Placebo et Dirige et missa pro eisdem diebus predictis celebratur ibidem. Et quod residuum fuerit de cereis antedictis a dicta hercia infra annum a dicto festo Sancte Katerine numerandum nullatenus ammoveatur, sed ibidem usque idem festum remaneat annis revolvendis usque ad diem anniversarii dicti domini Willielmi revolutum, ut, succedentibus novis luminaribus secundum modum predictum, antiqui cerei ex tunc inter dictum hospitale et monasterium Fratrum Predicatorum pro dictorum equali pondere dividantur pro luminaribus in celebracionibus missarum in ecclesiis antedictis; reddentque et persolvent dicti magister et fratres hospitalis predicti annuatim fratribus predicatoribus predictis in die anniversarii dicti domini Willielmi sex solidos et octo denarios, et in die anniversarii dicte domine Alienore sex solidos et octo denarios ad obitus pro animabus eorum celebrandos. Preterea dicti magister et fratres obitus dictorum Willielmi et Alienore diebus anniversariis eorundem supradictis in ecclesia hospitalis antedicti singulis annis solempniter celebrare teneantur, et dictus magister hospitalis antedicti singulis annis in anniversario dicti domini Willielmi duodecim denarios ad mensam fratrum suorum pro pitancia, et singulis fratribus conversis qui ad mensam dicti magistri non sunt, ac eciam singulis pauperibus in dicto hospitali commorantibus singulos denarios ministrabit. Et nihilominus distribuet annuatim inter incarceratos et languentes in porta orientali dicte civitatis, necnon et alios ejusdem civitatis debiles mendicantes et morbo sontico laborantes, ad numerum ducentorum pauperum, octo solidos et quatuor denarios, ut singuli panem ad valorem unius oboli percipiant pro animabus domini Willielmi et Alienore predictorum. Volumus eciam et ordinamus de consilio dictorum decani et capituli et expresso consensu magistri et fratrum hospitalis predicti quod, decedente aliquo ex fratribus de numero quaternario antedicto, iidem magister et fratres superstites dicto hospitali infra duos menses a tempore mortis ejusdem numerandos de aliquo ydoneo loco defuncti provideant, qui in ordine sacerdotali tempore sue recepcionis seu in brevi post ejus recepcionem a professione in ordine predicto in sacerdotem promovendus existat, alioquin ex tunc provisio ejusdem ad nos et successores nostros seu officialem nostrum aut successorum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerint nobis aut dictis successoribus nostris extra dyocesim existentibus ob eorum negligenciam devolvatur. Quod si nos vel successores nostri aut officialis noster vel eorum successorum officiales dictam provisionem ex tunc infra mensem non fecimus aut non fecerint, ejusdem provisionem ad decanum et capitulum nostre Exonie ecclesie decernimus pertinere. Quod si, quod absit, infra mensem ex tunc numerandum iidem decanus et capitulum distulerint, ex tunc dictus dominus Philippus de Columbers et Alienora uxor ejusdem seu heredes dicte Alienore aliquem capellanum stipendiarium ydoneum provideant in dicto hospitali pro animabus predictis divina celebraturum, cui de bonis dicti hospitalis singuli viginti denarii pro singulis ebdomadis, quousque de fratre hujusmodi ydoneo loco defuncti per eosdem magistrum et fratres quibus in hoc casu jus providendi iterum devolvatur provisum fuerint, ministrentur. Et si forte per predictos Philippum Alienoram aut heredes Alienore de hujusmodi capellano suo tempore provisum non fuerit, nihilominus stipendia que fuerat recepturus pro toto tempore more sue per visum dictorum Philippi Alienore aut heredum dicte Alienore pauperibus erogentur. Et nihilominus volumus et ordinamus quod predicte due misse toto tempore vacacionis predicte per alios fratres ibidem superstites celebrentur; et postquam dictus presbiter stipendiarius advenerit, in hujusmodi celebracione auxilium impendat fratribus antedictis. Ad que omnia et singula secundum formam prescriptam, postquam et quamdiu dictam ecclesiam pacifice et integraliter possederint, imperpetuum observanda, predictos magistrum et fratres suosque successores ipsorum magistri ac fratrum necnon dictorum decani et capituli legitimo consensu interveniente onerari et obligari volumus, oneramus et obligamus, et sic oneratos et obligatos esse perpetuo declaramus, decernentes predictos magistrum et fratres ad omnia premissa fideliter facienda per omnimodas censuras ecclesiasticas quibus decet, ac eciam per subtractionem fructuum ecclesie prelibate, si oporteat, pro loco et tempore oportunis fore districcius compellendos. Et preter hec volumus quod si predicti magister et fratres in solucione stipendiorum predicti presbiteri in auxilium eorum assumpti, vel invencione cereorum, aut eorum renovacione, solucione unius marce fratribus predicatoribus, aut in celebracione obitus dictorum domini Willielmi et Alienore in hospitali predicto cum distribucione pauperibus facienda, ut superius est expressum, negligentes fuerint aut remissi, postquam de hujusmodi negligencia ad denunciacionem dictorum domini Philippi Alienore uxoris ejusdem aut heredum dicte Alienore nobis summarie et de plano sine strepitu judiciali fuerit facta fides, quadraginta solidos ad fabricam ecclesie cathedralis Exonie nomine pene solvere teneantur, ad quod si necesse fuerit modis quibus supra compellantur. In quorum omnium testimonium tam sigillum nostrum quam sigillum dictorum decani et capituli et sigillum dicti hospitalis presentibus sunt appensa. Et nos decanus et capitulum magister et fratres antedicti, premissa omnia et singula rata firma et accepta habentes, sigilla nostra presentibus apposuimus in testimonium premissorum. Datum Exonie vicesimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo nono.

Num. V.

Compositio vicariæ de Holne*.

(Ex registro Hospitalis S. Johan. fol. 68. Vid. etiam Grandiss. regist. vol. ii. fol. 26.)

Universis presentes litteras inspecturis vel audituris Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ut sciatur in quibus porcionibus vicaria ecclesie de Holne consistere debeat in futurum, nos, pensatis ipsius ecclesie facultatibus, habitaque super hoc cognicione debita que requiritur in hac parte, de consensu magistri et fratrum hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Exonie quibus dicta ecclesia legitime appropriata existit et eciam aliorum quorum interest, dictam vicariam, que in porcionibus infrascriptis consistat, prout ad nos pertinet tenore presencium ordinamus; videlicet, quod vicarii qui pro tempore fuerint in eadem ecclesia habeant et percipiant nomine vicarie predicte omnes et singulas domus que ad rectoriam ipsius ecclesie antea consueverant pertinere, cum toto sanctuario ecclesie memorate, et communa pasture, excepta una longa et nova domo juxta portam curie cum clauso adjacente circiter dimidiam acram continente, cum sufficiente itinere ex utraque parte domus pro bladis et aliis rebus suis per quemcumque modum vehendis in domum antedictam, quam quidem domum dicti vicarii suis propriis sumptibus sustinebunt ad usum dictorum magistri et fratrum hospitalis predicti, cum blada sua ipsius ecclesie si et prout eis placuerit unire et recolligere voluerint in eisdem; alioquin omnia aysiamenta, tam de ipsa domo quam de area predictis, cum iidem magister et fratres hospitalis predicti non indiguerint ut premittitur, remaneant penes vicarios antedictos. Habeant eciam et percipiant dicti vicarii ibidem omnes decimas minores oblaciones et alias quascunque obvenciones tocius predicte parochie ad altilagium ipsius ecclesie

* S. James's chapel, "nuper fundata," in Holne parish, was licensed in favour of sir Thomas Audeley by bishop Brantyngham, September 11, 1381.

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pertinentes, in quibus mortuaria et decimam feni lini canabi vitulorum agnorum et pullanorum volumus inter cetera comprehendi. Et quia dicta ecclesia de Holne magistro Johanni de Wyteby sub certis modis et forma pensionaria existit in certa summa pecunie, volumus quod predicti vicarii in subsidium solucionis pensionis antedicte magistro et fratribus prescriptis eorumque successoribus durante termino pensionis antedicte solvant annis singulis ad festa pasche et Sancti Michaelis equa divisione quinque marcas; cessante vero pensione predicta, solvant vicarii predicti dictis magistro et fratribus eorumque successoribus viginti solidos tantum ad terminos predictos annuatim imperpetuum. Dictique vicarii predictis magistro et fratribus eorumque successoribus ac ministris et famulis, cum pro uniendis seu vendendis bladis dicte ecclesie, que omnia ubicumque excolantur autoritate presentis ordinacionis ad eosdem magistrum et fratres volumus remanere, et eciam pro pecunia eorundem levanda aut aliis negociis dicte ecclesie expediendis ibidem, accederint hospicium, competens inveniant fenum et literam et buscam pro mora sua subministrent eisdem; iidem eciam vicarii onus procuracionis in generalibus capitulis pro dictis magistro et fratribus perpetualiter subire teneantur. Ordinamus insuper quod dicti vicarii ibidem cancellum dicte ecclesie, libros, et cetera ornamenta ipsius ad rectoriam spectancia, necnon vitrum fenestrarum dicti cancelli, suis sumptibus construant corrigant inveniant et sustineant, ac cetera omnia onera ordinaria dicte ecclesie subeant et agnoscant; extraordinaria vero ejusdem ecclesie quocumque nomine censeantur pro duabus partibus ad magistros et fratres, pro tercia vero parte ad vicarios pertineant antedictos. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh, tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo nono et consecracionis nostre secundo.

[The above composition is copied in bishop Grandisson's register, vol. ii. fol. 26. The copyist, William Germyn, registrar of bishop Woolton, says that the original was found in an old chest within S. John's hospital, and was delivered to him by Humphry Carewe, gent., the proprietor of the said hospital, on Thursday after the feast of S. James the apostle; viz. July 26, 1585.]

Num. VI.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Ernescombe et fundatio scholæ grammaticalis.

(Ex eodem registro, fol. 68 b.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Deliberacione debita considerantes et digna, quod bone memorie Walterus Exoniensis episcopus predecessor noster, ad ea que longa experiencia gravibus esse probantur onusta dispendiis et innumeris plena periculis dirigens intuitum sue mentis, et potissime ad id, quod quasi communis morbus irrepsit, quod ecclesiarum parochialium rectores et alii curam animarum habentes ceterique in sacerdocio constituti, qui gramatice fundamentum non hauserunt, ob defectum quem paciuntur in ea inutiles ad superiores sciencias vel saltem minus sufficientes redduntur, postquam idem predecessor noster unam domum pro scolaribus in logica imbuendis Oxonie fundaverat, ubi universitas viget generalis, extunc eciam ad sustentacionem puerorum studencium in gramatica et erudiendorum in moribus et vita, cordis sui sedulo destinavit affectum, ideoque tres acras terre nomine glebe in territorio ville de Ernescombe* nostre diocesis cum advocacione parochialis ecclesie de Ernescombe acquisivit, et a serenissimo principe domino rege illustri appropriandi eandem dilectis filiis magistro et fratribus hospitalis beati Johannis infra portam orientalem civitatis Exoniensis nostri patronatus, ad augmentum cultus divini in eodem et sustentacionem puerorum studencium et instruendorum ut premittitur, pro anima sua cum ab hac luce migraret et anima bone memorie domini Thome de Button Exoniensis episcopi sui et nostri predecessoris, impetravit et obtinuit licenciam specialem; et licet super hiis prout fidedignorum relacione accepimus tractatum diligentem cum capitulo suo et nostro Exoniensi ipsiusque capituli consensum inde habuisset, sortis tamen humane condicio, que ipsum de medio sustulit, in causa fuit quare in premissis votum suum non explevit; Nos autem, qui sicut eidem licet immeriti in pontificatus officio Domino miserante succedimus, sic in affectus plenitudine consummacionis eorum que in premissis sua pietas inchoavit succedere volumus et debemus, premissorum igitur consideracione precumque instancia dilectorum filiorum fratris Thome de Henton, nunc regularis canonici ordinis Sancti Augustini, Thome et Walteri predecessorum nostrorum predictorum predecessorum executoris excitati, dilectos filios decanum et capitulum ecclesie nostre Exoniensis prelibate ad certos diem et locum ad tractandum super appropriacione dicte ecclesie et articulis ad premissa necessariis peremptorie fecimus evocari, habitoque cum ipsis tractatu solempni ac diligenti, de unanimi consensu eorundem et nostro ac eciam dilectorum filiorum magistri Johannis de Nassington archidiaconi Barnastapolie in ecclesia nostra predicta, in cujus archidiaconatu ipsa ecclesia dinoscitur situari, et domini Thome de Stapeldon nuper dicte ecclesie patroni, ac omnium et singulorum quorum consensus requiritur in hac parte consensu pariter et assensu ad id expresso accedente, concurrentibusque omnibus et singulis que de jure requiruntur, ipsam ecclesiam de Erniscombe cum omnibus juribus suis et pertinenciis universis dictis magistro et fratribus ad pia opera predicta pro animabus dictorum dominorum Walteri et Thome predecessorum ac successorum suorum et nostrorum, episcoporum Exoniensium, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, canonice appropriamus per presentes, jure episcopali et archidiaconali in omnibus semper salvis, salvaque competenti vicaria secundum quantitatem dicti beneficii per nos aut successores nostros taxanda et ordinanda, ad quam dicti magister et fratres et eorum successores cum vacaverit nobis et successoribus nostris personam ydoneam presentabunt. Concedentes eisdem magistro et fratribus pro nobis et successoribus nostris, quod, dilecto filio domino Ricardo de Tuverton nunc rectore ejusdem ecclesie cedente vel decedente, ipsi magister et fratres dictam ecclesiam cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis universis autoritate hujusmodi appropriacionis nostre libere ingredi valeant et possessionem ejusdem adipisci, et in proprios usus licite retinere, nostro seu successorum nostrorum dicti archidiaconi seu successorum suorum mandato seu consensu minime requisitis. Et in signum tradite seu adepte possessionis dicte ecclesie per dictos magistrum et fratres, ordinamus, dicto domino Ricardo nunc rectore dicte ecclesie per procuratorem suum expresse consenciente, consensuque capituli nostri predicti accedente, annuam pensionem sex denariorum dictis magistro et fratribus per eundem rectorem ecclesie esse solvendam annis singulis Exonie in festo Sancti Michaelis, dicto domino Ricardo ibidem remanente rectore, duraturam. Formam vero dictos pueros admittendi informandi ac necessaria exhibendi, de consensu dicti domini Thome de Stapeldon factam, inferius duximus inserendam. Quam quidem formam predicti magister et fratres, de consensu dilecti filii magistri Ade Murimouth precentoris ecclesie nostre Exoniensis prelibate, custodis hospitalis nostri predicti per nos deputati, per procuratorem suum legitimum acceptarunt, et onus ministrandi hujusmodi pueris omnia que in subscripta forma continentur, quatenus eos concernunt, admiserunt agnoverunt et promiserunt fideliter observanda. Deducta vicaria hujusmodi per nos aut successores nostros ut premittitur taxanda que ad presentacionem dictorum magistri et fratrum pertineat ut prefertur, dicti magister et fratres de fructibus redditibus et proventibus ejusdem ecclesie pro sustentacione pauperum scholarium gramaticam addiscencium in dicto hospitali commorancium sub forma que sequitur ordinent et disponant, videlicet, quod iidem magister et fratres inveniant et ministrent dictis scolaribus eorumque magistro in gramatica hospicium competens infra ambitum hospitalis predicti, et stramina pro lectis eorundem faciendis, et potagium sufficiens de eodem quo ipsi utuntur in refectionibus suis, focalia et vasa invenient eisdem

* The church of Yarnscombe was dedicated to S. Andrew, as we find by various ancient wills.

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pro pane carnibus et piscibus per ministros dictorum magistri et fratrum decoquendis; ac singulis ipsorum tam magistro eorum in gramatica quam scolaribus quinque denarios ebdomadatim per singulos annos, postquam fructus unius anni dicte ecclesie perceperint vel poterunt percepisse. Qui quidem scolares et magister eorum diebus dominicis et festivis horis canonicis in eodem hospitali intersint. Idem vero magister, quem continue circa reformacionem morum dictorum scolarium et eorum in gramaticalibus informacionem plus ceteris fatigari oportebit, et racione eadem pre manibus unam dimidiam marcam ad necessaria ultra communem suam predictam singulis annis ad quatuor anni terminos percipiet. Et dicti magister et fratres eorumque successores, pro labore suo circa culturam colleccionem et vendicionem fructuum et proventuum dicte ecclesie et levacionem pecunie ac eciam invencionem onerum predictorum, annis singulis imperpetuum quinquaginta solidos percipiant ultra racionabiles expensas suas faciendas circa culturam collecccionem et vendicionem dictorum fructuum et levacionem pecunie memorate. Et totum residuum proventuum dicte ecclesie, deductis vicaria et dictis quinquaginta solidis ac dictis expensis ut premittitur, in supportacionem onerum predictorum ut superius scribitur convertatur secundum racionabilem compotum reddendum illi qui principali custodie dicti hospitalis per nos aut successores nostros Exonienses episcopos fuerit deputatus. Eligantur itaque dicti scolares duo de archidiaconatu Barnastapolie, quorum unus sit de parochia de Erniscombe vel uterque si habiles inveniantur ibidem, et unus vel duo de archidiaconatu Tottonie, ac duo de archidiaconatu Exonie, et unus vel duo de archidiaconatu Cornubie, et tres de ecclesia nostra cathedrali Exonie, videlicet, de choristis habilioribus ad proficiendum in scolis, qui propter mutacionem vocum vel aliam racionabilem et honestam causam non possint vel nolunt in choro dicte ecclesie cathedralis ulterius remanere; item unus ad nominacionem dicti filii nobilis viri domini Philippi de Columbariis et domine Alienore uxoris sue seu heredis ipsius Alienore capitalium dominorum ecclesie antedicte admittitur. Item eligatur unus sciolus gramaticus, qui sit superintendens magister et informator dictorum scolarium tam in hospicio quam in scolis gramaticalibus sequens eos; et ille sit in ordine sacerdotali constitutus si talis ydoneus inveniatur. Et fiat dicta eleccio, postquam illi qui nunc sunt in dicto hospitali propter majorem etatem aut diuturnitatem more completam vel aliam causam racionabilem removendi fuerint, per hunc modum, videlicet, quod summus magister scolarum civitatis antedicti de singulis dictorum archidiaconatuum quatuor pueros indigentes stature ac conversacionis honeste liberos et legitimos habiles ad gramaticam addiscendam, qui sciant psalterium competenti more puerorum, et planum cantum, vel saltem habilitari possint ad canendum, pro ministerio divino eligat et presentet custodi hospitalis predicti ut premittitur deputato. Et per ipsum tot admittantur habiliores quot fuerint loco residencium subrogandi; de choristis vero primo tres elegantur per decanum et precentorem ecclesie beati Petri Exonie aut unum eorum, altero absente extra dyocesim, et dicti hospitalis custodi ut premittitur presententur, et per ipsum custodem si sint habiles admittantur et loco ipsorum amotorum vel recedencium alii similiter subrogentur; nominatus vero per dominos Philippum et Alienoram predictos aut ipsius Alienore heredes, si habilis juxta condiciones predictas inveniatur, statim admittatur absque contradiccione quacumque; si vero inhabilis remittatur cum causa inhabilitatis, ut alium habilem loco ipsius possint si velint remittere sine mora. Et morentur dicti scolares electi et nominati in predicto hospitali et exerceant scolas gramaticales civitatis more scolarium per quinquennium, nisi forte cicius expediti fuerint in gramatica et habiles ad proficiendum in aliis liberalibus scienciis vel ad ingrediendum religionem prout eis et eorum amicis videbitur expedire. Si vero aliquis eorum inhabilis vel hebes nimis fuerit ad discendum, aut elatus, inquietus, incomitiva vel aliter male morigeratus ad denunciacionem magistri ipsius in gramatica vel magistri dicti hospitalis aut unius eorum faciendam custodi hospitalis ejusdem, primitus tamen ab eodem custode summarie cognita veritate de premissis si talis inveniatur, per eundem custodem statim amoveatur, et de eodem archidiaconatu de quo ipse fuerit assumptus, subrogetur alius loco ipsius infra mensem, observata forma electionis predicta. Per hoc tamen non negamus nec vetamus quin ipsi scolares in vacacionibus suos possint amicos et parentes pro suo solacio et commodo, de licencia tamen custodis vel magistri sui, visitare, ita quod in ipsorum absencia nichil recipiant de premissis. Magister vero ipsorum in gramatica amoveatur quociens opus fuerit, ad denunciacionem dictorum magistrorum hospitalis et scolarum gramaticalium civitatis predicte, et subrogetur alius loco ipsius per predictum custodem. Si vero bona dicte ecclesie deductis oneribus predictis et aliis necessariis ad tantum numerum sufficere non potuerint aut forte ad ampliorem numerum se extendant, fiat diminucio aut augmentacio numeri dictorum scolarium prout redituum dicte ecclesie fertilitas vel sterilitas hoc exposcat, per ordinacionem dicti custodis secundum compotum magistri dicti hospitalis si oporteat jurati et fideliter informati, singulis annis infra quindenam post festum Sancti Michaelis coram predicto custode reddendum. Si autem per absenciam scolarium vel defectum numeri de redditibus dicte ecclesie aliquid excreverit quod ad sustentacionem unius scolaris per annum non sufficiat, illud post compotum auditum per summum custodem inter scolares pro suis necessariis equaliter dividatur. Electio vero et amocio dictorum scolarium taliter fiat et de talibus personis, quod in eis nichil sibi vendicet odium neque favor seu consanguinitas, sed sine personarum acceptacione liberi et legitimi, ut supra premittitur, pauperiores et habiliores pre ceteris eligantur, et absque odii fomite amoveantur indigni, sicut prefati magister et custos in extremo judicio voluerint reddere racionem, reservata nobis et successoribus nostris potestate super premissis quociens videbitur expedire addendi mutandi corrigendi interpretandi et declarandi. In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem pleniorem sigillum nostrum una cum sigillis tam capituli nostri quam hospitalis beati Johannis predictorum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum quoad nos in manerio nostro apud Chuddelegh octavo decimo die mensis Novembris anno Domini M°CCC°XXXIJ° et consecracionis nostre sexto. Et nos, decanus et capitulum ecclesie Exonie predicte habito super premissis ut premittitur tractatu diligenti et sollempni, dicte appropriacioni et ceteris omnibus per venerabilem patrem et dominum nostrum dominum Johannem Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum supradictum in hac parte ordinatis, consensum nostrum presentes pariter et assensum. Nosque custos magister et fratres antedicti premissa omnia et singula quatenus ad nos attinet rata habentes et accepta sigilla nostra fecimus hiis apponi. Datum quoad nos decanum et capitulum custodemque magistrum et fratres predictos in domo capitulari cathedralis ecclesie Exonie vicesimo tercio die mensis Novembris anno Domini supradicto.

Num. VII.

Compositio vicariæ de Ernescombe.

(Ex eodem registro, fol. 69, b.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum dominus Simon de Berford, presbiter, nuper fuerit autoritate nostra ad perpetuam vicariam in ecclesia de Ernescombe nostre diocesis per nos de novo taxandam et ordinandam, quam quidem ecclesiam religiosi viri magister et fratres hospitalis Sancti Johannis Exonie optinent in proprios usus, ad ipsorum presentacionem admissus et institutus canonice in eadem, ut tam pro quiete dictorum magistri et fratrum quam vicarii predicti et aliorum vicariorum qui pro tempore erunt ibidem, sciri valeat in quibus porcionibus hujus vicaria consistere debeat temporibus secuturis, Nos, pensatis ipsius ecclesie facultatibus, habitaque super hoc cognicione debita que requiritur in hac parte tam de consensu dictorum magistri et fratrum quam eciam domini Simonis vicarii supradicti et aliorum quorum interest, dictam vicariam qua in porcionibus infrascriptis consistat prout ad nos pertinet tenore presencium ordinamus; videlicet, quod vicarii qui pro tempore fuerint in eadem ecclesia habeant et percipiant nomine

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vicarie predicte omnes et singulas domos que ad rectoriam dicte ecclesie antea consueverant pertinere cum columbario toto sanctuario et gleba ecclesie memorate, excepta una grangia cum parva area ex una parte grangie versus curiam et una acra terre ex alia parte grangie cum sufficienti itinere pro bladis et aliis rebus ad rectoriam spectantibus per quemcumque modum vehendis, salvo tamen sufficienti et communi itinere inter dictam grangiam et acram terre predictam ita quod tam dicti magister et fratres quam vicarii qui pro tempore fuerint blada sua et alia necessaria cariare possint per se et suos quociens eis videbitur oportunum. Habeant eciam et percipiant prefati vicarii ibidem domum capellani cum curtilagio adjacente, omnes decimas minores oblaciones et alias quascumque obvenciones tocius parochie ad altilagium ipsius ecclesie pertinentes, in quibus mortuaria et decima feni molendinorum lini, canabi, lane, vitulorum, agnorum et pullanorum volumus inter cetera comprehendi. Dictique vicarii predictis magistro et fratribus eorumque successoribus ac ministris et famulis cum pro uniendis seu vendendis bladis dicte ecclesie, que omnia ubicumque excolantur autoritate presentis ordinacionis ad eosdem magistros et fratres volumus remanere, et eciam pecuniam eorundem levandam aut aliis negociis ecclesie expediendis ibidem accesserint hospicium, competens inveniant fenum et literam et buscam pro mora sua subministrent et inveniant eisdem. Iidem etiam vicarii onus procuratoris in generalibus capitulis pro dictis magistro et fratribus perpetualiter subiri teneantur. Ordinamus insuper ut dicti vicarii ibidem omnia onera ordinaria dicte ecclesie subeant et agnoscant, quodque cancellum dicte ecclesie libros et cetera ornamenta ipsius ad rectoriam ejusdem ecclesie spectancia, necnon vitrum fenestrarum dicti cancelli suis sumptibus construant corrigant inveniant et sustineant, extraordinaria vero dicte ecclesie quocumque nomine censeantur ad magistrum et fratres pertineant antedictos, reservata nobis et successoribus nostris presentem ordinacionem dicte vicarie interpretandi mutandi et corrigendi, quociens opus fuerit et justicia suadebit, in omnibus potestate. In quorum testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum in manerio nostro de Clist ultimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo tricesimo quinto et consecracionis nostre octavo *.

Num. VIII.

Discordia inter civitatem Exoniæ et fratres hospitalis S. Johannis Baptistæ de metis communibus.

(Ex rotulo inter archiv. Civit. Exon.)

Exon, scilicet. Presens processus irrolutatur in dorso rotuli curie tente die lune proxima ante festum sanctorum Tiburcii et Valeriani martirum anno regni regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu Anglie tricesimo quinto (April. 1361).

Cum nuper discordia atque dubietas exorte fuissent in civitate Exonie inter majorem et communitatem dicte civitatis et magistrum et fratres hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste ejusdem civitatis de metis cujusdam venelle *Dodeheystret* nuncupate que se extendit a summo vico dicte civitatis usque ad murum qui includit eandem civitatem ex parte australi inter gardinum dicti hospitalis et gardinum fratrum predicatorum, tandem tamen die lune proxima ante festum sanctorum Tiburcii et Valeriani martirum anno regni regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu Anglie tricesimo quinto, amicis communibus intervenientibus, dicte discordia et dubietas conquieverunt modo qui subsequitur, videlicet, quod predicti major et communitas et predicti magister et fratres hospitalis predicti de eorum communi assensu et voluntate elegerunt duodecim viros fidedignos de civitate predicta, videlicet, Rogerum Atte Welle, Johannem Hall, Robertum Broun, Henricum Forbour, Ricardum Goldsmyth, Nicholaum Taverner, Walterum Atte Wode, Johannem Rolond, Willielmum Stocklegh, Johannem Waye, Johannem Broune Wille seniorem, et Johannem Atte Mille, et eosdem de certis metis inter predictam venellam et predictum gardinum hospitalis predicti limitandis jurare fecerunt. Qui quidem viri sic juramento astricti, circumspectis et diligenter scrutatisque tunc apparebant evidenciis, palos ad exteriores arbores dicti hospitalis pro metis ex parte illa fixerunt, et ab illis palis latitudinem dicte venelle versus gardinum fratrum predicatorum se extendere decreverunt. Unde ut mete supradicte temporibus futuris perpetuo evidenter appareant, statim postea magister et fratres hospitalis supradicti arbores suas predictas in proprio solo suo sic crescentes prostraverunt et in eodem loco, quo arbores ille creverunt, supervidentibus et superintendentibus quibusdam de predictis viris, quemdam murum construxerunt. Ita quod dicta venella que est via regia et communis a summo vico predicto continuo extra predictum murum dicti hospitalis tendit ad murum dicte civitatis, latitudine vero ejusdem venelle ab illo muro hospitalis predicti versus predictum gardinum fratrum predicatorum observata.

[The large city seal is attached.]

* Richard Newcombe, vicar of Yarnscombe, by his will, dated May 23, 1532, desires to be buried in his chancel "sub pede imaginis S. Andree," to whose store he gives two ewes, and to the gild of S. Andrew there an ox and a calf, and to the gild of S. John the Baptist two ewes.

Num. IX.

Nomina sepultorum extraneorum in hospitali Sancti Johannis Exonie citra memoriam hominum †.

(Ex registro Hosp. S. Johan. supramemorato, ad finem.)

Johannes Boys, Sancti Laurencii.
Johannes Webber, Sancti Laurencii.
Dominus Johannes Hulle justiciarius, domini regis de banco.
Dionisia et domina Matildis ‡ uxores ejus.
Magister Willielmus Leche, Sancti Pauli.
Dominus Willielmus Aller rector Sancti Olavi Newant.
Dominus Johannes Burley.
Magister Walterus Robert principalis porcionarius ecclesie de Tyverton.
Magister Willielmus Wellis, Sancti Martini.
Uxor Walteri Gyst, Sancti Laurencii.
Ricardus Bere, Sancti Laurencii.
Ricardus Quylter, Sancti Laurencii.
Trewynard de Cornubia, Omnium Sanctorum in Aurifabria.
Stafford, Sancte Marie majoris.
Johannes Tyule et Margareta uxor ejus, Laurencii.
Johannes Talbot quondam major civitatis Exon, Keriani.
Magister Ricardus Talbot, Laurencii.
Dominus Thomas Lusquyt, Edmundi super pontem.
Johannes Manscomb et uxor ejus, Sancti Stephani.
Thomas Law et Johana uxor ejus, Laurencii.
Ricardus Cokeworthi, Omnium Sanctorum supra muros.
Petrus Sturt, uxor, et filius eorundem, Sancti Martini.
Johannes Tremayn, Sancti Martini.
Uxor Johannis Smert, Sancti Pancrasii.
Uxor Thome Coke, Sancti Petroci.
Alicia Bewcham et Willielmus filius ejus, Sancti Laurencii.
Alicia Brokyn, Sancti Martini.
Dominus Ricardus Donscomb.
Walterus Coke.
Mater Ade Summayster.
Ricardus Dygon, Sancte Sativole.
Willielmus Hodel, Sancte Sativole.
Dominus Robertus Dawe.
Mater Johannis Huesch.
Johannes Cole.
Uxor Thome Hawkyn.
Filius Nicholai Trelawny, Sancti Petroci.

† This list of burials, written in different hands at the end of the cartulary, may interest some readers.

‡ Matilda, after the death of sir John Hulle, married a Latymer. Her will, made in Easter week, 1416, is preserved in bishop Stafford's register, vol. i. She desires to be buried near her first husband, and appoints her sons, John Hull and Robert Hull, and one William Jewe, executors.

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Puer de Cornubia, Sancti Petroci.
Johannes Roos.
Filia Thome Dourissh, Sancte Sativole.
Dominus Johannes Bealle vicarius de Rokebear.
Dominus Johannes Frank rector de Petris Tavy.
Dominus Nicholaus Coldecote rector Sancti Laurencii. (His will is dated March 27, and proved May 27, 1424. Bishop Lacy's register.)
Soror Willielmi Hethfeld, Sancti Laurencii.
Ricardus Mylle, Sancti Stephani.
Yerde.
Johannes Sawle, Sancti Laurencii in La Baly.
Cocus Dodyngton canonici Sancti Martini.
Petrus Yeonge, Sancti Olavi.
Elizabeth Chuselden, Sancti Laurencii.
Margareta Hydon, Sancte Sativole.
Domina Johanna Lerchedekene, Sancti Laurencii.
Johanna Herlewynyne, Sancti Georgii A.D. MCCCCLVII. in festo Assumptionis.
Johannes Pyttes, Sancti Martini.
Johannes Harlewyne, Sancti Georgii.
Magister Johannes Hylle, hospes noster.
Thomas Mayer de parochia de Yddeslegh *.

Nomina extraneorum sepultorum in dicto hospitali, scilicet, in ecclesia ab anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXij° usque ad annum Domini millesimum CCCCCXX.
Magistri Henricus Grymstone in capella Sancte Trinitatis.
Johannes Whytelock, Sancti Stephani.
Dominus Rogerus Wheler, Sancti Laurencii.
Ricardus Waggot, Sancti Laurencii.
Johannes Broke, Sancte Sativole.
Johannes Sayer, Sancti Stephani.
Johannes Coppleston armiger, Ricardus Coppleston filius, Johannes Copplestone, Magistra Johanna uxor ejusdem } in parochia Sancti Laurencii.
Magistra Cristina Hyngstecote, Sancti Stephani.
Willielmus Obeley, Sancte Marie de arcubus.
Willmota uxor ejus, Sancti Georgii.
Elizabeth filia ejusdem.
Margeria Page, Sancte Sativole.
Alicia Norys, Sancti Laurencii.
Johanna Boddely, Sancti Stephani.
Petrus Williams, Agnes uxor ejus } Sancti Petroci.
Thomas Clerck infra hospitale.
Johanna Byshoppe, Elizabeth Byshoppe } Sancti Laurencii, uxores unius viri.
Johannes Colcharde, Sancti Georgii.
Thomas Cogworthy, Sancti Kyerani.
Rogerus Shordyche, Johanna uxor ejus } Sancti Stephani.
Thomas Gele, infra hospitale.
Johannes Boteler, infra hospitale.
Philippus Skyce, Sancti Laurencii, Thomas Elycotte, Sancte Sativole } isti duo erant pincerne nostri.
Johannes Harrys infra hospitale.

* Richard Baker's burial is omitted. His will, made February 14, 1483, was proved in S. Mary Major's church, May 6 following. He was a benefactor to the hospital.

Michael Payne sutor, Sancti Laurencii.
Magister Johannes Hull, Sancti Pauli.
Johannes Cliffton, Johanna uxor ejus } Omnium Sanctorum super muros.
Johannes Bolter, Magistra Johanna Duke filia ejus et } Sancti Laurencii.
Magistra Juliana Duke, Sancti Stephani.
Willielmus Genyan.
Domina Elysabeth Ralygh, Magistra Elysabeth Speke, Magister Robertus Speke heres ejus } hi in choro sepeliuntur Sancti Laurencii.
Magister Johannes Lympeny, major civitatis, sepelitur ante altare Sancte Katarine.
Johannes Newcomb coram alta cruce.
Edmundus Bodon sub altare Sancti Thome.
Magister Oliverus, prior, in capitulo.
Magister Petrus, prior, coram altare Johannis Baptiste.
Frater Johannes Lug, in capitulo.
Frater Ricardus Millys coram altare Sancte Katerine.
Frater Johannes Preste, cofrater, sepultus apud Brygewater.
Frater Robertus Bernard frater de Brygewater sepultus hic in capitulo nostro 1531 in mense Aprilis die viii.
Alicia Rede, Sancti Laurencii juxta murum ad altare Sancte Katerine.
Dominus Willielmus Reyny in hospitale juxta ostium claustrale infra ecclesiam.
Magister Henricus Coppleston, Sancti Laurencii coram altare Sancti Thome.
Frater Johannes Rokel prope altare Sancti Johannis Baptiste.
Alicia ap Ryce, Sancte Sativole, in capitulo.
Johannes Awells, Sancti Pauli, in navi ecclesie.
Dominus Ricardus Smyth, Sancti Petri annivelarius, coram altare Jesu.
Dominus Henricus Bery, in hospitali in choro.
Margareta Norbroke, vir ejus et ipsa infra unum sepulcrum.
Johannes Colman et Johanna uxor ejus } Sancti Laurencii in nave ecclesie.
Thomas Elycot et Elizabeth uxor ejus } Sancte Sativole, coram hostio dormitorii.
Frater Ricardus Hylle, prior hospitalis, coram stallo suo.
Ricardua Boodon et Johanna uxor ejus } in hospitali, in fine ecclesie.
Dominus Johannes Goodefello, Sancti Laurencii, in ecclesia ad finem.
Nicholas Byschopp, Sancti Laurencii, in boreali parte.
Willielmus Chubbe, Sancti Pauli.
Johannes Norbroke, Sancte Sativole.
Johannes Maii unus de firmaria in ecclesie boreali parte, in fine ecclesie.
Johannes Calwodly, Alicia uxor ejus } Sancti Laurencii, coram summa imagine crucis.
Johannes Maye sepultus fuit coram summo altari.
Johanna Hull, Sancti Pauli, in medio ecclesie.
Wyllelmus Hull filius ejus, Sancti Laurencii, ad caput matris.
Beatrix Warner, Sancti Laurentii, in capella beate Trinitatis.
Johannes Trewarak, Sancti Laurentii prope hostium in occidentali.
Frater Robertus Lawrens, prior, in capitulo.
Frater Ranulphus ap Pryss, subprior, in capitulo.

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NUM. X.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII.

Domus hospitalis Sancti Johannis Exonie infra decanatum Christianitatis in archidiaconatu et diocesi Exonie in predicto comitatu Devonie.

Verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium dicti hospitalis unde Ricardus Harrys est prior sive magister, examinatus et approbatus coram comissionariis.

Scilicet, possessiones temporales dicti hospitalis in comitatu Devonie.

	£	s.	d.
Civitas Exonie.			
Redditus assise tam liberorum quam conventionariorum tenencium infra civitatem predictam valent per annum xxxiij$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$			
Inde resolutum decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie pro capitali redditu tenementorum in parochiis Sancti Laurencii xviij$^{d.}$ et Sancti Stephani xij$^{d.}$ infra civitatem predictam; per annum ij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$			
Et priorisse de Polslo et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu unius tenementi in parochia Sancti Laurencii predicti per annum v$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$			
Et custodi leprosorum Sancte Marie Magdalene et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu exeunte de tenemento in parochiis Sancti Laurencii iiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ et Sancti Pauli xij$^{d.}$ infra civitatem predictam; v$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$	xxxj	xix	ij
Et priori Sancti Nicholai et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu tenementi in parochiis Sancti Laurencii viij$^{d.}$ Sancti Pauli iij$^{s.}$ et Sancti Kireani xij$^{d.}$ infra civitatem predictam per annum iv$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$			
Et vicariis chori ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu unius domus in predicta parochia Sancti Laurencii per annum vij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ . . .			
Et priori de Plympton et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu unius tenementi in parochia Sancti Kyreani infra civitatem predictam per annum ix$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ Summa xxxv$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ Et remanet			
Redditus assise in diversis locis in comitatu predicto.			
Et redditus assise tam liberorum quam conventionariorum tenencium in Dawlyssh xx$^{s.}$ Kenworthisborough l$^{s.}$ Hoperne lx$^{s.}$ Maddeford vj$^{li.}$ et Sativola viij$^{li.}$ ij$^{s.}$ ac terrarum et tenementorum in Rokesdon xx$^{li.}$ et Southynhey x$^{li.}$; remanet in manu dicti prioris valoris per annum prout particulariter patet super eorum capita. Summa l$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$ . .			
Inde resolutum decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis beati Petri Exonie et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu tenementorum in Salivola predicta per annum v$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$	xlix	xviij	vij
Et majori et communitati civitatis Exonie et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu exeunte de premissis per annum viij$^{s.}$ Summa xiij$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$ Et remanet			
Annualis redditus.			
Et annualis redditus proveniens de terris et tenementis in Lammecote infra parochiam de Downe beate Marie xxviij$^{s.}$ Teyngmouth ij$^{s.}$ et Blacktoryton iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ in comitatu Devonie	–	xlvj	viij
Et quidam annualis redditus xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ exeuns de terris in Pen in comitatu Somerset valet per annum prout particulariter patet super eorum capita			
Summa totalis possessionum temporalium predictarum per annum clare . .	lxxxiv	iiij	v

Scilicet possessiones spirituales dicti hospitalis.

Decime garbarum in predicto comitatu Devonie.			
Et decima garbarum de Yernescomb valet communibus annis viij$^{li.}$ Et decima garbarum de Holne valet communibus annis iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ Et quedam pencio recepta annuatim de vicario perpetuo de Holne predicto valet per annum xx$^{s.}$ Summa xiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$			
Inde resolutum fratribus predicatoribus in civitate Exonie et eorum successoribus de quadam pencione xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ pro duobus obitibus ibidem annuatim conservandis pro animabus Willielmi Martyn militis et Alianore uxoris ejus ac Philippi Columber, ac pro viginti libris cere xj$^{s.}$ viiij$^{d.}$ Precium libre vij$^{d.}$ liberatis eisdem fratribus ex ordinacione Johannis quondam Exoniensis episcopi et dicti Philippi Columber in anno Domini millesimo cccxxix^{no} coram nobis ostensa per annum xxv$^{s.}$ Et ulterius per eandem ordinacionem inter pauperes et incarceratos infra civitatem predictam distribuatur annuatim viij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ Summa xxxiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ Et remanet	xj	xix	viij
Rectoria Sancti Laurencii infra civitatem Exonie appropriata eidem domui hospitali.			
Valet communibus annis, videlicet, cum xviij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ pro oblacionibus principalibus . . .			
Et cum iiij$^{li.}$ viij$^{s.}$ pro oblacionibus dominicalibus per annum. Et cum xliij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ pro decimis personalibus per annum			
Et cum vj$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ in oblacionibus ad ymagines sanctorum Laurencii et Bartholomei per annum. Summa vij$^{li.}$ xvj$^{s.}$	vj	viij	viij
Inde resolutum priori Sancte Marie et successoribus suis, vocato Merton prioratus, in comitatu Surrey, de quadam annuali pencione per annum xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ Et solutum archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro sinodatico et cathedratico per annum viij$^{d.}$ Et remanet			
Summa totalis possessionum spiritualium domus hospitalis predicte	xviij	viij	iiij
Summa totalis tam spiritualium quam temporalium possessionum dicte domus hospitalis per annum	cij	xij	ix
Inde pro decima	x	v	iij ob'

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	£	s.	d.
Solutum xiij pauperibus infra hospitale predictum per annum existentibus et residentibus, videlicet, cuilibet eorum septimanatim v$^{d.}$, per annum xiiij$^{ll.}$ xx$^{d.}$, ex fundacione Roberti Longus et Johannis fratris sui ad orandum pro animabus imperpetuum facta in anno Domini millesimo ccxliiij^{to} et anno regni regis Henrici filii Johannis xxvij^{mo}	xxix	xiij	viij
Et solutum ad sustentacionem novem puerorum studencium in gramatica et erudiendorum in moribus infra hospitale predictum secundum ordinacionem et fundacionem Johannis et Walteri quondam Exoniensium episcoporum, videlicet, pro quolibet eorum septimanatimim viij$^{d.}$; per annum xv$^{ll.}$ xij$^{s.}$ Summa remanet			
Et remanet clare	lxxij	xix	j

Num. XI.

(Ex registro Prioratus Sancti Johannis, fol. 37.)

Hospitale tenetur reddere hujusmodi resoluciones:

In primis Sancto Petro, seu ecclesie cathedrali Exon pro terra de Honewyll, per annum iii$^{s.}$.
Item de ii seldis in occidentali angulo venelle, qua itur de fratribus predicatoribus usque castellum per annum vi$^{d.}$.
De tenemento ex opposito fratrum predicatorum juxta tenementum Chuselden per annum xii$^{d.}$.
De tenemento ex opposito le Brodget per annum xii$^{d.}$.
De dimidio acre terre juxta le Hyadwyll per annum v$^{d.}$.
Item xij$^{d.}$ pro vacua placea in clauso. Item iiij$^{d.}$ pro muro in parte occidentali tenementi juxta ecclesiam Sancti Stephani.

Summa vi$^{s.}$ xi$^{d.}$

Polsloo.

De tenemento quondam *le Hatter* per annum ii$^{s.}$ viii$^{d.}$: de eodem una libra piperis abbati et conventui de Buckfestre. De ii seldis que vocantur *Beare* inter firmariam hospitalis et magnam portam per annum iii$^{s.}$.

Summa v$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

Magdalene.

De eisdem ii seldis beati Marie Magdalene per annum ii$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$
De tenemento quondam Pryccher in Smythenstret per annum xii$^{d.}$

Summa iii$^{s.}$ iiii$^{d.}$

Sancte Marie de Marisco.

De tenemento Dowlysch * in vico boreali per annum iii$^{s.}$

Summa iii$^{s.}$

Sancto Nicholao.

De tenemento Champeneys juxta portam orientalem per annum viii$^{d.}$
De tenemento Somerey in Corystret per annum iii$^{s.}$
De tenemento quondam Hierne, nunc hospitalis per glebam in vico boreali, per annum xii$^{d.}$

Summa iiii$^{s.}$ viii$^{d.}$

Sancto Jacobo.

De tenemento in vico S. Pauli per annum xx$^{d.}$

Summa xx$^{d.}$

Castell.

De tenemento in parte occidentali de Baly Castell vi$^{d.}$ Item dimidium libre cere capelle ibidem in assumptione beate Marie.

Sancto Stephano.

De tenemento juxta ecclesiam S. Stephani unum cereum unius libre.
De terra que vocatur *Bromaker* (Rysby) per annum xii$^{d.}$ Hec acra conjungitur cum dimidia acra nostra que dicitur *Stayne-acre* super montem Sancte Sativole.

* John de Doulys (the donor) made his will Tuesday after S. Luke, 1267. See reg. fol. vi.

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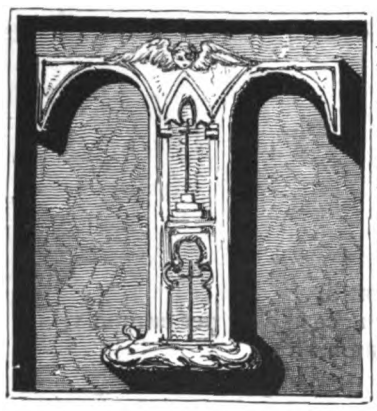
Carswell Priory,

IN THE DEANERY OF PLYMTREE.



HIS priory, situate in the parish of Broad Hembury, was a small cell for two monks, as Leland informs us, (Itin. vol. vii. p. 20.) and was dependent on the Cluniac monastery of Montacute in Somersetshire. The foundation of it was probably almost contemporary with that of Montacute priory *.

In the Taxatio of pope Nicholas we read as follows:—

Prior de Careswele habet in diocesi Exon.

	£.	s.	d.
Apud Careswell	2	18	8
Apud Monckecoln † de redditibus et perquisitis	1	0	0
In parochia de Samford ‡ que taxatur ad	1	4	0
Summa . .	5	2	8
Decima . .	0	8	3¼

He had also Tuthington, in the diocese of Bath, taxed at £2.

Like other cells of Cluniac houses, it underwent seisure in time of war with France. Its clear annual value in 18 Edw. II. was £12 10*s.* 6*d.*

Of the priors, who were removable at the will of the prior of Montacute, the names of the following only have been recovered:—

Bartholomew occurs in 1297. (Prynne's Records, p. 707.)

Philip "prior de Karswille et ejusdem loci commonachi tenent in proprios usus ecclesiam de Holecombe taxatam ad £vi." (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 184, Sept. 12, 1334.)

John Gyot, occurs prior Aug. 19, 1339. (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 225.)

Ralph Shalsham in 1374. He is thus mentioned by bishop Brantyngham in his return to king Edward the Third's writ, (register, vol. ii. fol. 7, ad finem,) "Frater Radulfus Shalsham indigena, prior de Careswell, optinet ecclesiam de Holcombe Rogus que incumbit priori et conventui de Monte acuto et non residet in eadem; cujus fructus et proventus annui se extendunt ad viginti libras."

Thomas Chard in 1535, of whom more will be found under Ford abbey.

The clear rental of the priory at the time of its suppression amounted to £28. 16*s.* 4*d.*

King Henry VIII. on September 7, 1546, in consideration of the sum of £322. 3*s.* 4*d.* granted to John Etheridge, esq. "all that our late cell and capital messuage of Carsewell, in Carsewell, part of the possessions of the late monastery or priory of Montacute, in the occupation of William Symonds, Joan his wife, and Thomas their son," except all the bells, and all the lead, and all superfluous houses and buildings of the church, chapter-house, cloister, and fratry within the precinct of the said late cell, and all the glass and iron thereof.

This new proprietor shortly afterwards sold this property to William Rowsewell, solicitor-general to queen Elizabeth, whose grandson, Sir Henry, of Ford abbey, (knighted by king Charles I. on September 22, 1625,) appears to have disposed of it. Probably what is now called the priory occupies part of the site of the ancient cell; for we learn that human bones are frequently dug up in its immediate vicinity. Carswell is now the property of Edward Simcoe Drew, esq., of the Grange §.

Num. I.

Extenta Prioratus de Carswille. 18 Edw. II.

(Inter extent. priorat. alienig. Remem. Reg. Scacc.)

Extenta prioratus de Carswylle, qui est cella prioratus de Monte Acuto, ordinis Cluniacensis, de potestate ac dominio regis Francie, facta ibidem coram Roberto le Pil persona ecclesie de Torre Brian et Johanne de la Bury, custodibus domorum religiosarum alienigenarum et aliarum personarum de potestate et dominio dicti regis Francie die Jovis proxima post festum Epiphanie Domini anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi decimo octavo, per sacramentum Johannis de Oreweye, Willielmi de Forneaux, Ricardi atta Fordel, Roberti de Clistwylin, Johannis Louel, Rogeri de Welcumbe, Johannis Mony, Roberti de Hynelond, Roberti Richa, Willielmi Richa, Willielmi Hake, et Willielmi de Halsbanggeĩ:

Qui dicunt quod domus ejusdem prioratus valent per annum ultra reprisam ij*s.*

Item dicunt quod est ibidem j gardinus qui valet per annum xviij*d.*

* It is remarkable that the editors of the new Monasticon should inform us that nothing is known of the origin of this priory, although they refer to a record in which the foundation is distinctly assigned to Matilda Peverell. A short entry of some proceedings on an assize respecting the chapel of S. Andrew de Morâ, in November, 1194, (see Rot. Curiæ Regis, vol. i. p. 72,) shows that the priory existed, and that the prior was treated as having a corporate character, as early as the reign of Richard I. By another record in the memoranda of the Queen's remembrancer of the exchequer, Mich. term, 22 Edw. III. (see appendix, Num. II.) it appears to have been alleged and found upon an inquisition, that the cell received its endowment from Matilda Peverell, who gave lands to the "monks of Montacute serving God at Carswell." From another record (Testa de Nevill, p. 194, b.) it is manifest that William Peverell, and his sister Matilda, alienated Sampford and Carswell to Hugo Peverell, in the reign of Henry I. (see also Dugdale's Baronage, vol. i. p. 437.) As the endowment of the cell out of property in these two places must have necessarily preceded the total alienation of them to Hugo, it may fairly be inferred that the donation was made as early as the reign of Henry I.

Though more than one Carswell is named in Domesday, there is reason to believe that the present Carswell is not expressly mentioned. Some of the property out of which this priory, or rather its parent monastery, was endowed, is there stated to belong to earl Hugh, under the head of Somerset (fol. 91, b. of the Exchequer Domesday); and it is possible that the "Willielmus" mentioned as holding Sampford, Alre (Aller), and Tedinton (Tetton), under that earl, was William Peverell, commonly called of Essex, the father of the above William, who is stated in the Testa to have united with his sister in conveying away "Sanford," "Haure," and "Carswell."

The name and family of Peverell, coeval with the conquest, and associated with many historical recollections in this country, has not been traced to any local origin in Normandy or Brittany. Camden, in his Remains, (p. 102,) observes, that it usually has no prefix indicating the name of a place, and its Latin form of Piperellus rather confirms the probability that it is, in its origin, a mere sobriquet.—S.

† This seems to be Monk Holme, called Mounkulne in the Valor Hen. VIII. It belonged to Montacute, but was not in Exeter diocese.

‡ This sum of 24*s.* was rendered by four villani in Sampford Peverel. (See Extent. post, Num. I.)

§ In Broadhembury parish was "capella Sancti Andree," licensed by bishop Lacy on September 7, 1421. It was probably near S. Andrew's wood.

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Item dicunt quod est ibidem unum molendinum aquaticum quod valet per annum vj*s.* viij*d.*

Item dicunt quod est ibidem unum molendinum folaraticum quod valet per annum iij*s.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem ij columbaria que valent per annum ultra reprisam xvj*d.*

Item dicunt quod est ibidem unus liber tenens qui reddit per annum ij*d.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem viij villani qui reddunt per annum xxiij*s.* x*d.*

Item dicunt quod opera eorumdem valent per annum, ultra quod percipient, ij*s.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem iij cottagii qui reddunt per annum xij*d.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem cij acre terre arabilis quarum quelibet valet per annum ij*d.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem xxiiij acre terre vasti quarum quelibet valet per annum j*d.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem x acre prati quarum quelibet valet per annum xij*d.*

Item dicunt quod sunt ibidem viij acre bosci minuti quarum quelibet valet per annum j*d.*

Item dicunt quod placita et perquisita curiarum ij*s.*

Item dicunt quod sunt apud Sampford Peverel iiij villani, qui reddunt per annum xxiiij*s.* Et nulla alia faciunt servicia.

Summa iiij*l.* xvij*s.* ij*d.*

Item dicunt quod ecclesia de Holacumbe Roges appropriatur dicto prioratui in proprios usus et valet per annum viij*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Summa viij*l.* xiij*s.* iiij*d.*

Onera prioratus.—Item dicunt quod idem prioratus oneratur prioratui de Monte Acuto de annuo redditu xx*s.*

In cujus rei testimonium dicti juratores sigilla sua apposuerunt, die, loco, et anno predictis.

Summa summarum prescriptarum xiij*l.* x*s.* vj*d.*

De quibus idem prioratus oneratur prioratui de Monte Acuto de annuo redditu xx*s.* Et sic valet idem prioratus xij*l.* x*s.* vj*d.*

Num. II.

De fundatione prioratus de Carswell.

(Excerpt. ex memorand. 22 Edw. III. rot. 8. Mich. T. Rem. Reg. Scacc.)

Accepimus* quod, pro eo in rotulis scaccarii predicti compertum est quod idem prior finem cum domino Edwardo nuper rege Anglie avo nostro et domino Edwardo nuper rege Anglie patre nostro, et coram vobiscum, pro terris et tenementis suis tanquam prior pro se et non tanquam cella prioratus de Monte Acuto fecisset, ad exonerationem dictum priorem de Carswell de firma sua predicta et arreragiis ejusdem ea occasione erga nos procedere distulistis, per quod, ad prosecutionem dicti prioris de Carswell nobis suggerentis prioratum predictum de C. esse cellam prioratus de Monte Acuto et non prioratum per se, volentes super hoc plenius certiorari, assignavimus dilectos et fideles J. de R. et H. de . . . ad inquirendum per sacramentum, etc. si predictus prioratus de C. sit cella predicti prioratus de Monte Acuto et prior ibidem dativus esset necne; ac per inquisitionem illam in cancellaria nostra retornatam, quam vobis misi sub pede sigilli, sit compertum quod prioratus est cella predicti prioratus de Monte Acuto de dono et fundatione Matilde Peverell que omnia terras et tenementa, redditus et servitia, dedit Deo et beate Marie ac beatis apostolis Petro et Paulo et ecclesie et monachis de Monte Acuto apud Carswell Deo servientibus pro divinis officiis faciendis; et quod priores de Carswell semper sunt dativi et non electivi; per quod idem prior de C. nobis supplicavit ut ipsum de firma sua predicta et arreragiis ejusdem occasione predicta exonerari jubere velimus. [The writ then goes on to direct the barons to inspect the inquisition, &c., and if they found the facts to be so, then to supersede the demand for farm and arrears. The barons then certify that they had not proceeded to exonerate the prior, because they found, by examining the rolls and memorandums of the Exchequer, that the prior of Carswell had fined to the king's father, and grandfather, and to the king himself, for his lands and tenements, "tanquam prior de se, et non tanquam cella dicti prioratus de Monte Acuto †."

* The proceedings show that the king had granted, anno regni 14, to William earl of Salisbury the custody of Montacute, and of its cells of Carswell, Holne, Carricus in Cornwall, and Malpus in Wales.

Num. III.

Valor Ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII. vol. i. p. 196.

Carswell.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum	3	2	1½			
Cum terris dominicalibus .	6	5	4			
Redditus assise in Delvet ibidem per annum . . .	6	7	2½			
Redditus assise in Holcomb	1	16	8	28	16	4
Redditus assise in Behull .	1	15	–			
In decimis predialibus personalibus cum casualibus ibidem per annum . . .	9	10	–			

Sic clare

Num. IV.

Computus ministrorum domini regis tempore Hen. VIII.

[Abstract of Roll 31 Henry VIII. Augmentation Office.]

Cella de Carswell cum rectoria de Holcombe.

Compotus Johannis Etherige firmarii et collectoris redditus ibidem per tempus predictum.

Arreragia.

Nulla quia est primus compotus ipsius computantis ad usum domini regis ibidem.

Summa nulla.

Redditus assisi in Carswell.

Sed respondet de 62*s.* 1½*d.* de toto redditu assiso in Carsewell solvendo ad quatuor anni terminos principales prout patet per diversos compotos inde super hunc compotum ostensos et examinatos.

Summa 62*s.* 1½*d.*

Delvett ‡.

Et de £6 7*s.* 2½*d.* de toto redditu assiso in Delvett solvendo ad terminos supradictos prout patet per diversos compotos inde super hunc compotum ostensos et examinatos.

Summa £6 7*s.* 2½*d.*

Holcombe.

Et de 36*s.* 8*d.* do toto redditu assiso ibidem solvendo ad terminos supradictos prout patet per diversos compotos super hunc compotum ostensos et examinatos.

Summa 36*s.* 8*d.*

Bohull.

Et de 35*s.* de toto redditu assiso ibidem solvendo ad terminos predictos prout patet per diversos veteres compotos similiter inde super hunc compotum ostensos et examinatos.

Summa 35*s.*

Firma ibidem cum rectoria de Holcombe.

† In this record it seems to have been doubted whether Carswell was an independent priory or a cell of Montacute. But in the memoranda of the Exchequer, 1 Hen. V. rot. 54, in a proceeding against the prior of Montacute to show cause why the cells of Carswell and Holne (East Holme in Dorsetshire) should not be seised as alien according to the act passed at the beginning of that reign, the defendant sets forth that they were cells of the perpetual and conventual priory of Montacute, and therefore exempt from seisure under the exception contained in the act. The defendant also refers to the memoranda of Hil. term, 11 Hen. IV. rot. 10, and a writ, 1 Hen. IV. in favour of Montacute and the above cells. The judgment was thereupon given for the defendant.—S.

‡ Now Dulford.

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Et de £15 15*s.* 4*d.* de firma capitalis messuagii celle predicte, necnon omnium domorum edificiorum gardinorum eidem messuagio adjacencium, ac tocius barton et terrarum dominicalium in Carswell eidem celle pertinentium ac tocius garbarum parochie de Holcombe cum omnibus decimis proficuis et commoditatibus rectorie predicte pertinentibus, in tam amplis modo et forma prout Thomas Chard nuper prior ibidem habuit et occupavit sic dimissarum Willielmo Symons generoso pro termino vite sue per indenturam datam 29 die Junii anno regni Henrici VIII. 29° solvendum ad festa Pasche et Sancti Michaelis archangeli equaliter: reparacionibus premissorum ad onus dicti firmarii prout in indentura inde confecta plenius continetur.

Summa £15 15*s.* 4*d.*
Summa totalis recepti £28 16*s.* 4*d.*

Num. V.

Concessio prioratus de Carsewell Johanni Etherydge.

[Pat. 38 Hen. VIII. Pars 2, mem. 6*.]

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos pro summa trecentarum viginti duarum librarum trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum legalis monete Anglie ad manus thesaurarii nostri curie nostre augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre ad usum nostrum per dilectum servientem nostrum Johannem Etherydge de Carsewell in comitatu nostro Devonie armigerum soluta, unde fatemur nos plenarie fore satisfactos et persolutos eundemque Johannem Etheridge heredes executores et administratores suos inde esse exoneratos et acquietatos per presentes de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefato Johanni Etheridge totam illam nuper cellam et capitale messuagium nostrum de Carsewell in Carsewell in comitatu nostro Devonie cum suis pertinenciis universis parcellam possessionum revencionum et hereditamentorum nuper monasterii sive prioratus de Montague in comitatu nostro Somerset modo dissoluto dudum existentem, modo vel nuper in tenura sive occupacione Willielmi Symonds Johanne uxoris ejus ac Thome filie eorundem seu eorum alicujus vel assignatorum suorum ac omnia domos edificia ortos pomeria gardina stagna vivaria terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas communias vasta jampna brueras et hereditamenta nostra quecumque in Carsewell in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie dicte nuper celle et capitali messuagio de Carsewell quoquo modo spectancia vel pertinencia, ac totum illud dominium et manerium nostrum de Carsewell in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie necnon totum illum annuum redditum et annuos redditus extendentes ad sexaginta duos solidos unum denarium et unum obolum per annum in Carsewell in predicto comitatu Devonie ac totum illum annuum redditum et annuos redditus extendentes ad sex libras septem solidos duos denarios et unum obolum per annum in Delvett in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie cum eorum pertinenciis universis parcellis dicte nuper celle de Carsewell ac dicto nuper monasterio sive prioratui de Montague dudum spectantibus ac parcellis possessionum inde existentibus necnon omnes illos boscos nostros et terras nostras ac hereditamenta nostra vocata *Seynte Andrewes Wode* continentes per estimacionem triginta quinque acras, aceciam totam illam grovett bosci nostram vocatam *Chapell Grove* cum pertinenciis continentem per estimacionem duas acras jacentes et existentes in Carsewell et Delvett seu in earum altera in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie dicto nuper monasterio sive prioratui dudum spectantem et pertinentem ac omnia messuagia terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas communias vasta jampna brueras redditus reversiones servicia curias letas visus franciplegii ac alia jura jurisdicciones franchesias privilegia possessiones revenciones proficua et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum suis pertinenciis universis scituata jacencia et existencia in Carsewell et Delvett in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie ac alibi ubicumque in eodem comitatu dicto dominio et manerio de Carsewell quoquo modo spectantes vel pertinentes aut ut membra vel parcellas ejusdem dominii et manerii antehac habita cognita accepta usitata seu reputata existencia ac omnes alias terras nostras in Carsewell et Delvett predictis dicto nuper monasterio seu prioratui de Mountague quoquo modo spectantes vel pertinentes aut ut parcellam terrarum tenementorum seu possessionum ejusdem nuper monasterii sive prioratus antehac habita cognita accepta seu reputata existencia aceciam omnes et omnimodos boscos subboscos et arbores nostros quoscumque de et in et super premissis crescentes et existentes ac reversiones quascumque omnium et singulorum premissorum et cujuslibet inde parcelle necnon redditus et annualia proficua quecumque reservata super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus premissorum seu eorum alicujus inde parcelle quoquo modo factis. Damus eciam et pro consideracione predicta per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Etheridge infra predictam nuper cellam dominium manerium messuagia terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas communias vasta jampna brueras et cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata et infra quamlibet inde parcellam tot tanta talia eadem hujusmodi et consimilia curias leti visus france plegii catalla waiviata extrahuras catalla felonum et fugitivorum necnon nundinas ferias mercata tolneta custumas liberas warennas ac omnia alia jura jurisdicciones franchesias libertates privilegia commoditates proficua et hereditamenta quecumque quot quanta qualia et que ac adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ultimus prior sive gubernator dicte nuper celle de Carsewell ac ultimus prior dicti nuper monasterii sive prioratus de Mountague aut eorum alter aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum in jure nuper monasterii sive prioratus illius seu aliquis alius vel aliqui alii aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem eorundem nuper celle et prioratus vel antequam nuper cella et prioratus illa ad manus nostras devenerunt seu eorum alter devenit habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt habuit tenuit vel gavisus fuit seu habere tenere vel gaudere debuerunt aut debuit in predictis cella dominio manerio messuagiis terris tenementis ac ceteris premissis seu in aliqua inde parcella racione vel pretextu alicujus carte doni concessionis vel confirmacionis aut aliquarum literarum patencium per nos vel per aliquem progenitorum nostrorum prefato ultimo priori dicti nuper celle sive prioratus aut alicui vel aliquibus predecessorum suorum quoquo modo factarum concessarum seu confirmatarum aut racione vel pretextu alicujus prescripcionis usus seu consuetudinis antehac habite seu usitate vel aliter quocumque modo; exceptis tamen semper et nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris omnino reservatis omnibus campanis et toto plumbo ac omnibus supervacuis domibus et edificiis ecclesie domus capitularis claustri et le Fraytre infra procinctum dicte nuper celle ac toto vitro et ferro eorum quequidem nuper cella de Carsewell ac predictum dominium manerium messuagia terras tenementa et cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum pertinenciis modo extendunt ad clarum annuum valorem sexdecim librarum septem solidorum et octo denariorum, Habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictam nuper cellam de Carsewell ac omnia predicta dominium manerium domos edificia terras tenementa prata pascuas pasturas communias boscos subboscos redditus reversiones servicia curias leti visus franci plegii ferias nundinas mercata tolneta custumas liberas warennas ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum omnibus et singulis suis pertinenciis universis exceptis perexceptis prefato Johanni Etherydge heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum ad proprium opus et usum ipsius Johannis heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum tenendum de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite per servicium vicesime partis unius feodi militis ac reddendo inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris triginta duos solidos septem denarios et unum obulum, sterlingorum, ad curiam augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre ad festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli singulis annis solvendos pro omnibus redditibus serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendis solvendis vel faciendis. Et ulterius damus et per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Etherydge omnia exitus redditus revenciones et proficua predictorum dominii

* We are indebted for a copy of this charter to R. H. Aberdeen, of Howton, esq.

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manerii messuagiorum terrarum tenementorum acceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum cum pertinenciis a festo annunciacionis beate Marie virginis ultimo preterito hucusque proveniencia sive crescencia habendum eidem Johanni Etherydge ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Etherydge heredibus et assignatis suis, quod nos heredes et successores nostri imperpetuum annuatim et de tempore in tempus exonerabimus acquietabimus et indempnes conservabimus tam predictum Johannem Etherydge heredes et assignatos suos quam predicta messuagia terras tenementa et cetera premissa et quamlibet inde parcellam versus nos heredes et successores nostros ac versus quascumque alias personas de omnibus et omnimodis corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitatibus et denariorum summis quibuscumque de premissis quoquo modo exeuntibus seu solvendis vel superinde oneratis seu onerandis preterquam de servicio et redditu superius per presentes nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris ut prefertur reservatis ac preterquam de omnibus oneribus et denariorum summis, que firmarii premissorum seu alicujus inde parcelle solvere et exonerare tenentur, ac preterquam de dimissionibus pro termino vite vel annorum de premissis quoquo modo factis, super quibus antiquus redditus vel plus reservatur. Volentes enim et firmiter injungendo percipientes tam cancellario et consilio dicte curie nostre augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre quam omnibus receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existentibus quod ipsi et eorum quilibet super solam demonstracionem harum litterarum nostrarum patencium vel irrotulamentum earundem absque aliquo brevi seu warranto a nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo impetrando seu prosequendo plenam integram debitamque allocacionem et exoneracionem manifestam de omnibus et omnimodis hujusmodi corrodiis redditibus feodis annuitatibus et denariorum summis quibuscumque de premissis ut prefertur exeuntibus solvendis vel superinde oneratis seu onerandis (exceptis preexceptis) prefato Johanni Etherydge heredibus et assignatis suis de tempore in tempus facient et fieri causabunt. Et he litere nostre patentes vel irrotulamentum earundem erunt annuatim et de tempore in tempus tam dictis cancellario a consilio nostro dicte curie augmentacionum revencionum corone nostre quam omnibus receptoribus auditoribus et aliis officiariis et ministris nostris heredum et successorum nostrorum quibuscumque pro tempore existentibus sufficiens warrantum et exoneracio in hac parte. Volumus eciam et per presentes concedimus prefato Johanni Etherydge quod habeat et habebit has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas absque fine seu feodo magno vel parvo nobis in hanaperio nostro seu alibi ad usum nostrum proinde quoquo modo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo. Eo quod expressa mencio etc. In cujus rei etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium septimo die Septembris. Per ipsum regem.

The Collegiate Church of Tiverton,

IN THE DEANERY OF TIVERTON.

KING Henry I. granted the manor of Tiverton to his faithful and beloved councillor, Richard de Redvers. Dying in 1107, he was succeeded in his estates by his son, Baldwin, who founded the priory of S. James, near Exeter, and annexed it to the great Cluniac monastery of S. Martin, near Paris (see ante, p. 191). In his deed of gift he expressly declares, that he had granted and confirmed by the hands of Robert (Chichester) bishop of Exeter, towards the better maintenance of that religious community, the whole church of Tiverton with all its appurtenances, "totam ecclesiam de Twivertona cum omnibus pertinentiis suis" (see ante, p. 194, Num. VII.). This grant must have been made before the year 1146. How long the priory retained the entire rectory, if it ever really had the whole in possession, and when the division of the church took place, has not been ascertained. The common story of its division into the four several portions or prebends of Pitt, Clare, Tydcombe, and Prior, by one of the Courtenays, earls of Devon, is irreconcileable with chronology and historical truth. Unquestionably, the prior of S. James was no longer in possession of the entire benefice as early as 1258; for, on April 11 in that year, John de la Lane was admitted by bishop Bronescombe to the vacant prebend in Tiverton church, which had been possessed by William de Plimpton, on the presentation of Amicia, countess of Devon; and again, on September 6, 1260, Alanus de Sancta Cruce was admitted by the same bishop to the prebend of Tydcombe, then void, on the presentation of the same countess. It is indeed true that the prior of S. James presented John Blundell, clerk, to the prebend on this last occasion, and that his claim ("si quod habet," as the bishop expresses it) was reserved for future consideration: but the bishop (fol. 14 of his register) expressly asserts, that the countess had established her right of patronage, "per breve ultime presentationis in curia domini regis." The patronage continued to be exercised by Amicia, by her daughter Isabella de Fortibus, and, subsequently, by the Courtenays, with some partial interruptions during the wars between the houses of York and Lancaster, until the attainder of Henry, marquis of Exeter, in 1539.

In pope Nicholas's taxation, A. D. 1288 *, the prior's share is estimated at £4. 3s. 8¾d., and within a century later bishop Brantyngham returned the same to the crown, as being of the value of £10 per annum. When king Henry VI. granted the possessions and rights of this alien and suppressed priory to his royal college at Cambridge, now called King's College, the share of the prior devolved to the college.

It will be seen from the above account, however imperfect, that Tiverton church has no strict claim to be introduced in a conventual history of the diocese. Yet the ancient division of the rectory into four prebendal portions has occasioned the church to be called a collegiate one, and it is so designated by bishop Bronescombe, in his register (fol. 28), and, as such, mentioned by Tanner in his Notitia. Whether it be strictly and canonically entitled to that character may be questioned. Instances of the apportionment of parochial tithes between several rectors of the same church, though not of frequent occurrence, are to be found in the reports and text-books of the common law; and though a rectory is now regarded as an entire

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* Porcio Roberti de Litelburi in ecclesiâ de Tiverton taxatur ad	7	1	0
Inde decima	0	14	1½
Porcio Richardi de Roffa in eadem	7	9	2
Inde decima	0	14	11
Porcio baronis de Clare in eadem	7	1	0
Inde decima	0	14	1½
Prior Sancti Jacobi juxta Exon in eadem	4	3	8½
Inde decima	0	8	4½

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thing, incapable of division or of tenure in common, a different state of things may have been the result either of an original arbitrary appropriation of distinct portions of tithe, agreeably to the ancient practice of the laity, or in some ancient partition of the rectorial obligations and revenues under the sanction of the proper authorities, and with the assent of all interested parties *.

In Prior's Quarter is Ashley Park, which contained, not 1600 acres, as Dunsford asserts, (Hist. of Tiverton, p. 277,) but 650. Cleaveland, in Genealog. Hist. Courtenay, &c., p. 262, informs us, that this and some other parks belonging to the earldom of Devon were destroyed by king Henry VIII., and converted into arable and pasture lands at the recommendation of Sir Robert Pollard, knt.

The provost and scholars of King's College, Cambridge, filed a bill in Chancery, in April, 1815, against the occupiers of the lands within the limits of Ashley Park, or the Great Park, and the occupiers of the lands of Castle Barton, or the Little Park, containing 140 acres, who from time immemorial had paid their proportions of what is called Buck and Doe money to the four rectors of Pitt, Clare, Tidecombe, and Prior's Quarters, in lieu and satisfaction of tithes. The amount paid to the four rectors for Ashley Park, was 50*s.* per annum at Old Michaelmas day, viz. 12*s.* 6*d.* to each; and for the Castle Barton, or Little Park, 30*s.* per annum, or 7*s.* 6*d.* to each. An issue came on for trial at the Devon spring assizes of 1819, before Mr. Justice Holroyd, when, by the verdict of a jury, this old-established usage was duly confirmed.

The present parish church, dedicated to S. Peter, is a very spacious and respectable edifice, and rises on a bold elevation above the Exe river. The length of the chancel is 45 feet; of the nave, 91 feet: total interior length, including the tower (which is 100 feet high), is 151 feet and 9 inches: the greatest breadth of the chancel and aisles is 72 feet.

The present structure cannot, with the exception of the Saxon doorway on the north side, boast of any remote antiquity: the greater part, with the beautiful screen, we believe to have been erected in the early part of the fifteenth century; the south aisle, or "Greenway's," with his chapel, a century later; and a part of the eastern end appears to have been rebuilt after the restoration of Charles II.

Risdon (p. 72 of his Survey) relates, that in the churchyard was formerly a chapel built by the earls of this county, and appropriated to their burials †. Here, according to the same author, was a tomb under which Edward Courtenay, earl of Devonshire, and his countess were interred, "having their effigies of alabaster, sometime sumptuously gilded, and about forty years ago to be seen, and, which lamenteth me to write, time hath not so much defaced, as men have mangled that magnificent monument, which had this written thereon, as some have seen:—

"Hoe, hoe, who lyes here?
'Tis I, the goode Erle of Devonshire,
With Kate ‡, my wyfe, to mee full dere,
We lyved togeather fyfty-fyve yere.
That wee spent, wee had,
That wee lefte, we loste,
That wee gave, wee have §."

* See further on this subject, Watson's Clergyman's Law, vol. i. p. 450, (2nd edit.). Smith's case, 10 Coke Rep. 136, § 2. Black. Com. pp. 26, 27.—S.

† The first time that we find it mentioned in the register is on March 22, 1329, when John de Tichull is stated to be "capellanus capelle domini Hugonis de Courtenay apud Tiverton." (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 117.)

‡ This is manifestly wrong; another reading (Cleaveland, p. 142), Mabel is equally incorrect. The effigy was perhaps that of Edward Courtenay, second of that name, earl of Devonshire. He lived to the age of eighty-two, but his wife's name was Elizabeth. The first earl of that name died at the age of sixty-two only, and was buried with many of his ancestors in Ford abbey. The above epitaph, if it really existed, does not bear intrinsic evidence of any great antiquity.

§ As Risdon began his survey in 1605, and completed it in 1630, it follows that this chapel was demolished during the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and not, as Rev. John Newte has asserted in the Preface to his "Discourse showing the duty of honouring the Lord with our substance, &c." (London, 1711) at the commencement of the rebellion.

In this chapel, Hugh Courtenay, 2nd earl of Devon, of that name, had intended by his will, dated Tiverton, August 4, 1375, to be buried; but in a codicil (dated also from Tiverton, April 28, 1377, and proved before bishop Brantyngham in Exeter cathedral, June 16, 1378) he altered his intention, and directed that his remains should be deposited in the nave of Exeter cathedral, where his monument still remains. He ordered ten marks to be offered and laid on the high altar of Tiverton church.

In the parish church of Tiverton, William Courtenay, bishop of Hereford, frequently officiated during his visits to his noble parents, who made Tiverton castle their principal residence. With the sanction of his friend bishop Brantyngham, he held here a very numerous ordination on June 8, 1370; again on March 1 and 22, ensuing; on May 31, 1371, and on December 20, 1372. Again we meet with him here early in 1377, after his translation to the see of London. Bishop Stafford (as we read in Reg. vol. i. fol. 167) addressed a letter from Clyst, September 6, 1412, to Walter Robert, the official of the archdeacon of Exeter, stating that, with the exception of the chancel, the parishioners of Tiverton were bound to keep the rest of their church in repair, and to see the churchyard properly fenced; and charging gross neglect in these points. He commissioned him to call a meeting of the parishioners, to take information of what required repair, and to signify to them that they must even rebuild their church, should this be found necessary. The report of the commission was to be returned to his lordship by the ensuing feast of S. Matthew, September 21. That report, unfortunately, is not entered in the episcopal register. Walter Robert obtained the Pitt portion, the principal one in Tiverton church, on May 6, 1413; and by his will, made July 16, 1414, and proved September 20, 1415, he bequeathed "20*s.* ad fabricam sive reparationem ecclesie de Tiverton;" as also eight marks for prayers to be offered up in the said church for the repose of his soul.

Bishop Stafford further, in fol. 221 of the same volume, on May 16, 1416, granted an indulgence of forty days to all true penitents who should contribute towards finding and maintaining a priest to celebrate "ad altare Sancte Crucis in ecclesia parochiali de Tyverton."

Walter Colles, precentor of Exeter, by his will, proved June 14, 1453, left to the church of Tiverton his new missal, and the sum of 100 shillings.

The following are short notes of private chapels formerly licensed in this parish:

Bishop Brantyngham licensed, November 27, 1374, John Aysh to have a chapel in his mansion within Tiverton parish (reg. vol. i. fol. 56). His successor Stafford renewed the license in favour of Walter Aysh and his wife Elizabeth, April 25, 1406 (reg. vol. i. fol. 80).

On May 27, 1416, bishop Stafford licensed a chapel for the Fraunceys family, in their mansion of Chyresthorne. On July 2, 1400, bishop Stafford had licensed the chapel of S. Thomas at Chetscombe Bolham, of S. James on the Loman, of S. Katharine's at East Bradleigh, and a domestic chapel for the rector of Tydecombe, "infra mansionem de Tydecombe." The chapel of S. Thomas at Chetscombe is again mentioned by bishop Lacy, August 28, 1442. In the will of Thomas Berry, of Chetscombe, dated April 28, 1594, and proved June 1 that year, special mention is made of this chapel. Again, the above-mentioned bishop Stafford, as we learn from the first volume of his register, granted a license November 22, 1408, to James Frankecheyne, rector of the second portion of Tiverton church, to have divine service performed in the chapels of S. Luke the Evangelist, of S. Stephen, and of S. Catharine, "infra parochiam de Tiverton." His successor, bishop Lacy, on July 15, 1425, licensed Thomas Worth to have divine service performed "in capellis de Werthe, Washfeld, Palmersheys et Farrby in parochia de Tiverton situatis." (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 42.) On Tiverton bridge stood the chapel of S. Mary.

Of the chapel of S. John, at Cove, we glean nothing but from a note to a list of benefices in this county, tempore R. Elizabeth, viz. that "by reason of many lewd maridges it was called a lawlesse churche." (See the Act books.)

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Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

(Vol. ii. fol. 330.)

Porcio de Pytte in ecclesia de Tyverton,

Unde Petrus Carslegh est rector: valet communibus annis, videlicet,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In redditu assise de le glebelond	4	10	–			
Et in decima garbarum	16	–	–			
Et in lana	3	15	8	36	3	9½
Et in agnellis	1	13	4			
Et in omnibus decimis et aliis proficuis contentis in libro paschali	10	4	9½			
Summa						
Inde resolutum domino episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procurationibus communibus annis				–	–	8
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuratione, sinodatico, et cathedratico per annum				–	3	1½
				–	3	9½
Et remanet clare				36	–	–
Inde pro decima				3	12	–

Porcio de Clare in ecclesia de Tyverton,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Unde Willielmus Pykehouse est rector, valet communibus annis sic dimissa ad firmam Roberto Brodemede pro termino quinque armorum incipiente termino illo ad festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli anno regni regis Henrici Octavi vicesimo quinto, summa				27	3	9
Inde resolutum episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus communibus annis	–	–	8			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione 2s. pro sinodatico et cathedratico communibus annis 1s. 1d.	–	3	1	–	3	9
Summa						
Et remanet clare				27	–	–
Inde pro decima				2	14	–

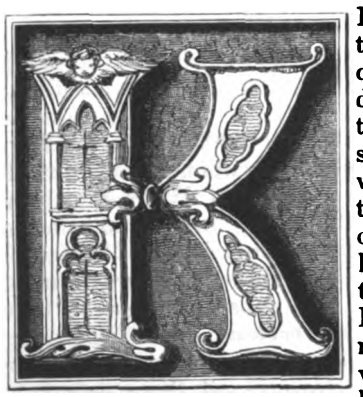
Porcio de Tydcomb in ecclesia de Tyverton,

Unde Johannes Smyth est rector, valet communibus annis, videlicet,

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
In redditu assise de le glebelond	3	16	–			
Et in decima garbarum	12	–	–			
Et in lana	2	–	–	27	3	9½
Et in agnellis	1	3	4			
Et in omnibus decimis et aliis proficuis contentis in libro paschali per annum	8	4	5½			
Summa						
Inde resolutum episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione communibus annis	–	–	8			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracione, sinodatico, et cathedratico per annum	–	3	1½	–	3	9½
Summa						
Et remanet clare				27	–	–
Inde pro decima*				2	14	–

The Prebendal Church of Arminster,

IN THE DEANERY OF HONITON.



KING Athelstan is recorded to have given Axminster church as a perpetual endowment for seven priests to celebrate the obits of seven earls and the rest who fell in battle against the Danish invaders. One of the registers of Newenham abbey † informs us that the battle began "apud Kalesty nesdoune," or "al munt Seynt Kalyxt en Devansyr," and continued to be fought as far as Colecroft under Axminster, where these seven warriors were slain. Owing to the distracted state of the times the royal foundation was gradually neglected: as the chantry priests died off, their places ceased to be supplied, insomuch that the performance of the church offices had devolved before the conquest on a single incumbent. It appears, however, that soon after the conquest, the foundation was restored to its primitive form; for the above register explicitly declares, that one of the seven priests, who were then at Axminster, "un de set prestres ke dunk furet a Axemynstr," was queen Maud's confessor, and that, on his promotion to a canonry at York, he stipulated with his successor at Axminster to be allowed the sum of eight marks per annum. By degrees death reduced the number of these collegiate priests from seven to two, when

* The portion of the prior or college is not valued, because this is accounted for as parcel of the possessions of the college.

† Compare the French account, fol. 67, with the Latin narrative, fol. 1. 13. The field of battle is called by Leland *Branesdown*; by other writers it is called *Bremeldoun*, *Brunaburge*, and *Kingsfield*. The register here referred to, written in Edward the Third's reign, and consisting of 122 double pages, was the property of William Wavell, of Barnstaple, M.D., a gentleman as able to give, as he was ready to afford, literary and historic information. It now belongs to Sir Thomas Phillipps, bart.

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the above-mentioned canon applied to the survivors for an increase of salary. The application was admitted; an annuity of ten marks was granted, which was subsequently increased to twenty-four marks *. This payment continued to be claimed and received by the church of York, until it was successfully resisted by Matthew, nephew of Simon de Apulia bishop of Exeter, in the early part of the thirteenth century, who had been appointed to the living of Axminster. On what principle the church at York asserted a claim to such pension is not clear; but the simultaneous pretension which it advanced to the *advowson* of Axminster appears to set conjecture at defiance. That right was vested in the crown; with the grant of the manor and hundred of Axminster, on August 6, 1215, it passed from king John to the lord William Bruer. This nobleman, as exclusive proprietor and patron of its church, bestowed the living on his chaplain and steward, Gervase de Prustaller, who for a long period enjoyed the site. The advowson descended to Reginald de Mohun in right of his wife Alice, daughter and coheiress of William Lord Bruer, who conveyed it to the abbot and convent of Newenham. When John Gervays received from the church of York an appointment to the vacant benefice, Walter Bronescombe, bishop of Exeter, interposed, and formally rejected the pretension as unwarrantable. It is true, indeed, that he proceeded to collate Walter de Awliscombe to the living, and, on Walter's demise shortly after, preferred Nicholas de Honiton † to the same; but in the former instance, the collation had lapsed to him by the abbot's neglecting to present an incumbent within the six months prescribed by the canons; and, in the latter case, the bishop's appointment arose from the misconception of a papal provision touching the patronage of churches by religious persons. On the abbot's appeal to the metropolitan, our bishop was declared to have fallen into an error of judgment; and, in consequence, Nicholas de Honiton was superseded by John de Bridport, on the presentation of the abbot and convent of Newenham.

Scarcely was this point determined, when, as the above register informs us, another competitor for the advowson started up in the sovereign. The question was tried in the spring of 1277, before Ralph de Hengeham and his companions, justices of our lord the king. The jury consisted of twenty-four knights, eight of the county of Devon, eight of Somersetshire, and eight of Dorsetshire. Their verdict was in favour of the crown; and yet king Edward I. hastened immediately after, viz., April 28, 1277, to restore it to the abbey, and even condescended to apply, November 17, 1291, to pope Nicholas IV. to appropriate the same to their use and profit. Notwithstanding this, for some inexplicable cause, the abbot, Richard Chichester, presumed to cancel the royal grant. The king took advantage of this circumstance to transfer the rents and emoluments to the better endowment of the prebends of Warthill and Grendall, in the church of York, and thus the rectorial tithes with the manor of Priestaller, extending over about 402 acres in Axminster and its neighbourhood, were severed and alienated from the abbey. However Chichester may have congratulated himself on the success of his intrigue, his conduct failed not to excite the disgust and rouse the indignation of his brethren, who deposed him from his dignity as a betrayer of his trust. To recover from the church of York their former possession, was long the anxious wish of his successors; yet to contend against the overwhelming influence of the crown was obviously a desperate enterprise; and at last they were reluctantly compelled to abandon so unequal and fruitless a contest.

The church is dedicated to the blessed Virgin and S. John the Baptist, and consists of a chancel and nave with a north and south aisle. The massive tower, sixty feet high, and containing six bells, rises nearly in the centre of the fabric. The church is 114 feet long, by 49 feet wide within. The Saxon doorway, formerly placed in the north wall, has been removed to the east end of the south aisle. The church, however, now exhibits but scanty remains of antiquity. The chancel, to the best of our judgment, is of the reign of Edward I., but probably no other part of the present edifice was erected before the time of Richard II. Under an elliptical arch on the north side of the church is a sepulchral effigy of a priest; in the wall of the north aisle is another recumbent figure, but concealed from view by pew-work.

On the south side of the church, before the aisle was extended to its present length in the year 1800, was a chantry, commonly called Drake's aisle. We have seen the deed by which Richard Gill, the last abbot of Newenham, appointed "John Drake de Musbury, gent." to be steward of the convent property in Newenham and Axminster with a salary of 26*s.* 8*d.* per annum. Stewardships, just before the dissolution of religious houses, paved the way to great fortunes.

The parapet of the north side of the church is ornamented with open quatrefoils. In it the Stafford knot is repeated, as also the arms of Mohun and Courtenay. Over the porch, S. John the Baptist is introduced bearing the lamb and flag, S. Peter with the keys, and S. Paul with the sword.

In pope Nicholas IV.'s Taxation, it is rated with its chapels at £51. 6*s.* 8*d.* per annum.

The following miscellaneous information is extracted from the registers:

In Axminster parish church bishop Quivil celebrated pontifically, January 1, 1283, and on this occasion solemnly blessed Nicholas, the abbot elect of Ford. Here also bishop Stapeldon held a public ordination in Whitsun-week, 1309, and again on September 20, 1320. From fol. 28 of his register, we learn that this last-mentioned prelate made a personal visitation of this church on Wednesday next after the feast of S. Mary Magdalen, (July, 1315,) and he has recorded his complaint of the insufficiency of its church plate and ornaments, and the inadequate provision of books for the divine service. He remarks, "Imago ‡ beati Johannis, in cujus honore est ecclesia, deficit," and that the ceiling over the high altar was in a bad state of repair, as also the vestry; and he requires all these defects to be remedied by the parties concerned, by Christmas ensuing, under a penalty of £40.

* This pension of 24 marks was still paid, as I find in bishop Bronescombe's register, by the vicar in October, 1259, as also in bishop Stapeldon's register, in November, 1320.

† This appointment caused much contention between the vicar and abbot, as we learn from fol. 32 of the bishop's register. The bishop endeavoured to effect a reconciliation between the parties; but the sequel proves that the abbot was borne out in declining to compromise the rights of his monastery. The following is a copy of the bishop's award in the register of Bronescombe (fol. 32): "Universis presentes literas inspecturis, Walterus (Bronescombe) miseracione divina Exon episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis quod cum inter viros religiosos abbatem et conventum de Nyweham ex una parte et Nicholaum de Honeton, rectorem ecclesie de Axemynstre ex altera super diversis contencionibus, querelis et actionibus personalibus orta esset materia questionis, tandem de bonorum consilio super omnibus premissis ordinacioni nostre alte et basse per juramenta sua, dicte partes se supposuerunt. Nos autem, auditis et plenius intellectis hinc inde propositis super premissis, ordinamus in hunc modum: Cum abbas et conventus de Nyweham ex una parte et Nicholaus de Honeton rector ecclesie de Axemynstre ex alia super omnibus controversiis et contencionibus personalibus inter eos usque in hodiernum diem exortis nostre se submiserunt ordinacioni, ipsam se fideliter observaturos corporali hinc inde prestito juramento, promittentes, nos autem, auditis et intellectis hinc inde propositis, tranquillitati et paci utriusque partis prospicere cupientes, in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen, pronunciamus et ordinamus quod hinc inde omnis rancor et omnis injuria remittatur et quod nullus eorum alii occasionem preteritarum personalium actionum molestiam inferre presumat in futurum vel jacturam; et ut idem Nicholaus in posterum eisdem abbati et conventui et domui de Nyweham fidelis et amicus existat sub debito sacramenti prestiti, fidelitatem et amicitiam versus eosdem teneat et continuet in perpetuum. Et ordinamus quod iidem abbas et conventus dent eidem Nicholao clerico suo 4 marcas solummodo quas ipsis citra proximum festum Sancti Michaelis terminis communibus equis porcionibus persolvant. Si vero contingat de cetero quod inter eosdem aliqua contencionis materia realis vel personalis (quod absit) oriatur, nullus eorum contra alterum questionem movebit, donec nobis vel officiario nostro ostendatur, ut per nos vel officiarium nostrum, qui pacem inter eos desideramus, si commode fieri possit, pacificetur: alioquin ex tunc adeat quilibet eorum judicem competentem qui subortam inter eos dirimat questionem. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras patentes utrique fieri fecimus. Datum apud Exon die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Martini A.D. 1264, et consecrationis nostre anno 7°."

‡ The same prelate, on his visitation of Staverton church, April 1, 1314, complained of the absence of the statue of its patron saint, "deest imago beati Pauli, qui est patronus ecclesie." (Reg. fol. 84.)

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Bishop Grandisson, on December 2, 1334, sequestered this rectory because, at his recent visitation, "edificium nobile spectans ad rectoriam dicte ecclesie, quod magnificentia construxerat predecessorum, nostris subjectum oculis, non absque cordis dolore ruinis comperimus patere per modum usui detestandum, usque adeo quod nequit refici absque magno profluvio expensarum;" and he charges the perpetual vicar to publish this act of sequestration, and to hold in his custody, till further orders, the fruits and obventions of the said rectory. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 186.)

On September 12, 1426, William Hunteford, abbot elect of Newenham, was solemnly blessed by Roderick, suffragan prelate to bishop Nevyll, in this parish church. (Reg. Nevyll, fol. 3.)

In bishop Stafford's register, we find a licence granted on November 29, 1417, to Thomas Brook, esq., and Jane his wife, to have a chapel "infra mansionem suam de Wycroft * in parochia de Axmynstre." A chapel of S. Anne at Uphay was licensed for Sir William Bonville and family, May 8, 1421, by bishop Lacy; but it had been licensed by bishop Brantyngham as early as July 24, 1376. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 65.)

On March 24, 1377, bishop Brantyngham licensed in favour of Sir John de Ralegh, knt. "capellam Sancti Johannis Baptiste infra manerium de Smalrig" (vol. i. fol. 66); on April 25, 1382, "capellam Sancti Thome martyris infra mansionem de Dounsheys" in favour of the Downe family (vol. i. fol. 94); and on May 2, 1387, a chapel for the Greys in their residence "de Beare." (fol. 172 ejusdem reg.)

Of the following list of vicars, the earlier names are either in the Newenham registers, or in those of the diocese.

Gervase de Prestaller.

Matthew, nephew of Simon de Apulia, bishop of Exeter, temp. king John.

William de Wallby, admitted November 1, 1259, on the presentation of the church of York.

Within a week later, bishop Bronescombe saw cause to collate to the vicarage. He complains of the gross negligence of the church of York in presenting to the living, and he instituted

Walter de Aulescombe, ordering twenty-four marks per annum to be paid by the vicar out of the property of the benefice to the canons of York, "juxta predecessorum nostrorum ordinationem." He died 1265.

Nicholas de Honiton, collated by bishop Bronescombe on Walter's death, but this collation was cancelled on an appeal to the metropolitan, and

John de Ilminster, according to the Newenham register, was admitted February following.

John de Bridport, admitted vicar on the presentation of the abbot and convent of Newenham. Ob. 1291.

William Forestrete: he died in debt £25 to James "de Yspania" about 1309, as is evident from bishop Stapeldon's return to the writ of king Edward II. dated July 12, 1311. The vicar's successor is not named in the register; but the bishop observes that "vicaria de Axemynstre consistit in oblationibus que vix sufficiunt ad ipsius vicarii sustentationem."

Roger Pedefer, September 24, 1328, on the presentation of the prebends of Warthill and Grendall, in York church.

John de Clive, whose institution is not recorded; but on whose death

John de Wilton succeeded February 4, 1331.

William Russel, collated by bishop Grandisson July 14, 1342, "ad vicariam de Axeminster vacantem."

Richard de Katheleseye. He exchanged for Chudleigh with

Thomas Walsh, March 23, 1352.

Thomas Sage, collated March 19, 1360-1.

John Atte Hurne, on the resignation of Thomas Sage, November 29, 1361.

* On the attainder of Henry, the eighth lord Cobham, the "castrum de Wycroft," with its park, was granted by king James I. on February 28, 1604, to Charles, lord Mountjoy, earl of Devon. It was then of the clear value of £20 per annum. It afterwards passed to the Bennetts, Mattacks, Bilkes, and Tuckers.

John Langley, exchanged September 3, 1374, for the rectory of Combpyne, with

John Grey. During Grey's vicariat, the churchyard was left open and unprotected. This so displeased the diocesan (Brantyngham), that July 4, 1382, he sent a monition, insisting on a suitable inclosure to be completed by Michaelmas, under pain of an interdict of interments within the parish cemetery. On his death

William Rothewell was admitted August 23, 1392: he exchanged for Hemiock with

John Whattecombe, September 20, 1395; on whose resignation

Henry Pake was admitted in London by bishop Stafford, May 12, 1401.

John Worthyn. He exchanged for the wardenship of S. Laurence's hospital, Crediton, with

John Matthu, September 21, 1417, [Stafford's Reg. fol. 187,] who exchanged for the rectory of Musbury with

John Hill, 22 November, 1420. He exchanged his former living of Musbury again on August 6, 1427, with the above John Matthu.

John Clerc, April 18, 1437, on Matthu's resignation.

Bishop Lacy, on 25th of the preceding month, directed a commission to the archdeacon of Exeter, to enquire "de jure patronatus vicarie," to which John Clerc had been presented by the prebendaries. (Lacy's Reg. p. 140.)

John Hembury. He died November 4, 1491.

John Waty, March 6, 1491-2. His tombstone, which records his death March 5, 1519, may be seen in Axminster Church.

Thomas Stanesby or *Scaseby*, April 26, 1519, succeeded on the death of Waty.

Cuthbert Marshall, S. T. P. July 12, 1529, on the death of Scaseby: patrons, prebendaries of the church of York.

John Underhill, April 30, 1534, on Marshall's resignation.

	£	s.	d.	
In 1536 the vicarage was valued at . .	40	6	8	per annum.
The prebend of Grendall at . .	20	–	–	
The prebend of Warthill at . .	20	–	–	

Emery Tuckfyld, October 31, 1537, on the death of Underhill: patrons William Ayloff and George Taylor for this turn only, by reason of the advowson granted by the prebendaries of Warthill and Grendall.

Robert Hicks, admitted to the living April 30, 1554, "certo modo vacantem:" patron John Fry, esq.

John Creche, May 30, 1577, on the death of Emery Tuckfyld (who must have been restored by Queen Elizabeth): patron, Richard Drake, esq., one of the esquires of the queen's stable.

William Knoll, March 23, 1601, on Creche's resignation: patron, Thomas Long, of Axminster, by virtue of the advowson granted to him this time by John Hore and John Vye, the true patrons thereof.

Arthur Gwyn, admitted vicar by bishop Ralph Brownrig on Knoll's death, July 23, 1645.

Richard Cresson, as pastor of Axminster, subscribed in 1648 the declaration against universal toleration drawn up by George Hughes, minister in Plymouth. It forms a pamphlet of five sheets, 4to, printed for Ralph Smith, at the Bible, Cornhill, London. His name occurs again February 19, 1650.

Thomas Ashford, or rather *Bartholomew Askwood*, February 13, 1661: patron, Sir John Drake, knight and baronet of Trill.

Joseph Crabbe, November 21, 1662, on the ejection of the last-mentioned incumbent: same patron. This vicar was buried at Beaminster, Dorset, November 12, 1699.

William Langford, December 19, 1699, on Crabbe's death: patron, Sir William Drake, of Ash, bart.: buried in his church September 17, 1731.

John Pester, September 25, 1731, on Langford's death: patron, Sir William Drake, bart. He died March 22, 1767, æt. 65, and was buried four days later.

Philobeth Domett, vicar of Bovey Tracey, admitted July 25, 1767, on Pester's death: patron, Joseph Banks,

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of Lincoln's Inn, esq.: buried in Axminster church, February 24, 1780.

Benjamin Symes, March 20, 1780, on Domett's death: same patron.

Charles Steer, May 24, 1782, on Symes's resignation: patron, Joseph Banks.

Daniel Conybeare, on Steer's death, April 22, 1836: patrons, Charles Ranken, of Gray's Inn, esq., and William Buckland, D.D.

Dependent on Axminster are the curacies of Membury and Kilmington*.

[*Note.*—As the church is, and always has been, a simple vicarage, having no other title to be called prebendal than that the rectory was appropriated to certain prebends, it seems to have no proper place in a Monasticon, except in respect of the supposed college of Athelstan. Tanner has, however, included it in his Notitia.

The historians of Newenham abbey have expressed very opposite views on the relative right of the abbey, and of the prebendaries of York, to the patronage of this church. The pleadings of the parties are, however, still on record, and show pretty clearly the cause of the dispute, and the probable justice of the event.

The first charter noticed in the pleadings is one of William the Conqueror in favour of the prebendaries of York; and, as this was not denied by the abbot, it must be assumed that the church had in fact been conveyed and legitimately appropriated to the church of S. Peter at York by that king. If that were so, the advowson became severed from the manor of Axminster, and the acquisition of the latter gave to the abbey of Newenham no title to the former. It is, however, certain that, after the conveyance of the manor by W. Brewere to the abbey, the abbey, assuming from some prior presentations by the lord of the manor that the advowson was appendant to it, did in fact exercise the right of patronage. (Arund. MS. f. 6. Newenham regist.)

In this state of things the king sued for the advowson in a writ of right, and established the right of the crown in a judgment of which the record is still extant. (Abbreviatio Placitorum 4 Edw. I. fo. 191.) On a subsequent scire facias to have execution upon this judgment, the abbot produced a charter of the king, dated 5 Edw. I.; but the court ascertained upon examination, that the charter was in fact made *before* judgment was given for the crown, and was therefore of no validity against such judgment: and this, I apprehend, would be held good law at the present day; for a defendant cannot plead in bar of execution any thing which might have been used as a defence to the action at a previous stage of the proceedings.

The interposition of the crown in this case, although the loose and general form of pleading in a writ of right conveys no information as to the nature of the king's title, is easily explained. Probably neither party had in view the claims of the see of York; but as the convent could rightfully have no interest in the advowson except that which they took under the grant of king John to W. Bri-

* Axmouth.—At the period of the Conquest this manor belonged to the crown. It was subsequently granted to Richard de Redvers, who appropriated it and its church "cum capellis et decimis," to the Benedictine abbey of S. Mary of Montbourg, in the diocese of Coutances in Normandy, which was founded in 1090. But it is clear that no priory was ever erected on this manor, though often reputed parcel of Lodres priory in Dorsetshire, which was a cell to the abbey. In bishop Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 184, we read his return, September 12, 1334, to king Edward III.'s writ, "F. Rogerus prior de Lodres et commonachi ibidem tenent in proprios usus ecclesiam parochialem de Axmuth taxatam ad xiiij marcas: et percipiunt de ecclesia Sci Pancratii xl^{s}." This parish church, the south aisle of which is nearly as ancient as the Conquest, was served by the priors of Lodres or their deputies, until king Henry V. in 1414 transferred it, with Lodres, to his noble foundation of Sion convent in Middlesex, in whose possession it continued until the dissolution of that house in 1539. For a further account of the parish of Axmouth see the author's Ecclesiastical Antiquities, vol. ii. p. 80.

The dependent chapels were St. Pancras at Rouse Down, or Ralph Down, which afterwards, viz., about the middle of the fourteenth century, became a parish church, and St. Leonard's in villula de Donâ. At a much later period a chapel was licensed at Bindon in favour of the Wyke family. Bishop Lacy, July 16, 1425, allowed Roger Wyke to have divine service "infra mansionem suam in parochia de Axmouth."

were, it is far from clear that they had any title at all to it; for the charter of John (see Appendix, Num. I.) conveys only the manor "cum pertinentiis;" words which were declared by Stat. 17 Edw. II. ch. 15 (De Prerogativa regis) to be inadequate to convey any advowson appurtenant to a royal manor. So that, unless the patronage had been before alienated, it still remained in the crown notwithstanding the grant of the manor.

After this recovery by the crown, the same king (anno regni 21) being satisfied of the original and better title of the prebendaries of St. Peter, York, restored the advowson to them to be held as of their former estate (see Abbrev. Placit. fo. 233; Prynne's Records, vol. 3, fo. 578); and Richard the abbot of Newenham at the same time released both to the king and the prebendaries all claim of his house to the patronage, and cancelled the charter so adjudged to have been irregularly obtained from the king. (See Abb. Plac. ibid.)

For a period of forty years after this, the two prebendaries of York enjoyed the patronage without interruption, as is admitted by the compiler of the Newenham register (Arund. MS. fo. 6, 7), when abbot Geytington in 1331, having discovered a copy of the cancelled charter of 5 Edw. I. enrolled among the king's records, obtained from the great seal an exemplification of it, and succeeded in introducing on the face of the exemplification an allegation that the original had been *casually lost*. Armed with this official recognition of the title of his house, he presented John Tetteborn to the church of Axminster: the presentation was resisted, and thence ensued the litigation which ended in the establishment of the right of the church of St. Peter, York, to the advowson and rectory of Axminster.

Besides an action of Quare impedit, reported in the Year-book, 7 Edw. III., a writ of Deceit was brought by the prebendaries against the abbot, on the ground that he had fraudulently obtained out of chancery an exemplification of a charter represented by him to have been accidentally lost, when in fact it had been annulled by the king's court, and cancelled by the abbot's predecessor. The abbot was found guilty in this action, and had judgment against him to pay a fine to the king for his contempt, and to have his abbey seised into the king's hands. In the absence, however, of the king out of the realm, the chief justiciary, Geoffrey le Scrop, is said to have afterwards moderated the fine to 40*s.*, restored their temporalities to the convent, and also to have given them good advice for their guidance in future law-suits.

It is not to be supposed that the abbot and his counsel did not urge some plausible grounds for supporting the charter of Edward I. and for denying the validity of the release of abbot Richard; it is however certain that the opinion of the crown, in this case apparently disinterested; of the king's judges; and of the juries by whom the cases must have been tried, must have been in this respect against the claim of Newenham abbey and the conduct of its abbots, and that, however zealous and indignant the compiler of the register may be, the facts, as above stated, fully appear in the pages of his own narrative. (See the Newenham register, Arundel MS. fo. 7, 8. 15, 16. 20—25; also Rot. pat. 7 Ed. III. p. 1. m. 5; 9 Ed. III. p. 2. m. 29; 13 Ed. III. p. 1, m. 3; Prynne's Records, vol. iii. fo. 782.)

The following extract from the report above alluded to, in the Year-book, 7 Ed. III, fo. 4, will perhaps be interesting by reason of the curious points discussed in it:—

The abbot of Newenham brought a quare impedit against the dean and chapter of the church of St. Peter of York, and against John Giffard and Thomas de Waleis (Valonges) clerks, demanding the presentment to the church of Axminster. After some preliminary objections arising out of the death and consequent default of the dean, the defendants pleaded that William the Conqueror by his charter granted to the church of St. Peter to have and to hold to Robert and Richard, then prebendaries of the same prebends, which the defendants now hold pro indiviso, to them and their successors for ever the church of Axminster, with soc and sac annexed, &c.; by force of which charter they have held the church to their own use; and they produced a confirmation of this charter by Edward III., and so averred that the church was impropriate, &c. Whereupon the following conversation took place between the court and the counsel: *Herle, J.*

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—'Have you nothing else to show an appropriation?' *Parning*, counsel—'Sir, in those days the law was that the king could give a church in proprios usus.' *Herle, J.*—'Whether the law was so then, we do not know; but we know well it is not the law now.' *Parning*—'The charter imports that the king gave the church with soc and sac, whence it must be intended that he gave it in proprios usus; for if he had meant only to give the advowson, the charter would have mentioned only the advowson and not the church. Besides, he gave the church "with the appurtenances, viz. soc and sac," wherefore the charter cannot be intended of the mere advowson.' *Herle, J.*—'It is not long since that men did not know what an "advowson" was; but when one meant to give an advowson, the charter said that he gave the "church." If, therefore, you have any other proof of an appropriation, show it.' Parning then pleaded that Edward I. had granted the church to St. Peter of York to hold to the same two prebends pro indiviso, and he produced a charter showing that king Edward I. had recovered the advowson in a writ of right against the abbot of Newenham, but on being afterwards informed of the right of the two prebendaries of York, had re-granted it to them to hold to their own use. The counsel for the abbot demurred to this fresh plea on the ground that it showed no appropriation; that the church had become dispropriate by the recovery of Edward I.; that the king could not, by the subsequent grant, appropriate it; and that the plea, therefore, did not establish the plenarty of the church. On the other side it was contended, that as the grant by Edward I. recognized the previous right of the prebendaries, it operated only as a restoration to them of their former right to hold in proprios usus. *Herle, J.*—'I know that the king grants, so far as in him lies, that you shall hold the church to your own use, but it does not follow thence that you do so hold it.' *Parning*—'In old times before a new constitution by the pope, the patron of a church could grant the tithes within one parish to another parish, and, à multo fortiori, the king could then grant a church to be held in proprios usus, wherefore, &c.' *Herle, J.*—'Now a man cannot grant his extraparochial tithes to whom he pleases, for the bishop of the place shall have them: and this is against reason that a man shall not be able to grant his alms to whom he will.' After some further argument, issue appears to have been joined on the plenarty of the church, and a writ was awarded to the bishop.

The subsequent proceedings will be found in the rolls of parliament, vol. ii. p. 94. The dicta of Herle, J. are quoted by Selden in his History of Tithes, in order to show the original voluntary appropriation of them (cap. 10), and also to correct the error of the judge in his opinion respecting the right to extraparochial tithe, which the law of England assigns to the king, and not (as the canon law provides) to the bishop. (Cap. 11, ad fin.)—S.]

Num. I.

Carta regis Johannis Willielmi Briwere.

(Rot. cart. 17, Joh. mem. 4.)

Johannes Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Acquitannie comes Andegavie archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, baronibus, justiciariis, vice comitibus, prepositis et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse Willielmo de Briwere et heredibus suis pro homagio et servicio suo manerium nostrum de Cestrefeld in Derebisyr cum Brūminton et Wytynton et socca et toto wapentacio de Scarvedale et cum omnibus integritatibus et pertinentiis suis; ita quod predictum manerium de Cestrefeld cum omnibus pertinentiis suis habeat easdem libertates et liberas consuetudines quas burgus noster de Notyngham habet in omnibus letis et omnibus rebus; ita tamen quod burgi nostri de Notyngham et Dereby libertates suas, quas habent et habere debent, non amittant. Volumus eciam quod eadem Cestrefeld sit liber burgus, ita tamen quod nullus Burgensis vel mercator in ea vel in predicto wapentacio vel in socca, habeat libertates vel liberas consuetudines nisi per ipsum Willielmum Briwere vel per heredes suos, nisi illi qui prius ibidem libertates habuerunt. Concedimus etiam illi Willielmo Briwere et heredibus suis quod habeant apud Cestrefeld unam feriam singulis annis in exaltatione sancte crucis per octo dies duraturam, et preterea unum mercatum ibidem singulis septimanis per duos dies, scilicet, die Martis et die Sabbati, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad feriam et mercatum pertinentibus, et quod teloneum capiatur in predictis feria et mercato ab omnibus illis qui libertates non habuerint. Dedimus eciam et concessimus eidem Willielmo et heredibus suis manerium nostrum de Snodyngton in Notynghamshire et manerium nostrum de Axeminstre in Devonia cum omnibus integritatibus et pertinentiis eorum cum hundredo de Axeministre, et quod habeant apud Axemynstre unum mercatum singulis septimanis die Dominica sicut ibi esse consuevit, et preterea piscariam nostram de Kynghiswere in Somersete cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; ita, scilicet, quod predictus Willielmus Briwere et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant predictum manerium de Cestrefeld cum Brumminton et Wyntinton et socca et toto wapentacio de Scarvedall et omnibus pertinentiis suis et predictum manerium de Snodinton cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et predictum manerium de Axeministre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, et cum hundredo de Axeminstre, et predictam piscariam de Kyngeswear cum omnibus pertinentiis suis faciendo nobis et heredibus nostris de omnibus predictis servicium feodorum * trium militum pro omnibus serviciis et demandis. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predictus Willielmus Briwere et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant omnia predicta maneria et tenementa cum omnibus libertatibus et integritatibus et omnibus pertinentiis suis per predictum servicium feodorum trium militum pro omni servicio et demanda, adeo bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie et honorifice, sicut nos et antecessores nostri illa unquam melius liberius et integrius habuimus, soluta et quieta de syris et hundredis et wapentaciis et sectis eorum et de omnibus placitis et querelis et exactionibus, exceptis hiis que ad coronam pertinent. Testibus; W. comite Sarum, fratre Edwardo magistro militum Templi in Anglia, Hugone de Nevill, Hugone de Mortuo Mari, Waltero de Lacy, Johanne de Mohun, Thoma de Sanford, Wilelmo de Cantilupo, Fulcone de Cantilupo, Radulpho Gernum. Datum per manum magistri Richardi de Marisco cancellarii nostri apud Merleberg decimo sexto die Augusti anno regni nostri septimo decimo (1215).

* In fol. 116 of the Newenham cartulary, a knight's fee is stated to be of the yearly value of £40: it was 460 acres of cultivated land. The ferling was, perhaps, thirty acres, (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 419.) A hyde, according to fol. 112 of the Newenham Register, was 160 acres "Sciendum est quod una hyda continet in se clx acras terre per regnum Anglie." In the cartulary of St. John's Hospital Exeter, is the following marginal note; "Feodum militis est c^{ti}, vigesima pars feodi militis est v^{ti}. In the "Codex Malmesburiensis" we read "virgata terre continet xxiv acras: quatuor virgate constituunt i hidam, et v hide constituunt feodum militare." There is no reconciling the various statements of the old measures of land.

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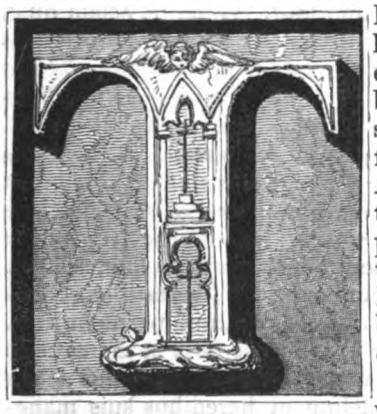
The Collegiate Chantry of Slapton,

IN THE DEANERY OF WOODLEIGH.



THE manor of Slapton was held of the bishops of Exeter by the earls of Devon* by the tenure of acting as stewards at the installation feast of every new bishop. A composition reciting this tenure between bishop Stapeldon and Hugh de Courtenay is dated from Newton Plympton, Sunday December 22, 1308. (See Appendix Num. I.)

The parish church here was rated at £6 per annum in the valuation of pope Nicholas IV. on May 16, 1318; its high altar was dedicated by bishop Stapeldon. In a chapel erected near this church, a collegiate chantry was founded in honour of our Lady by Sir Guy de Brian or Brene, "one of the prime founders of the Order of the Garter, to whose family the manor of Slapton had devolved in the reign of Henry II."

The various instruments respecting this foundation clearly show that the founder applied to pope Clement XI. for his apostolical licence early in 1372. It was granted, December 22, 1372, by a brief directed to bishop Brantyngham. On May 14, 1373, the bishop apprized Sir Guy of the receipt of it, and the first endowment was made on September 10 in that year, and was confirmed by the bishop on January 12 following. On August 7, 1373, that bishop admitted Richard Bakewell to Slapton church on the cession of John de Brian and the presentation of Sir Guy. (Brantyngham's reg. vol. ii. fol. 25.)

As to the precise number of the clergy to be employed in the service of this college, the recorded documents are not altogether reconcileable.

In fol. 74 of the same volume and register is the bishop's consent, dated July 4, 1379, to the founder's appropriation of the parish church of Poundestock † in Cornwall, "cujus jus patronatus illa intentione laudabiliter adquisivit."

In Stafford's register, vol. ii. fol. 289, we find that Lodeswell church was appropriated to this college: an inquisition, holden in S. Edmund's chapel, Kingsbridge, on July 3, 1435, found that Guy de Briun, senior, after purchasing this advowson of William la Zouche, appropriated it to his collegiate chantry of Slapton; and that the vicar of Lodeswell was bound to officiate in person, or by proxy, in the dependent chapel of Boclond (Toussaints) on the Epiphany, Candlemas, Easter-day, Ascension-day, Whit-Sunday, Trinity-Sunday, SS. Peter and Paul, Assumption of our Lady, All Saints', and Christmas-day; and that the children born in the hamlets of Boclond and Woodmeston were baptized in that chapel, and their mothers churched there. (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 115.)

The fellows of the rector were always priests, and in the judgment of lawyers their perpetual collegiate duties, requiring personal attendance, incapacitated them to hold another benefice. (See Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 407.) One of them had the charge of the parishioners of Slapton, and was called the minister.

The college seal is a large oval. In the centre the Blessed Virgin is represented under a rich canopy seated on a throne, and crowned, supporting her Son erect with her right hand, and bearing in her left a lily: under a circular arch below appears the founder on his knees, with his hands joined before his breast, and his shield beneath him. The legend is

S · COE · COLLEGII · GUYDONIS · DE · BRIENE · DE · SLAPTON ·

The founder Sir Guy (who died August 17, 1390) left a second son William, at whose request bishop Brantyngham on October 10, 1390, issued his mandate against those who had seized and detained the deeds and evidences of the family touching the said Sir William de Brian's heirship, unless they restored them within fifteen days. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 212.) Ob. September 23, 1395, as his epitaph at Seale, in Kent, testified. For some valuable details respecting the Bryan family see vol. iii. of Nichols' Collectanea Topographia & Genealogia, London, 1836.

The names of the following rectors occur in the registers:—

William de Batokeweye.

John Bryan, instituted, July 24, 1371.

Richard Bakewell, on Brian's cession, succeeded, August 7, 1373.

Walter Trote, admitted rector in virtue of Apostolic letters, November 26, 1375.

William Trey followed August 13, 1381. Patron, Sir Guy de Briene, knight. He exchanged for the vicarage and curacy of the church of Crediton ‡ with

Robert Hawkesworth, November 11, 1386. Same patron.

Walter Danyel, collated by bishop Stafford hac vice, May 14, 1400: ob. March 16, 1409–10, and was buried the next day. (Stafford's reg. vol. ii. fol. 110.)

John Bouryng, instituted June 3, 1410: died May 27, 1427, (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 71.) intestate. He was presented by Robert Lovel, lord of Slapton manor in right of his wife Elizabeth de Bryan, grand-daughter of the founder.

Benedict Brente succeeded July 18, 1427. In the time of this rector a prohibition or writ of indicavit issued against him for impleading the parson of Talcarn respecting a portion of tithes in Poundstock parish, alleged to have belonged to Talcarn. (Year Book, 21 Hen. VI. fol. 14. Lacy, vol. ii. fol. 91.) He died February 3, and was buried the next day, 1458–9.

John Pawle, instituted 24th of the following March, on the presentation of James Ormond, earl of Wiltshire, and Lord of Slapton manor.

Vincent Coke, whose admission is not recorded: he died rector September 21, 1498, and was buried next day.

Nicholas Morton succeeded February 12 following, on the presentation of Henry earl of Northumberland, Lord "Maneriorum de Brian et Slapton." We subjoin a copy of his will.

"In the name of God Amen, the yere of our Lord 1534, the 26th of August, I Sir Nicholas Morton make my last will in maner as followth. I comyt my soulle to God and my body to holy grave in the college churche of Slapton. I bequeth to the college church of our Lady of Slapton a crose of silver, likewise to the same college xl^{li} sterling, a pair of organs the valew of £xii.; also to the same college a masse book price of £iiij., and a tablement ye valew of £iiij. and a peace of sylver in valew of xx*s.*" He adds several donations of kitchen utensils for the use of his brethren, and proceeds thus, "I bequeth unto the parishe church of Slapton, first to S. James vi*s.* viii*d.*, likewise to the high crosse of the same church vi*s.* viii*d.*, unto our

* In Grandisson's register, vol. ii. fol. 241, we read that the bishop received on January 14, 1341, of Hugh Courtenay earl of Devon £10 sterling "de relievo pro duobus feodis militum que tenet de episcopo et ecclesia sua in Didesham et Slapton," and a promise to pay the relief of 100 shillings "pro uno feodo apud Yowe in Crediton manerio," after taking counsel's opinion on the same.

† In this parish was the chapel of S. George, as we learn from the said register. It was probably at Wollerton. (See Stapeldon's reg. A. D. 1310, fol. 50.)

‡ William Trey died vicar of the collegiate and parochial church of the Holy Cross at Crediton, and dean thereof. His will, dated January 20, 1411, was proved February 16 following.

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Lady of Pitie iii*s.* iiij*d.*, to S. Michaell iii*s.* iiij*d.*, to our Lady on the lefte side of ye aulter iii*s.* iiij*d.*" And he appoints "Richard Halse, Esq. in the parish of Shirford, my very hole and trew executor," to distribute and dispose for the wealth of his soul the residue of his property after his mind and discretion.

John Morcombe was the last rector *, but his election is not recorded. The surrender of the chantry by the rector and fellows on November 17, 1545, is given in Rymer, vol. xv. p. 70.

In bishop Veysey's return to the exchequer in the autumn of 1536, he states that this rector had £14 per annum, that the minister, William Couelle had £7, and that the college further possessed "ad sustentationem trium capellanorum, duorum clericorum et quatuor choristarum Deo servientium ibidem, £37 8*s.* 4*d.*" The abovementioned William Couelle was appointed minister or parish priest of Slapton, July 21, 1530: by his will dated February 25, 1544; he directed that his body should be buried in the chancel of S. James at Slapton, and left several legacies for prayers for his soul.

Browne Willis says, (History of Abbies, vol. ii. p. 65,) "An. 1534, the subscription to the king's supremacy was signed with the seal of the rector and fellows, without names."

Leland says in the 8th volume of his Itinerary, p. 40, "Slaptoun, a praty college toward the shore, is almost in the midle way betwixt Dertmouth and Saltcombe haven. Guy Bryen was founder of this college."

We find at the end of vol. i. of Stafford's register the will of John Combe, rector of North Huish, dated Nov. 9, 1411, and proved August 17 following. With the exception of £5, he bequeaths all his property to the college of Slapton, and appoints its rector John Bowryng sole executor. The inventory of his effects amounted to £356 16*s.* 4*d.*

Num. I.

Compositio inter episcopum Exoniæ et comitem Devoniæ super homagio et servitio ipsius comitis ac feodis sibi debitis tempore inthronizationis episcopi Exoniæ.

(Brantyngham regist. vol. ii. fol. 36 b.)

Noverint universi quod cum inter dominum Walterum de Stapeldon Dei gratia Exon episcopum ex parte una et dominum Hugonem filium et heredem domini Hugonis de Courtenaye ex altera, discordie materia fuisset exorta super eo quod dictus dominus Hugo clamavit et clamat tenere manerium de Slapton in comitatu Devon cum pertinentiis de eodem domino episcopo per homagium et servicium, occasione cujus tenure asseruit dictus dominus Hugo, quod debuit esse senescallus dicti domini episcopi in festo intronizationis sue, et ipse et heredes sui similiter in quolibet festo intronizationis cujuslibet episcopi Exon, et ponere homines ad beneplacitum suum in quolibet officio in dicto festo, et aliqua feoda percipere ibi et alibi occasione senescalcie predicte; tandem die et loco confectionis presentium, communibus amicis intervenientibus, super dicta senescalcia et feodo occasione dicte senescalcie percipiendo, necnon et positione hominum dicti domini Hugonis et heredum suorum in officio in dicto festo, et etiam omnibus aliis dictam senescalciam tangentibus, in forma subsequenti convenit perpetuis temporibus servatura, viz. quod predictus dominus Hugo ratione predicti manerii de Slapton, quod de dicto domino episcopo tenet nomine senescalcii et servicii de dicto manerio de Slapton dicto domino episcopo debiti die intronizationis cujuslibet episcopi Exon suo tempore intronizandi, et heredes sui qui plene etatis fuerint post ipsum, die intronizationis cujuslibet episcopi Exon futuri, obviabunt dicto episcopo extra portam orientalem in descensu palefridi sui ad tardius, et ex tunc inantea ducent latus ejus dextrum, ipsumque a concursu et oppressione populi pro viribus conservabunt, quousque ducatur in chorum ecclesie cathedralis Exon intronizandus. Et subsequente ipso die in majori refectione ponant personaliter totum primum ferculum coram dicto domino episcopo; et percipiant tantummodo quatuor discos argenteos de illis quos posuerunt coram episcopo in dicto primo ferculo, duo salsaria et unam cuppam de qua bibet episcopus ad mensam in dicta refectione, unum salsarium, unum picherium ad vinum, unum coclear et duas pelves de quibus lavit dominus episcopus predicto die; et hec omnia vasa debent esse argentea: Ita tamen quod si predictus Hugo vel heredes sui plene etatis in propria persona predictum servitium non fecerint, nichil omnino percipient de vasis argenteis supradictis illa vice, nec quicquam aliud ratione senescalcie supradicte, hoc excepto, quod si predictus Hugo aut heredes sui tempore alicujus hujusmodi intronizationis future, tali egritudine fuerint gravati, quod hujusmodi servicium personaliter facere nequeant, vel per breve domini nostri regis ad procuracionem domini episcopi vel successorum suorum imperpetuum fuerint impediti, tunc licebit eis unum honorabilem militem literas dicti domini Hugonis vel heredum suorum super hoc deferentem patentes, loco sui ad hujusmodi servicium substituere, qui miles jurabit, quod predictus dominus suus, pro quo venit, tali egritudine est gravatus, quod illa vice personaliter venire non potest ad dictum servicium faciendum; et tunc admittatur ad servicium faciendum; et percipiet dictus miles totum feodum predictum ad opus dicti domini sui in forma predicta. Et si miles dixerit quod dictus dominus suus impeditus fuerit per breve domini regis ad procurationem domini episcopi vel suorum imperpetuum, ipso sciente et consentiente, et miles hoc secundum conscientiam suam jurare voluerit, admittatur ad servicium predictum faciendum, nisi predictus dominus episcopus contrarium precise jurare voluerit. Quod si predictus episcopus juraverit, recedat dictus miles sine aliquo servicio faciendo vel feodo capiendo illa vice. Et predictus dominus Hugo et heredes sui facient omnia alia servicia predicto episcopo et successoribus suis pro predicto manerio de Slapton, que ad illud pertinent imperpetuum. Si vero heredes dicti Hugonis vel successorum suorum tempore alicujus hujusmodi intronizationis non fuerint plene etatis, vel si plene etatis fuerint et predictum servicium in forma predicta non fecerint, de predicto feodo et vasis argenteis nichil omnino percipient illa vice, nec aliquid aliud ratione senescalcie predicte vel officii supradicti, nec aliquis alius nomine eorundem, nec licebit dicto Hugoni, heredibus vel assignatis, in aliquo festo intronizationis episcopi Exon qui pro tempore fuerit, aliquam personam in officio ponere, vel positam amovere, vel ulterius quicquam de dicto festo per se vel alios intronizationis seu ratione predicti officii seu senescalcie plus exigere vel recipere, quam superius est expressum. Et habebunt iidem dominus Hugo et heredes sui, vel miles qui pro eo venerit ut predictum est, fenum et avenam pro equis suis et suorum familiarium secum venientium cum liberacione vini et candele prout decet competente. Et pro hac recognitione et feodo predicto habendo absque aliqua contradictione imperpetuum, predictus dominus Hugo pro se et heredibus suis remisit, relaxavit, et omnino quietum clamavit prefato domino episcopo et successoribus suis omnes alias exactiones, demandas et calumpnias suas de aliis officiis, feodis et rebus dictam senescalciam quoquo modo tangentibus imperpetuum. In quorum omnium testimonium tam predictus episcopus, quam predictus Hugo, huic scripto duplicato sigilla sua alternatim apposuerunt; et ad majorem securitatem decani et capituli Exon ad rogatum dicti domini episcopi et etiam predicti domini Hugonis, sigillum suum commune presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Nyweton priorem de Plympton die dominica in crastino beati Thome apostoli anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octavo et anno regni regis Edwardi, filii regis Edwardi, secundo. Presentibus dominis Willelmo Martyn, Philippo de Curtenaye, Thoma Cayricestre, Stephano de Hackubum, Rogero de Nonant, Thoma de Archedeakne, Johanne de Button, Johanne de Trejagu, militibus; Roberto de Stokheye, Johanne de Butelesgate, Roberto de Upheye, Henrico de Bokerell et aliis.

* He had an annual pension granted him by the crown of

	£	s.	d.
The minister	14	–	–
John Jefferey	10	–	–
Robert Taylor	6	13	4
William French	6	13	4
Arthur Featherstone	6	13	4
Elizeus Lawry	4	13	4
The four poor in Slapton	4	13	4
	–	10	–

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Num. II.

Licentia regia fundandi cantariam in manerio de Slapton data Guidoni de Briene.

(Pat. 43 Edw. III.)

Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, omnibus ad quos litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod de gracia nostra speciali concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilectis et fidelibus nostris Guidoni de Briene et Ricardo de Acton militibus, Henrico Percehay, Martino Moulyshe clerico, Johanni Seys clerico, et Johanni Ferrers de Churchestow quod ipsi, quinque quatuor tres duo vel unus eorum, apud Slapton in comitatu Devon quandam cantariam quatuor capellanorum divina singulis diebus in capella beate Marie infra manerium ipsius Guydonis de Slapton in comitatu predicto juxta ordinationem eorundem Guydonis, Ricardi, Henrici, Martini, Johannis et Johannis quinque quatuor trium duorum vel unius eorum in hac parte faciendam, celebraturorum fundare, et eisdem capellanis terras tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem decem librarum per annum que de nobis non tenentur, necnon advocationem ecclesie ejusdem manerii de Slapton, que quidem advocacio de nobis non tenetur ut dicitur, dare et assignare possint vel possit, Habendum et tenendum eisdem capellanis et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta juxta ordinacionem ipsorum Guidonis, Ricardi, Henrici, Martini, Johannis et Johannis quinque quatuor trium duorum vel unius eorum in hac parte faciendam celebraturis imperpetuum; et eisdem capellanis quod ipsa dicta terras tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem predictum, necnon advocacionem predictam a prefatis Guidone Ricardo Henrico Martino Johanne et Johanne quinque quatuor tribus duobus vel uno eorum recipere dictamque ecclesiam appropriare, et eam sic appropriatam in proprios usus una cum dictis terris tenementis et redditibus cum pertinentiis ad valorem predictum tenere possint sibi et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta juxta ordinacionem predictam celebraturis in perpetuum, sicut predictum est, tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante; dum tamen per inquisitiones in ea parte capiendas et in cancellariam nostram vel heredum nostrorum rite returnandas compertum sit quod id fieri possit absque dampno vel prejudicio nostri vel heredum nostrorum aut aliorum quorumcumque. Salvis semper capitalibus dominis feodorum serviciis de predictis terris tenementis redditibus et advocacione debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Retherith vicesimo nono die Augusti anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo tercio, regno vero nostri Francie tricesimo. Per breve de privato sigillo [1369].

Num. III.

Fundatio cantariæ de Slapton.

(E Cod. MSS. bibliotheca Bodleiana, No. 8591. *)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Thomas miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus, executor ad subscripta auctoritate apostolica specialiter deputatus, salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos auctoritate predicta apostolica ut convenit patentes literas dilecti filii nobilis viri domini Guidonis de Briene militis, domini loci manerii nuncupati de Slapton nostre diocesis, super fundacione et ordinacione admissa cantarie perpetue subscripte juxta concessam sibi a nobis licenciam auctoritate literarum apostolicarum salubriter factam sigillo ejusdem proprio consignatas recepimus tenorem verborum qui subsequitur continentes:

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino domino Thome Dei gracia Exoniensi episcopo devotus vester in Christo filius Guido de Briene infrascriptus omnimodas reverencias tanto patri debitas cum honore. Literas vestras reverendas sigillo vestro munitas recepi tenore verborum qui sequitur per omnia continentes:

Thomas miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus executor cunctis ad infrascripta expedienda, ut in literis apostolicis subscriptis ad plenum continetur, dilecto filio nobili viro domino Guidoni de Briene domino loci manerii nuncupati de Slapton nostre diocesis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Literas apostolicas que sequuntur de verbo ad verbum tenorem per omnia sequentem recepimus continentes:

Gregorius episcopus, servus servorum Dei, venerabili fratri episcopo Exoniensi salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Pia devotorum Deo et ecclesie desideria, que divini cultus augmentum et animarum salutem respicere dinoscuntur, libenter apostolico favore prosequimur eisque benignum impertimur assensum. Sane peticio pro parte dilecti filii nobilis viri domini Guidonis de Briene domini loci manerii nuncupati de Slapton Exoniensis diocesis nobis nuper exhibita continebat quod ipse de salute propria cogitans ac cultus divini augmentum multipliciter affectans pro sua et progenitorum suorum ac aliorum Christi fidelium animarum salute in capella beate Marie infra dictum locum consistente, in qua sepultura dictorum progenitorum suorum qui ipsam capellam edificarunt hactenus esse consuevit et quam capellam idem miles de novo reedificavit totaliter non sine magnis sumptibus et expensis, quandam cantariam perpetuam pro sex presbiteris et quatuor clericis inibi perpetuo in divinis Domino servituris, quorum unus sit rector qui aliis presit, de bonis sibi a Deo collatis fundare et ordinare et pro premissis dotem sufficientem assignare proponit. Quare pro parte dicti nobilis nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum, ut sibi faciendi premissa cum reservacione juris presentandi rectorem ad ipsam cantariam, eidem nobili quamdiu vixerit, licenciam concedi, dictique loci parochialem ecclesiam, cujus idem nobilis patronus existit, et que a dicta capella ut asseritur modicum distat hujusmodi cantarie ac presbiteris et aliis dum inibi fuerint, ita quod ejus cura animarum per unum ex dictis presbiteris habeatur, de benignitate apostolica mandaremus. Nos itaque, ipsius nobilis in hac parte laudabile ac pium propositum et desiderium multipliciter in Domino commendantes hujusmodi supplicacionibus inclinati, fraternitati tue, de cujus circumspeccionis industria in hiis et aliis specialem in Domino fiduciam optinemus, per apostolica scripta concedimus, et mandamus quatenus prefato nobili fundandi et ordinandi in prefata capella hujusmodi cantariam pro sex presbiteris et quatuor clericis perpetuis qui ibidem perpetuo in divinis deservient, quorum quidem presbiterorum unus sit rector qui aliis presit et curam eorum habeat, dote sufficienti primitus ut prefertur realiter assignata ac jure rectoris dicte capelle si quis ibi sit et alterius cujuslibet in omnibus semper salvo, auctoritate apostolica licenciam largiaris, ac ordinaciones et statuta pro divini cultus augmento et ipsorum presbiterorum et clericorum felici gubernacione salutaria et perpetuo servanda facias. Et insuper cum hujusmodi cantaria fundata et ordinata fuerit dictam parochialem ecclesiam cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis eisdem cantarie ac presbiteris et clericis eadem auctoritate apostolica, dummodo tibi expediens videatur et ad id dilectorum filiorum capituli tue ecclesie Exoniensis accedat assensus, eadem auctoritate

* We owe our knowledge of this instrument to the Reverend Guy Bryan, of Woodham Walter, Essex, by whom we have been obligingly furnished with the above copy, and the following description of the interesting volume which contains it:

The manuscript, of eleven folios of a large size, beautifully written on vellum, with initial letters richly gilt and illuminated, contains the following arms properly emblazoned:

The first page, inclosed within a rich border, has in the initial Universis, &c. Sable, a Fesse embattled between three Catharine Wheels, Or Brentingham; joined to a shield, the bearings of which now effaced were probably those of the see of Exon, namely, Gules, a Sword in pale Argent between two Keys Or en Saltire.

In the initial Reverendo in Christo, &c. are, Or, 3 Piles Azure; Sir Guy de Bryan, sen., joining Argent, 3 Lozenges Gules, for Montacute, he having married Eliz. daughter of William Montacute, earl of Salisbury.

In the last page, in the initial E is Sable, a Key Or in saltire, with a Sword Ar.: the arms of the dean and chapter of Exeter.

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unias incorpores et annectes, ita quod cedente vel decedente dicte parochialis ecclesie rectore, qui nunc est, vel ecclesiam ipsam alias quomodolibet dimittente, liceat eisdem presbiteris et clericis possessionem corporalem ecclesie ac cum juribus et pertinenciis predictorum diocesani loci et cujuslibet alterius licencia minime requisita, auctoritate propria apprehendere, ipsiusque ecclesie fructus redditus et proventus in eorum et dicte ecclesie usus convertere, et statuendo quod cura dicte ecclesie, postquam dicti presbiteri et clerici hujusmodi possessionem habuerint per unum ex presbiteris ipsis, assignata sibi per te congrua porcione ex fructibus redditibus et proventibus dicte parochialis ecclesie, ex qua unacum emolumentis que ex suo beneficio dicte capelle percipiet possit congrue sustentari, jura episcopalia solvere, et alia sibi incumbencia onera supportare, regatur et eciam gubernetur, juribus diocesani et cujuslibet alterius in omnibus semper salvis; ita tamen quod dictus nobilis quamdiu vixerit personam ydoneam in rectorem ad dictam cantariam presentare possit et debeat, et post ipsius obitum vacante dicta cantaria alii presbiteri et clerici ejusdem cantarie aliquem ydoneum in rectorem eligere teneantur, cujus eleccio si canonica fuerit per loci diocesanum debeat confirmari, prout requirunt canonice sanciones, et contradictores per censuram ecclesiasticam appellacione postposita compellendo, non obstantibus felicis recordacionis Urbani pape quinti predecessoris nostri ac aliis constitucionibus apostolicis contrariis quibuscumque censuris super pensionibus sibi faciendis de hujusmodi parochialibus ecclesiis vel aliis beneficiis ecclesiasticis in specialibus vel generalibus apostolice sedis vel legatorum ejus literis impetrarint, eciam si per eas ad inhibitionem refrenacionem et decretum vel alias quomodolibet sit processum, quas literas et processus earum auctoritate habitos ad dictam parochialem ecclesiam volumus non extendi, et nullum per hoc eis quoad assencionem . . . . . ac dampnum . . . . . aliorum prejudicium generari. Tamen si aliquibus communiter vel divisim a prefata sede indultum existat quod interdici suspendi vel excommunicari non possint per literas apostolicas non facientes plenam et expressam ac de verbo ad verbum de indulto hujusmodi mencionem et quibuslibet aliis privilegiis indulgenciis et literis apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus quorumcunque tenorum existant, per que presentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta effectus earum impediri valeat quomodolibet vel differri, de quibus quorum totis tenoribus habenda sit in nostris literis mencio specialis, seu quod ab aliquibus dicatur quod, deficientibus ipsius nobilis rectis heredibus, jus patronatus dicte ecclesie ad episcopum Exoniensem pro tempore existentem redire debeat. Proviso eciam quod in dicta parochiali ecclesia, postquam unio hujusmodi si fiat effectum habuerit, diebus singulis perpetuo missa celebretur. Nos enim exnunc irritum decernimus et inane si secus super hiis a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Datum Avenione xiii. calendis Januarii, pontificatus nostri anno tercio *.

Quarum literarum apostolicarum auctoritate tibi domino Guidoni domino manerii predicti prefate nostre diocesis ad fundandum et ordinandum in prefata capella hujusmodi cantariam pro sex presbiteris et quatuor clericis perpetuis qui ibidem perpetuo in divinis deserviant, quorum quidem presbiterorum unus sit rector qui aliis presit et curam eorum habeat, dote sufficienti primitus ut prefertur realiter assignata ac jure rectoris dicte capelle si quis ibi sit et alterius cujuslibet in omnibus semper salvo, auctoritate apostolica licenciam impertimur. Et cum dictam cantariam fundaveris ad plenum et ordinaveris, nos de modo fundacionis et ordinacionis tuarum hujusmodi, literis tuis patentibus certifices sigillo tuo ad eternam rei memoriam sigillatis, et cetera in prefatis literis apostolicis nobis demandata extunc ulterius adimplebimus et exequemur auctoritate supradicta. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum London. xiiij die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo tercio et consecracionis nostre quarto.

Cujus optentu licencie cum inter cetera reparacionis humane remedia, missarum officia, quibus pro salute vivorum et requie defunctorum . . . . . filius immolatur, ira redemptoris nostri potissime mitigatur et misericordia impetratur salvatoris, eapropter ego Guido de Briene dominus manerii de Slapton supradictus volens diem messionis extreme Deo placitis operibus prevenire ac proinde desiderans pro mea et progenitorum meorum et aliorum Christi fidelium animarum salute, ad divini cultus augmentum in capella predicta de Slapton presbiterorum adaugere numerum, qui pro vivis et defunctis hostias pacificas immolent in altari, cantariam perpetuam in dicta capella, ut beneficium simplex ecclesiasticum necnon curatum, perpetuis temporibus duraturam pro sex presbiteris et quatuor clericis perpetuis, qui ibidem perpetuo ut fraternitate in divinis deservient, quorum quidem presbiterorum unus sit rector qui aliis presit et regimen eorum habeat et nomine rectoris perpetuo nuncupetur, quem volo continue personaliter residere in eadem ad celebrandum missas et divina peragendum officia perpetuis temporibus congruis in eadem, de licencia et auctoritate sanctissimi in Christo patris nostri pape Gregorii XI prenotati, ac illustrissimi principis domini mei Edwardi Dei gracia regis Anglie, necnon venerabilis in Christo patris domini Thome Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi antedicti habentis ad hec ut prefertur specialem per literas apostolicas potestatem, et de consensu omnium aliorum quorum interest vel interesse poterit in futurum, pro mea et progenitorum meorum ac vivorum et fidelium defunctorum venia salutari, eisdem auctoritate et licencia, quibus supra, FUNDO et ORDINO per presentes. Item prefate cantarie pro sustentacione eorum rectoris presbiterorum et clericorum perpetua in eadem, manerium meum de Chylternevagg quod valet annuatim viginti libras pro dote perpetua do et assigno prout in aliis cartis inde confectis plenius continetur. Item pro honore dicte cantarie et decore ejusdem majus ampliando et ut divinum officium in cantaria predicta solempnius peragatur, eidem cantarie et predictis rectori et presbiteris vestimenta et ornamenta alia necessariaque omnia rector qui pro tempore fuerit sumptibus communibus renovare imperpetuum teneatur assigno et concedo, prout in quadam indentura inter me et dictum rectorem facta plenius continetur. Item volo quod dicta cantaria de cetero et in perpetuum cantaria Guidonis de Briene senioris appelletur. Et quod cum dictus rector primus sit institutus in eadem et corporalem possessionem dicte rectorie legitime fuerit adeptus, extunc infra mensem provideat de quinque presbiteris ydoneis et quatuor clericis in lectu et cantu sufficienter instructis, qui quidem omnes ordinacioni et mandato dicti rectoris, in omnibus que ad cultum divinum pertinent, sint intendentes. Dicti vero quatuor clerici tam in divinis serviciis quam eciam in pulsacione campanarum vesperis matutinis missis et aliis horis competentibus intendant et obediant, ut est justum. Et si contingat aliquem presbiterorum et clericorum supradictorum cedere vel decedere in futurum, et idem rector in provisione seu subrogacione cedentis vel decedentis sit per unum mensem negligens, seu remissus fuerit, commodum vacacionis hujusmodi elemosine episcopi Exoniensis qui pro tempore fuerit applicetur. Idemque rector qui pro tempore fuerit racione sue regiminis dicte cantarie et ministracionis in eadem disponendi de bonis ejusdem cantarie plenam habeat facultatem. Item volo et ordino quod predicti rector et presbiteri et clerici de bonis ad dictam cantariam spectantibus pro ipsorum sustentacione et labore percipiant annuatim prout inferius continetur; videlicet, rector quatuordecim libras sterlingorum, et quilibet dictorum quinque presbiterorum sex libras tres decem solidos et quatuor denarios; dicti vero quatuor clerici, quorum duo clerici de secunda forma nuncupentur et percipiet quilibet eorum quatuor libras tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios; ceteri duo clerici . . . . nuncupentur, quorum quilibet percipiet annuatim sexaginta sex solidos et octo denarios ad quatuor anni terminos, videlicet, Michaelis, natalis Domini, pasche et nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste per equales porciones et quod hujusmodi regimine a principio ejusdem quarterii pre manibus fideliter persolvantur. Et si facultates dicte cantarie per me seu heredes meos quovis titulo de novo fuerint augmentate, extunc auctoritate et ordinacione episcopi diocesani volo quod tot presbiteri in sua prima admissione per me et heredes meos dominos de Slapton nominentur ac inibi ordinentur quot ex possessionibus hujusmodi noviter adquisitis commode poterunt sustentari, percipientes pro eorum sustentacione prout de aliis quinque presbiteris superius est ordinatum. Volo eciam quod

* December 20, 1372.

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tam quinque presbiteri supradicti quam quatuor clerici sub eodem tecto simul se reficiant cohabitent et dormiant in eo. Nullus autem in loco rectoris vel alterius presbiteri subrogetur nisi in sacerdotali ordine constitutus, ac vita moribus et conversacione sit merito commendandus. In cujus rei testimonium has literas patentes fieri feci et sigilli mei munimine roboravi. Datum apud Slapton, decimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini supradicto.

Nos igitur Thomas Exoniensis episcopus supradictus executor prefatus fundationem et ordinacionem supradictas in omnibus et singulis articulis superius memoratis juxta votum et laudabile propositum dicti domini Guidonis piamque devocionem ejusdem divinitus, ut credimus, inspiratam tenore presencium acceptamus ratificamus et expresse approbamus, ac eciam auctoritate literarum apostolicarum predictarum quantum ad nos pertinet plenarie confirmamus et in perpetuum habere volumus robur plenissimum firmitatis, eadem auctoritate apostolica adjicientes ad premissa, ad divini cultus augmentum ipsorum presbiterorum et clericorum felicem gubernacionem, ordinaciones et statuta subsequencia per rectorem presbiteros et clericos in dicta cantaria in perpetuum Deo servituros firmiter observanda. In omnibus autem missis quas dicturi sunt hec volumus statuimus et ordinamus firmiter observari, quod, prefato domino Guidone superstite, illam specialem collectam que incipit "Omnipotens sempiterne Deus miserere famulo tuo et dirige eum," et aliam collectam de sancto .... ac de beata Maria Magdalena. Post mortem autem ejusdem Guidonis collectam que incipit .... cotidie dicere teneantur sacerdotes. Insuper qui missas pro salubri statu ipsius domini Guidonis in vita sua et pro anima sua post mortem ejus ... et parentibus suis cunctisque ejus benefactoribus vivis et defunctis preces ad Deum fundere dignentur corditer et devote. Prefati eciam rector et presbiteri imperpetuum singulis annis postquam prefatus dominus Guido extremum clauserit diem suum, in die obitus sui plenum officium compleant mortuorum juxta modum eodem anni tempore usitatum ..... tunc sequenter simul congregati missam unicam cum nota pro ejus anima teneantur solempnius celebrari. Dies vero obitus prefati domini Guidonis fundatoris antedicti, et Elizabeth quondam uxoris sue, ac progenitorum suorum in festo Sancte Petronille, videlicet, ultimo die Maii in eadem capella, et dies obitus domini Hugonis de Courtenay et uxoris sue in crastino Sancti Bartholomei, obitus quoque nostri Thome de Brantyngham Exoniensis episcopi supradicti et successorum nostrorum Exoniensium episcoporum in crastino commemoracionis animarum in eadem cantaria solempniter et fideliter teneantur. Datum Exonie, duodecimo die Januarii, anno Domini MCCCLXXIII. et consecracionis nostre quarto.

Et nos capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exoniensis predicte premissa omnia et singula in dictis literis fundatoris statuta et ordinacionem comprehensa, quatenus ad nos pertinet, sufficienti deliberacione in eis prehabita in hac parte tenore presencium approbamus ratificamus et ex certa sciencia confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis apponi. Datum in domo nostra capitulari Exonie die mense et anno supradictis.

Num. IV.

Donatio annualis redditus in dotem cantariæ de Slapton per Guidonem de Briene, militem.

(Brantyngham regist. vol. i. fol. 54.)

Noverint universi me Guydonem de Briene militem, seniorem, domui de Slapton concessisse, assignasse et presenti scripto meo confirmasse domino Willielmo Batokeweye, capellano, et quinque sociis suis presbyteris et quatuor clericis in capella beate Marie infra manerium de Slapton consistente, in divinis domino servientibus, pro dote cantarie in prefata capella ordinanda ac sustentacione dictorum presbyterorum et clericorum, unum annualem redditum L marcarum annuatim percipiendum de dicto manerio meo de Slapton, habendum et percipiendum predicto Willielmo et dictis sociis suis et clericis antedictis ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum juxta vim formam et effectum literarum apostolicarum reverendo in Christo patri Exon episcopo, ad fundandum ibi dictam cantariam et ad uniendum incorporandum sive appropriandum ecclesiam parochialem de Slapton Exon dioc., dictis cantarie presbyteris et clericis in hac parte directarum. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui, hiis testibus, discretis viris magistris Thoma de Walkyngton decretorum, Johanne de Schillyngford, legum doctoribus; et Hugone Hiclyng, bachalar. in legibus, et pluribus aliis. Datum apud Chuddelegh die Jovis, in festo Sancti Matthei apostoli et evangeliste, anno regni regis Edwardi III. post conquestum XLVIII. (1374.)

Num. V.

Donatio manerii de Chilterne Vagg per eundem.

(Ex orig. penes perhonorab. Henricum, Baron. Arundell de Wardour.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Guido de Briene miles et dominus de Slapton in comitatu Devonie dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi domino Waltero Trota * rectori cantarie in capella beate Marie infra manerium meum de Slapton et confratribus suis capellanis et clericis et successoribus eorundem imperpetuum ibidem Deo in divinis deservientibus et servituris juxta ordinacionem meam manerium meum de Chilterne Vagg juxta Yevele in comitatu Somerset, habendum et tenendum predictum manerium cum omnibus suis juribus et pertinentiis universis predicto domino Waltero et confratribus suis capellanis et clericis predictis et eorum successoribus imperpetuum ibidem Deo in divinis deservientibus et servituris in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam faciendo pro me et heredibus meis capitalibus dominis feodi illius servicia inde debita et consueta. Et ego vero predictus Guido et heredes mei totum predictum manerium, ut predictum est, predictis domino Waltero et confratribus suis capellanis et clericis predictis in capella predicta in divinis Deo deservientibus et servituris contra omnes homines warantizare tenemur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui; hiis testibus, Willelmo Boneville, Johanne Cheydiok, et Thoma Marsshall, militibus; Willielmo Kynghame, Johanne Hurdecote, Roberto Yarde, et aliis. Datum apud Chilterne Vagg predictum vicesimo secundo die mensis Julii, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum Anglie quadragesimo nono. (1375.)

[The seal is a shield, or, three piles in point azure; crest a boar, with the name of Guy de Briene round it.]

Num. VI.

Licentia regia dandi et tenendi manerium de Chiltern Vagg in manum mortuam.

(Pat. 49 Edw. 3.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Cum vicesimo nono die Augusti anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo tercio per literas nostras patentes concesserimus et licenciam dederimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis fuit dilecto et fideli nostro Guidoni de Briene et certis aliis personis quod ipsi quinque, quatuor, tres, duo vel unus eorum apud Slapton in comitatu Devonie quandam cantariam quatuor capellanorum divina singulis diebus in capella beate Marie

* Walter Trote became a canon of Exeter cathedral and rector of S. Kerrians; he made his will November 4, 1399, which was proved March 12, 1403. To each chaplain at Slapton for a dirge he left 3*s*. 4*d*., to the two clerks of the second form 2*s*. each, to the two boys of ditto 1*s*. each, to Slapton chapel one missal and an antiphonar, and for the perpetual use of the community twenty-four silver spoons and six silver cups inscribed with the arms of Sir Guy de Briene, knt., also 15*s*. to be bestowed amongst the poorest tenants in Slapton manor.

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infra manerium ipsius Guidonis de Slapton in comitatu predicto juxta ordinacionem ipsius Guidonis et aliarum personarum predictarum quinque quatuor trium duorum vel unius eorum in hac parte faciendam celebraturorum fundare et eisdem capellanis terras tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem decem librarum per annum que de nobis non tenentur dare et assignare possint vel possit habendum et tenendum eisdem capellanis et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta juxta ordinacionem ipsius Guidonis et aliarum personarum predictarum quinque quatuor trium duorum vel unius eorum in hac parte faciendam celebraturis imperpetuum et eisdem capellanis quod ipsa dicta terras tenementa et redditus cum pertinentiis ad valorem predictum a prefato Guidone et dictis aliis personis quinque quatuor tribus duobus vel uno eorum recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta juxta ordinacionem predictam celebraturis in imperpetuum sicut predictum est similiter licenciam dederimus specialem statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non tenendis edito non obstante, NOS volentes concessionem nostram predictam effectui debite mancipari concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est prefato Guidoni quod ipse manerium de Chylterne Vagge cum pertinentiis in comitatu Somerset quod de nobis non tenetur, et quod valet per annum in omnibus exitibus juxta verum valorem ejusdem sex mercas sicut per inquisitionem inde per dilectum nobis Adam Attemoore nuper escactorem nostrum in comitatu predicto de mandato nostro captam et in cancelariam nostram retornatam est compertum, dare possit et assignare prefatis quatuor capellanis divina singulis diebus in capella predicta pro salubri statu ipsius Guidonis dum vixerit et pro anima sua cum ab hac luce migraverit et animabus patris sui et matris sue et omnium antecessorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum juxta ordinationem in hac parte per ipsum Guidonem faciendum celebraturis, habendum et tenendum eisdem quatuor capellanis et successoribus suis in valorem centum solidorum per annum in partem satisfactionis decem librarum terrarum et tenementorum et reddituum predictorum imperpetuum, et eisdem quatuor capellanis quod ipsi dictum manerium cum pertinentiis suis a prefato Guidone recipere possint et tenere sibi et successoribus suis predictis imperpetuum sicut predictum est tenore presencium similiter licenciam dedimus specialem, statuto predicto non obstante; nolentes quod predictus Guido vel heredes sui aut prefati capellani seu successores sui ratione statuti predicti per nos vel heredes nostros seu ministros nostros quoscumque inde occasionentur in aliquo seu graventur, salvis tamen capitalibus dominis feodi illius serviciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium, sexto die Februarii anno regni nostri Anglie quadragesimo nono, regni vero nostri Francie tricesimo sexto *.

NUM. VII.

Forma electionis in rectorem cantariæ de Slapton.

(Redmayne register, fol. 7 b.)

REVERENDO in Christo patri et domino domino Ricardo, permissione divina Exoniensi episcopo, ejusve in spiritualibus vicario generali, vestri humiles et devoti in Christo filii, Andreas Tope minister et Robertus Colyn sacrista, presbiteri perpetue cantarie perpetue bone memorie domini Guidonis Bryan seu in capella beate Marie infra manerium de Slapton vestre Exoniensis diocesis situate, obedienciam et reverenciam cum omni humilitate et honore. Rectoria cantarie predicte nuper per mortem domini Vincencii Coke, ultimi rectoris ejusdem cantarie, qui ut placuit Altissimo XXI die mensis Septembris anno domini millesimo CCCC^mo^ XCVIII^o^ diem suum clausit extremum vacante, ipsiusque corpore cum reverencia qua decuit in crastino tunc sequente ecclesiastice tradito sepulture, ne ipsa rectoria per vacacionem hujusmodi, incomoda diucius pateretur secundum ordinaciones et statuta dicte cantarie a nobili viro Henrico comite Northumberland domino maneriorum de Bryan et Slapton predicto necnon patrono cantarie predicte jure hereditario predicti Guidonis de Brian futurum rectorem licencia eligendi petita pariter et obtensa fuit a nobis, unacum domino Nicholao Morton capellano dicte cantarie presbitero perpetuo, in domo nostra capitulari capelle predicte xj die mensis Februarii anno Domini supradicto propter hoc insimul capitulariter congregatis, cum non essent plures neque alii hac vice qui jus aut vocem in hujusmodi eleccione haberent, dies crastinus videlicet xij^mus^ dies eorundem mensis et anni cum continuacione et prorogacione dierum tunc sequentium prefixus concorditer et assignatus nobismet ipsis ad eleccionem futuri rectoris dicte cantarie in domo capitulari predicta canonice celebrandam. Quo die crastino videlicet xij die mensis Februarii predicti in capella antedicta, missa de Spiritu Sancto celebrata, nobis presentibus et eam audientibus ac subsequenter in domo capitulari ejusdem capelle hora debita ipsius diei advenientibus capitulariter nobis presbiteris predictis unacum domino Nicholao Morton presbitero predicto capitulum facientibus ut debuimus voluimus et potuimus tunc ibidem in eleccione facienda comodo interesse, ympno "Veni Creator Spiritus" solempniter decantato, factis per me dictum dominum Andream Tope ministrum predictum vice et nomine omnium nostrum ac mea de mandato presbiterorum predictorum specialiter michi factis quibusdam monicionibus et prestacionibus in hunc modum: "In Dei nomine amen. Ego dominus Andreas Tope minister cantarie perpetuo domini Guidonis de Bryan senioris de Slapton de et ex mandato omnium et singulorum presbiterorum sociorum meorum dicte cantarie hic presencium specialiter michi facto, moneo palam publice et expresse omnes et singulas personas hic presentes si qui ex eis fuerunt excommunicati suspensi aut interdicti necnon alios quoscumque siqui nunc sint presentes, qui de jure vel consuetudine vel alia racione quacunque istius eleccionis negocio interesse non possent vel deberent, quod illico de ista domo capitulari recedant neque et alios jus et voces in ea parte habentes libere eligere permittentes protestacionemque vice mea ac omnium presbiterorum predictorum ac de mandato eorundem facio publicari et expressam quod non est mea aut alicujus presbiterorum predictorum intencio tales admittere tanquam jus seu voces in ipsa eleccione habentes aut in hac parte procedere seu coeligere cum eisdem. Quinymmo volo et vult quilibet nostrum quod voces talium si que postmodum reperientur in eleccione hujusmodi affuisse nulli prestet suffragium neque aliquod afferant nocumentum, sed processus pro non receptis et non habitis habeantur." Exhibita deinde atque lecta litera licencie per dictum nobilem dominum Henricum patronum antedictum nobis concessa rectorem ut premittitur eligendi, Johannem Lympyny notarium publicum et testes assumpsimus ipsum notarium requirentes ut de singulis actis gestis habitis et gerendis in dicte eleccionis negocio instrumenta publica conficeret et super hiis quociens opus fuerit testimonium perhiberet, lectaque postmodum et exhibita constitucione generalis consilii "Quia propter," ac ipsius constitucionis formis expositis, statim nullo alio tractatu interveniente aut instigacione hominis precedente de persona aliqua eligenda subito et repente Spiritus Sancti gracia, ut firmiter credimus, inspirati, nos omnes et singuli dicte cantarie presbiteri predicti tunc presentes alii a dicto domino Nicholao Morton, videlicet, ego prefatus Andreas Tope minister, et Robertus Colyn sacrista in dictum dominum Nicholaum Morton presbiterum, plene et

* The two preceding letters patent were exemplified under the great seal in 40 Elizabeth, at the instance of Sir Matthew Arundell, knt., and are here copied from the exemplification. The same Sir Matthew Arundell, of Wardour, by feoffment bearing date November 24, 1591, granted to the parishioners of Loddiswell for ever all those messuages, lands, and hereditaments called the Church-House and the common green adjoining thereto, and a fourth part of the lord's barn there. His descendant, the eighth lord Arundell, sold the rectory of Slapton with its appurtenances for £3600 to William Page of Slapton, gentleman, on June 24, 1784. The minister has a very inadequate provision from the parish. The terriers show that there is no vicarage house or glebe land; that the impropriator pays him only £15 per annum; that two pence yearly is claimed from each parishioner of the age of sixteen and upwards; that the produce of £400 from queen Anne's Bounty is his principal resource; that to the church are belonging four bells, and to the communion table a silver cup weighing nineteen ounces and a half, and a silver salver inscribed with I H S weighing five ounces.

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mature etatis, de legittimo matrimonio procreatum, vita et moribus merito commendandum, in spiritualibus multum circumspectum, sufficientem et ydoneum, valentem et scientem jura cantarie predicte tueri, unanimiter et concorditer duximus vota nostra et cum una voce uno spiritu et uno animo eodem duodecimo die mensis Februarii circiter horam novenam ejusdem diei, prefatum dominum Nicholaum elegimus in nostrum et dicte cantarie rectorem. Et statim "Te Deum Laudamus" cum cordis jubilo simul decantantes, ipsum electum nostrum ut nobis videbatur renitentem et invitum, ac multum extranee se reddentem ad manus, ad altare capelle predicte deportavimus et confestim clero et populo eleccionem hujusmodi solempniter publicavimus. Qua publicacione sic facta prefatus dominus Nicholaus Morton sic electus a nobis recessit: postmodum vero eleccionem hujusmodi dicto electo eodem die per nos in capella predicta presentato et petitum per nos ab eodem, ut eidem eleccioni suum preberet assensum, idem electus asseruit se ad hujusmodi regimen supportandum absque majori deliberacione non audere inclinare: postea tamen, magno intervallo mediante, eundem electum iterum requisivimus ut dicte eleccioni suum preberet consensum. Qui post habitam deliberacionem, per nos sepius requisitus quod hujusmodi eleccioni consentiret, nolens ut asseruit Dei resistere voluntati sed Spiritus Sancti gracie se submittens, eodem die annuit votis nostris dicte eleccioni de se facte expresse consenciens sub hac forma verborum.—"In Dei nomine amen. Ego dominus Nicholaus Morton presbiter, in rectorem cantarie perpetue domine Guidonis de Bryan senioris de Slapton vacantis electus, sepius requisitus per vos presbiteros ut eleccioni de me facte consentirem, deliberacione aliquali prehabita, quamvis regimen dicte rectorie michi sentiam onerosum, de Dei omnipotentis tamen gracia confisus, nolens Dei resistere voluntati, in honore Dei et beate Marie Virginis, in quorum honore dicta cantaria est fundata, dicte electioni de me facte consencio in hiis scriptis." Quapropter reverende paternitati vestre humiliter et devote unanimiter supplicamus, quatenus eleccionem supradictam, ut premittitur, celebratam, confirmare ac cetera que vestro incumbunt officio pastorali eidem electo dignemini favorabiliter impertiri, vel ea peragere dignetur vestra in spiritualibus vicarius generalis, paternitate vestra reverenda in remotis agente; ut idem electus, Deo auctore, nobis dicte cantarie velut rector ydoneus in hiis que ad curam et regimen ejusdem cantarie spectare dinoscuntur, preesse valeat utiliter et prodesse; nosque et alii, sub ipsius regimine hic in terris salubriter militantes, possimus per ejus digna merita et exempla provehi in excelsis coram altissimo Creatore nostro perhenniter triumphantes.

Num. VIII.

Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Collegium de Slapton.

Nicholaus Morton rector ibidem.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum £xxxiiij vis. viijd. pro terra Sanctuarie et decimis personalibus ibidem						
Et pro omnibus mesuagiis, terris, tenementis et redditibus et aliis proficuis cum pertinenciis in Loddiswyll, Pounstok, Chyldren Vagge et Norton per annum	xxviij	xix	vj ob'			
Inde solut' annuatim unam annualem pencionem canonicis cathedralis ecclesie Sancti Petri Exon et successoribus suis	–	xx	–			
Et unam annualem pencionem episcopo Exon et successoribus suis . .	–	xl	–	lvij	viij	ij ob'
Et unam annualem pencionem sive augmentacionem vicarie de Loddiswill et successoribus suis per annum	–	xl	–			
Et archidiacono Totton etc. annuatim pro procuracione	–	vi	viij			
Et pro sinodatico	–	ij	v			
Et pro visitatione episcopo predicto etc. annuatim	–	ij	ij ob'			
Et Ricardo Cole seneschallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	–	vi	viij			
Inde pro decima				–	cxiiij	x

Num. IX.

Concessio domus etc. nuper cantariæ de Slapton Thomæ Arundell, militi.

(Lit. pat. 37 Hen. VIII.)

Henricus Octavus Dei gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie rex, fidei defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernice supremum caput, omnibus ad quos presentes litere nostre pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod nos tam in consideracione boni veri fidelis et acceptabilis servicii nobis et precarissime consorti nostre Katherine nunc regine Anglie per dilectum et fidelem consiliarium nostrum Thomam Arundell, militem, cancellarium predicte consortis nostre antehac multipliciter prestiti et impensi, quam pro summa quingentarum triginta librarum sex solidorum et unius obuli legalis monete Anglie ad manus thesaurarii nostri curie nostre augmentationum reventionum corone nostre ad usum nostrum per eundem Thomam bene et fideliter persoluta, unde fatemur nos plenarie esse satisfactos et contentatos eundemque Thomam Arundell heredes executores et administratores suos inde esse acquietatos et exoneratos, per presentes de gracia nostra speciali ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefato Thome Arundell totum domum et scitum nuper collegii sive cantarie de Slapton in comitatu nostro Devon modo dissoluti sursum redditi cum suis juribus membris et pertinentiis universis acceciam omnia et singula messuagia domos edificia structuras horrea stabula columbaria terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas ortos pomaria gardina stagna vivaria aquas piscaria piscaciones boscos subboscos et arbores vacua funda terra solum ac cetera hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum eorum pertinentiis universis infra scitum septum circuitum ambitum et procinctum ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie existentia ac eidem nuper collegio sive cantarie dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac omnia et omnimoda muros parietes et inclosamenta quecumque eundem scitum septum circuitum ambitum et procinctum quoquo modo ambientia sive includentia ac eidem nuper collegio dudum spectantia et pertinentia necnon omnes illas clausuras et pasturas terre nostras, continentes per estimationem tres acras, ac unum pratum continens per estimationem dimidium acram cum eorum pertinentiis universis scituatas jacentes et existentes in Slapton in predicto comitatu nostro Devon ac eidem nuper collegio sive cantarie dudum spectantes et pertinentes et tempore dissolutionis sive sursum redditionis ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie in manibus et occupacione rectoris sive gubernatoris ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie existentes, necnon omnes illas rectorias et ecclesias nostras de Slapton et Loddeswell ac totum illud manerium nostrum de Norton in dicto comitatu nostro Devon ac totum illud manerium nostrum de Chilternebagge in comitatu nostro Somerset ac totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam nostram de Powndestoke in comitatu nostro Cornubie cum omnibus et singulis eorum et earum juribus membris et pertinentiis universis dicto nuper collegio sive cantarie de Slapton dudum spectantes

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et pertinentes ac advocacionem donacionem presentationem liberam dispositionem ac jus patronatus vicarie et ecclesie de Loddeswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devon eidem nuper collegio sive cantarie dudum spectancia et pertinentia ac eciam advocationem donationem presentacionem liberam dispositionem et jus patronatus vicarie et ecclesie de Powndestoke in dicto comitatu nostro Cornubie ac eidem nuper collegio sive cantarie dudum spectantia et pertinentia aceciam omnia et singula messuagia molendina domos edificia tofta cotagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas boscos subboscos redditus reversiones servicia redditus liberorum et custumariorum tenentium redditus omnes redditus siccos ac redditus et proficua super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus et concessionibus reservatos firmas feodi firmas aquas piscarias piscaciones jampna brueria moras mariscos communias vias vacua funda nativos nativas et villanos cum eorum sequelis feoda militum wardas maritagia eschaeta relevia herietta curie letas visus franciplegii ac omnia que ad curie letas et visus franciplegii pertinent seu imposterum spectare possint aut debent liberas warrennas bona et catalla waviata extrahuras glebas decimas garbarum lane feni agnellorum et alias decimas quascumque oblaciones obvenciones penciones porciones annuitates fructus proficua commoditates ac alia jura jurisdictiones privilegia libertates advocationes presentaciones liberas dispositiones et jura patronatus ac cetera emolumenta possessiones et hereditamenta nostra quecumque cum omnibus et singulis eorum pertinentiis universis scituata jacentia et existentia provenientia crescentia sive renovantia in villis campis parochiis seu hamelettis de Slapton Norton et Loddeswell in dicto comitatu nostro Devon et in Chilternevagge in dicto comitatu nostro Somersett ac in Powndestoke in dicto comitatu nostro Cornubie ac alibi ubicumque tam in eisdem comitatibus nostris Devon Somersett et Cornubie seu eorum aliquo quam alibi intra regnum nostrum Anglie dicto collegio sive cantarie quoquomodo spectantia sive pertinentia aut ut membrum pars vel parcella ejusdem collegie antehac habita cognita excepta usitata seu reputata existentia ac omnes et omnimodos boscos subboscos ac arbores nostras quascumque de in vel super premissis aut aliqua inde parcella crescencia sive existentia ac totam terre fundum et solum eorundem boscorum et arborum necnon reversionem et reversiones omnium et singulorum premissorum et cujuslibet inde parcelle ac redditus revenciones et cetera animalia proficua quecumque reservata super quibuscumque dimissionibus et concessionibus premissorum aut alicujus inde parcelle factis. Damus etiam pro consideratione predicta ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefato Thome Arundell omnia et singula predictum collegium sive cantariam et ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie socii sive confratres aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum in jure ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem sive sursum redditionem ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie antequam nuper collegio sive cantarie nuper rector sive gubernator dicti nuper collegii sive cantarie et ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie socii sive confratres aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum in jure ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem sive sursum redditionem ejusdem nuper collegii sive cantarie vel antequam nuper collegium sive cantaria illa ad manus nostras devenit predictum collegium sui cantariam maneria rectorias messuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas decimas glebas advocationes ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius specificata cum pertinentiis aut aliquam inde parcellam habuit tenuit vel gavisus fuit habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt seu habere tenere vel gaudere debuit aut debuerunt et adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras racione vel pretextu alicujus carte doni concessionis confirmacionis sive sursum redditionis per dictum Johannem Morcombe et ejus nuper socios sive confratres sub sigillo suo communi nobis inde confectarum aut racione vel pretextu alicujus actus parliamenti jam facti et editi seu imposterum fiendi vel edendi aut aliter quocunque modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent, exceptis tamen semper ac nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris omnino reservatis toto et omnimodo plumbo in vel super predicto collegio sive cantaria aut aliqua inde parcella remanente sive existente preter gutturas plumbeas et plumbum in fenestris, aceciam exceptis omnibus et omnimodis campanis et campanorum metallis jocalibus ornamentis et aliis bonis et catallis quibuscumque dicto collegio sive cantarie quoquomodo spectantibus sive pertinencibus, que quidem collegium sive cantaria manerium rectorie messuagia terre tenementa prata pascua pastura glebe decime ac cetera omnia et singula premissa cum pertinentiis modo extenduntur ad clarum annuum valorem viginti septem librarum undecim solidorum et unius denarii decima inde non deducta, Habendum tenendum et gaudendum predictum collegium cantariam manerium rectorias messuagia terras tenementa prata pascua pasturas glebas decimas oblationes obventiones advocationes curie letas visus franciplegii ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata cum eorum pertinentiis universis prefato Thome Arundell heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum ad solum et proprium opus et usum ipsius Thome heredum et assignatorum suorum imperpetuum, Tenendum de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in capite per servicium quadragesime partis unius feodi militis ac Reddendum inde annuatim nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quinquaginta quinque solidos unum denarium et unum obulum legalis monete Anglie ad curiam nostram augmentationum revensionum corone nostre ad festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli singulis annis solvendum pro omnibus redditibus serviciis et demandis quibuscumque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquo modo reddendis solvendis vel faciendis. 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Per ipsum regem virtute commissionis regie.

The Franciscan Convent, Exeter.

IT was about eleven years after the establishment of the order of Francis in 1209, that brother Agnellus and eight companions arrived in England and were favourably received by king Henry III. Before the middle of the same century, a convent of Franciscans, or Grey Friars, was established in this city; for in a deed bearing date Exeter, A.D. 1240, we find mention of the "Domus Fratrum Minorum."

From several documents, it is very certain that the convent was originally situated in an area behind S. Nicholas' priory, and between the north and west gates, viz. between the "Snayle Tower" and the "king's highway in Bretayne-street," now called Bartholomew-street. Here the community must have been straitened for room, as most of the land in this quarter belonged to the ancient and royal foundation of S. Nicholas. Edmund, earl of Cornwall, was in consequence moved to grant them a vacant spot of ground, afterwards called Friernhay, and now Bartholomew-yard. His grant, dated February 2, anno 15 Edward I. (1287.) is, or recently was, among the muniments of the corporation of Exeter. On March 2 in the ensuing year the king confirmed his cousin's donation.

In the register of S. John's hospital (fol. 47) is an entry made, probably by John Hoker, stating that when Ed-

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ward I. and his queen kept the Christmas of 1258 in this city, the earl of Hereford lodged in the Franciscan convent; and on the king's inquiry as to his accommodations, the earl informed him that they were detestable; that the stench of the place was insupportable; that within two years nine of the brethren of the convent had died; and he concluded by conjuring the sovereign to urge the bishop to provide for them a better situation. The king is reported to have exacted from the bishop a faithful promise in the presence of the earl and Walter de Wynborn, a justice of the king, and a steady friend of the friars, that the evil should be speedily amended. After the king's departure, the bishop desired Deodatus, guardian of the order, to look out for a convenient situation; who called brother William de Exonia from Oxford in 1289 to assist him in the choice. The result was the purchase of a piece of ground with a house "que tendebat a cruce in cemeterio usque ad murum orientalem ejusdem cemeterii in latitudine et usque ad Exam in longitudine, pro novem marcis *."

Peter Kenefeld, a Dominican, and the bishop's confessor, on hearing of the purchase waited on the bishop and told him, that if he permitted these friars to build a new convent, he and his brethren could no longer live in Exeter. He further represented, that they had presumed to enter on the chief barony of the bishop. The bishop's wrath was kindled against the Franciscans. He protested that they should never inhabit the spot, and for two years they were prevented from completing the purchase. On the Sunday before the Feast of S. Francis, which in that year fell on a Wednesday, the bishop gave a grand entertainment. The Walter above mentioned was one of the party. He had been duly informed of the bishop's opposition by the friars, and before the whole company he questioned the bishop on the cause of his non-fulfilment of the promise he had made to the king. The bishop indignantly asked him if he wished to eject him from his see, and swore by the blessed Peter that he should be strangled the day the friar should enter the place. "Quod factum est, Deo volente;" for he was choked on the vigil of S. Francis, whilst attempting to swallow some syrup, and from that time no one durst oppose the brethren.

Such is the story inserted in the above register. Godwin, without producing any evidence of the fact, conjectures that the friars in revenge managed to take off the bishop by a very strong poison; "existimassem veneno rapido illorum machinatione extinctum."

From the insertion in the early part of his register of pope Clement the Fourth's bull, dated June 20, 1265, (post, Num. I.) in favour of the friars minors, and of the letters of his metropolitan John Peckham, dated July 26, 1281, recommending them to his protection and support; and again from the sixth chapter of the Acts of the Synod, which the same bishop held in Exeter in 1287, where he professes his esteem for the order, and his respect for their privileges †, we must believe that his opposition, if any, has been strangely misrepresented. If he did not serve them more effectually, the short period of his government and the difficulties he had to encounter in rebuilding his cathedral church may perhaps sufficiently account for his imputed neglect.

In his successor bishop Bytton the friars met with a liberal benefactor, under whose patronage they removed to their new monastery beyond the south gate. The site had been given them by John Gerveys, a citizen of Exeter; and an inquisition ‡ of 20th of Edw. I. No. 115, A.D. 1291, sets forth, that it would not be to the damage or prejudice of the king, or any others, that licence should be granted to the said John Gerveys to give and assign to the said friars and their successors a certain space or area in the suburb of Exeter, "ad inhabitandum et immorandum." The jurors further say, that the same area contains six acres and one quarter of an acre, which are in the hands of different tenants at the entire yearly rent of £2. 10*s*. 9*d*.; and that the said lands and tenements are holden of the bishop of Exeter "in capite." Archbishop Peckham's letter to the dean and chapter of Exeter, dated November 1, 1291, to consent to their removal, may be seen in Wilkins' Concilia, vol. ii. p. 175. The site, however, was found to be deficient in the essential article of water; and, in consequence, king Edward III., by letters patent of November 2, 1347, allowed them to form a watercourse from the Crolditch in Southernhay to their convent. (post, Num. III.) His grandson king Richard II., on March 28, 1399, confirmed all their rights and immunities.

The original conventual church of our Lady and S. Francis, situate between the Snail Tower and Bartholomew-street, was standing nearly two centuries after the removal of the convent beyond Southgate. The primate, Henry Chicheley §, on August 5, 1421, fulminated ecclesiastical censures against some unknown but evil-disposed persons, who had broken into the sacred edifice, destroyed the stained windows, and committed other sacrilegious depredations. (post, Num. V.) The primate affirms that the church was entitled to special reverence, having been the burying-place of many illustrious persons, "multorum nobilium corpora christiana gaudent inibi sepultura." Cardinal Henry Beaufort, the half-brother of king Henry IV., || bishop of Winchester, and protector of the Franciscan order in England, in his letter of October 30, 1421, strongly animadverts on this recent profanation. The last time that we meet with any mention of it as an existing chapel, is on October 12, 1434, when bishop Lacy granted an indulgence of forty days to all repentant sinners, who should humbly invoke the mercies of God in this house of prayer.

The names of the following guardians or superiors are all that have been recovered:

William Tukebire, in whose time Roger de Thoris, then archdeacon of Exeter, and afterwards dean, granted on February 2, 1266, to him and his convent the use of his library. (See appendix, No. II.)

Deodatus occurs in 1287.

Philip Landu presided in the year 1291, when, with his convent, he surrendered to the mayor and chamber of Exeter all claim to their customary payment of 6*s*. 8*d*. charged on Cricklepit mill for the obit of Walter Gerveys.

Hugh was superior in March 1330 and 1333.

Thomas leased to Robert Taylor, in February, 1349, the site of the ancient convent for a term of sixty years, at the yearly rent of 14*s*. The lease is extant.

John Coleton occurs as guardian January 29, 1375. (See appendix, No. IV.) The common seal attached to the deed is more elegant than the one afterwards used. The figures are graceful, and are placed under a decorated pointed arch. The legend is the same, with the exception that the final *m* is retained in minorum.

William Worle was certainly guardian on February 24, 1377.

John Coleton must have been re-appointed; for his name occurs in a lease (in archiv. civit.) dated July 29, 1379, "in domo nostra capitulari Exonie," by which he leases a vacant area near S. Nicholas' priory to Adam Golde and his wife Margery for their lives, unless the convent should wish to occupy it "in propriis usibus."

Thomas Colewill leased, as guardian to the mayor and chamber of Exeter, March 25, 1460, the ancient site

* This description is any thing but correct: the transcriber should have designated it as a spot beyond Southgate in a western direction from Southernhay-cross to the river.

† "Quia de rebus transitoriis nihil superest quod animarum saluti debeat anteponi precipimus quod cum fratres predicatores et minores, tam in quadragesima quam extra, cum transitum fecerint per parochias, confessiones fidelium libere audiant et penitentias injungant. Et si sedes apostolica eis amplius indulserit vel indixerit indulgendum, hoc ab omnibus observetur. Et quoniam ipsorum fratrum predicatio et sancta conversatio in ecclesia Dei produxisse fructum non modicum dinoscitur, ubicumque per nostram diocesim transitum fecerint, honorifice admittantur et procurentur honeste."

‡ In the Tower of London.

§ This noble patron of literature, once rector of S. Stephen's, Walbrook, London, was ordained deacon by our bishop, Edmund Stafford, in his domestic chapel, London, on May 26, 1396.

|| This cardinal "Sancti Eusebii et Angliæ" was created March 27, 1427. The date of his death is variously reported,—April 23, 1446, and March 27, 1447, according to William of Worcester; but according to the calendar of Tywardreth priory, March 11, 1448. The correct account appears to be April 11, 1447.

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of the convent for a term of ninety-eight years, for the yearly rent of 14*s*.

Roger occurs as prior in 1479, when he admitted John Cruys and Elizabeth his wife to a participation of all the prayers and good works of the convent "in vita pariter et in morte."

Christopher Woolcott, November 20, 1507, conveyed to the mayor and chamber of Exeter the fee of the last-mentioned site, "terram nostram sive aream vocatam Ffreernhay, situatam aretro prioratum Sancti Nicholai." The oval seal of the convent is appendant to the deed of conveyance, and represents the Virgin mother and S. Joseph standing near an altar, on which the divine Infant is reclining. Under an arch or niche below, S. Anthony of Padua, the patron, appears in the attitude of prayer. The inscription is this:

SIGILLVM · COMMVNITATIS · FRATRV · MINORV · EXONIE.

Nine days after the conveyance, the mayor and corporation undertook to pay for ever to the convent fourteen shillings per annum, the accustomed rent of the said premises. This site, in the beginning of the reign of Edw. VI., was converted into a rack field, and continued so to be used until August 24, 1637, when it was consecrated for a public burial-ground.

John Cardmaker, alias *Taylor*. Hoker, in his manuscript history, relates that Hugh Latymer came to Exeter by the royal commission in June, 1534, and delivered his first sermon in the churchyard of the friars beyond Southgate, to the great annoyance of all the friars, with the exception of their guardian, John Cardmaker, alias Taylor, who from an admirer became a preacher of the same doctrine, and "for the testimony thereof" was burnt at Smithfield May 30, 1555.

The convent was suppressed September 12, 1538. The community was numerous and in good repute. Like other houses of the order, they depended for subsistence not on any permanent endowment, but on the casual alms and benefactions of the faithful.

On March 16, 1543, king Henry VIII. gave the site of the second convent to Humphry Colles, esq. Nine years later it was in the possession of Jane Hill. It afterwards became the property of the Colletons, who were eminent merchants of Exeter during the reigns of Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I. In 1641, John Colleton demised eight acres near South Gate to John Soame, of Exeter, gardener, on the condition of erecting a tenement thereon within two years, and inclosing six acres with a mud wall, and planting therein. The tenement, wall, and plantations, were destroyed by the earl of Stamford, the parliamentarian general in the west, in the autumn of 1643. John Colleton, who had suffered for his loyalty during the Commonwealth, was created a baronet February 18, 1660-1. His descendant, the present baronet, Sir James Roupell Colleton, of Ash-park, Herts, recently sold the above-mentioned property in parts and parcels for building ground, and in the course of the summer of 1833 great quantities of human bones were dug up in the precincts. On July 22, in that year, was discovered, about two feet below the surface, near the public walk still called "the Friars," a leger-stone thus inscribed:

HIC JACET FRATER ROGERUS DAVNATT SACRE THEOLOGIE DOCTOR QUI OBIIT XIIJ°. DIE MENSIS DECEMBRIS ANNO DOMINI MCCCCCXVI°.

Num. I.

Literæ papales pro ordine fratrum minorum.

(Regist. Quivil, fol. 113, 114.)

Anno MCCLXXXI.—XVII. kal. Decembris apud Clyst, inspeximus literas domini Cantuariensis infrascriptas, literas apostolicas in se continentes, sub hac forma verborum.—Frater Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis ecclesie minister humilis, totius Anglie primas, conservator privilegiorum ordinis fratrum minorum, venerabili fratri, Dei gratia, episcopo Exonie, salutem et fraterne caritatis continuum incrementum. Noveritis nos literas sancte memorie domini Clementis quarti, quondam summi pontificis, non cancellatas, non abolitas, nec in sui parte aliqua cancellatas, in subscripta verborum serie, inspexisse. "Clemens episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis generali ministro et fratribus universis ordinis fratrum minorum, salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quidam, temere sentientes et ad sobrietatem sapere nescientes, imprudenter asserere presumunt, quod de licentia vel commissione ac concessione Romani pontificis, seu legatorum sedis apostolice vel ordinariorum locorum, vos sine sacerdotum parochialium licentia et assensu non potestis libere predicare populis, audire confessiones, absolvere penitentes ac penitentias injungere salutares. Nos, volentes assertionem tam temerariam penitus confutare et elucidare in talibus veritatem, deliberatione provida declaramus, quod si vobis detur licentia, committatur seu concedatur a legatis predicte sedis aut ordinariis locorum (nedum a Romano pontifice, de quo proculdubio est erroneum dubitare), ut hi omnes sine alicujus consensu, imo etiam invitis quibuslibet hujusmodi, concedere possint potestatem populis legatis et ordinariis subjectis eisdem libere predicare potestis, audire confessiones, absolvere vobis confitentes, et penitencias vobis confitentibus injungere salutares, aliorum ministrorum, prelatorum, et rectorum ecclesiarum ac sacerdotum parochialium assensu nullatenus requisito; illis casibus exceptis, qui de jure, consuetudine seu retentione ab eis specialiter facta, sedi apostolice et ordinariis predictis specialiter relinquuntur, ad quos non licet vos extendere, nisi vobis specialiter committatur. Ideoque auctoritate apostolica districcius inhibemus, ne quisquam super hiis vel eorum aliquo, vos vel aliquem vestrum, aut etiam confitentes vobis, vel ad predicationes vestras forsitan accedentes, contra predicte declarationis formam aliquatenus molestare presumat; decernentes nihilominus, irritum et inane quicquid a quoquam contra declarationem et inhibitionem hujusmodi contigit attemptari. Nulli igitur homini liceat hanc paginam nostre declarationis et constitutionis infringere, vel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli, apostolorum ejus, se noverit incursurum. Datum Periis XII. kal. Julii, pontificatus nostri anno primo."

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, fraternitatem vestram requirimus et hortamur, ne predictos fratres contra indultum hujusmodi permittatis a quoquam subditorum vestrorum impediri vel indebite molestari; quibus universis et singulis sub pena excommunicationis, ne hoc clam vel palam, directe vel indirecte, facere audeant, prohibemus. Datum apud Slygdon VII. kal. Augusti, anno Domini MCCLXXXI., pontificatus nostri anno tertio.

Num. II.

Usus librorum fratribus minoribus Exoniæ concessus per Rogerum de Thoris.

(Bronescombe reg. fol. 128.)

Sciant presentes et futuri, quod ego frater Willelmus de Tukebire, tunc guardianus ordinis minorum Exonie, et ejusdem loci conventus, cartam magistri Rogeri de Thoris, tunc archidiaconi Exonie, in bona prosperitate constituti, suscepimus in hec verba.

"Noscat presens etas sciatque futura posteritas, quod ego Rogerus de Thoris*, tunc archidiaconus Exonie, in bona mentis et corporis prosperitate constitutus, inestimabilem fructum per fratres minores et predicatores animarum saluti et subditorum nostrorum et aliorum correctione insistentes, jugiter et Deo Creatori nostro continue famulantes in ecclesia Dei, provenientem considerans, caritative dedi, concessi et presentis scripture mee testimonio confirmavi communitati fratrum minorum in civitate Exonie, presentibus et futuris temporibus commorantium, usum librorum subscriptorum; salvo predicatoribus civitatis ejusdem ipsorum librorum usu, per partes et ad tempus

* Roger de Thoris became dean of Exeter in 1270, and died four years after.

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cum indiguerint, dum tamen ydonee, comode, et absque impedimento notabili seu manifesto id fieri poterit; dominio eorundem librorum mihi dum vixero, omni tempore, reservato; et, me decedente, dominium predictorum librorum ad decanum majoris ecclesie Exonie, qui pro tempore fuerit et ad capitulum transeat immediate; ita tamen quod non liceat ulli viventi dictos libros vendere, donare, impignorare, vel aliquo modo alienare vel etiam ad alios usus convertere. Et sunt hii libri de quorum usu supra fit mentio, scilicet, primum volumen Pentateuci; item, primum volumen Historialium; item, primum volumen Prophetarum; item, Mattheus et Marcus in uno volumine; item, quinque libri Salomonis in uno volumine; item, Actus Apostolorum et Canonice * cum Apocalipsi in uno volumine; item, primum volumen Originalium Augustini; item, tertium vol. Summe fratris Alexandri † super Sententias, in quo est tertius liber et magna pars quarti Sententiarum; item, Summa Magistri Willelmi de Auccere ‡; item, magne Concordantie Predicatorum in uno vol.; item, Postille super omnes libros Historiales, preter librum Macchabeorum in uno vol.; item, Postille super Psalterium in diversis locis secundum fratrem Hugonem Cardinalem § cum thematibus per totum annum et cum questionibus Philippi cancellarii Parisiensis, que sic incipiunt, "Vadam in agrum," in uno vol.; item, Distinctiones Philippi cancellarii Parisiensis super Psalterium cum summa sermonum subtilium que incipit, "Quasi diluculo;" item, Psalterium Bononiense glosatum. Quicumque hanc donationem meam qualitercunque immutare presumpserit in futurum, Dei Omnipotentis maledictionem incurrat. Datum die purificationis, anno Domini MCCLXVI."

Quam quidem cartam et ejus formam totam in omnibus articulis suis gratanter acceptantes, bona fide eidem promittimus et tam nos quam nobis successuros testimonio scripture presentis teneri denunciamus et denunciabimus et cum effectu curabimus ad omnium et singulorum in carta memorata contentorum observationem fidelem et perpetuam. Et ut inde major fiat securitas, concedimus pro nobis et fratribus futuris, quod in fine cujuslicet anni revoluti, memoratus decanus quicumque pro tempore fuerit post mortem prefati archidiaconi, cum aliquo ex parte capituli ad hoc deputato, super premissis factis et concessis examinationem faciat in domo nostra diligenter, per quam si quid contra tenorem prefate carte inveniatur attemptatum, illud sine more dispendio, per eundem decanum cum consilio capituli sui revocatur ad statum debitum, ordinatum, et bona fide promissum. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum una cum sigillo conventus nostri fecimus apponi. Datum die purificationis anno Domini MCCLXVI.

Num. III.

Concessio aquæductus pro fratribus.

(Lit. Pat. 21 Ed. III.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Sciatis quod caritativa affeccione moti, de gratia nostra speciali concessimus et licenciam dedimus pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, dilectis nobis in Christo guardiano et conventui fratrum minorum Exonie, quod ipsi duos modicos atque ortus se jungentes in profunditate fossati civitatis nostre Exon inter orientalem et australem portas ejusdem civitatis, profundius fodere et muro lapideo basso includere et aquam de ortibus illis sive fonte inde facto exinde per fistulam subterraneam in fossato predicto et ultra stratam regiam usque ad domum sive habitacionem fratrum predictorum (que in loco sicco situatur et ad quam aque cursus non habetur) ponendam ducere, ac caput fontis predicti dictamque fistulam, quotiens reparacione et emendacione indigent, reparare et emendare ac de novo construere et facere prout magis expedire viderint, aquamque ipsam habere et retinere possint sibi et successoribus suis imperpetuum sine occasione vel impedimento seu inquietatione nostri vel heredum nostrorum, justiciariorum, escaetorum, vicecomitum, majorum aut aliorum ballivorum, seu ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westm. secundo die Novembris, anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo primo, regni vero nostri Francie octavo.

* Subaudi, *epistolæ*.

† Alexander of Hales, a native of Gloucestershire, and an eminent divine and canonist of the Franciscan Order. He died at Paris in 1245.

‡ Bishop of Auxerre: he flourished in the middle of the thirteenth century.

§ Hugo de Sancto Claro, in Burgundy, was of the Dominican Order, and was made cardinal in 1244.

Num. IV.

Concessio veteris areæ facta per fratres minores Exoniæ pro termino vitæ.

(In archivis civitatis Exoniæ.)

Noverint universi quod ego frater Johannes Coleton gardianus fratrum minorum Exonie et ejusdem loci conventus quandam veterem aream nostram juxta prioratum Sancti Nicholai intra menia civitatis Exonie situatam cum omnibus suis pertinenciis concessimus Ade Golde et Margerie uxori sue ad terminum vite utriusque, nisi nobis vel successoribus nostris placuerit eciam durante vita ipsorum dictam aream in nostris propriis usibus occupare. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est appensum. Datum Exonie in domo nostra capitulari quarto kalendas Augusti anno regni regis Ricardi secundi septimo. [July 29, 1379.]

Num. V.

Breve pro fratribus minoribus Exoniæ de sacrilegis quibusdam excommunicandis.

(Ibid.)

Henricus permissione divina Cantuariensis archiepiscopus, tocius Anglie primas et apostolice sedis legatus, dilectis in Christo filiis universis et singulis rectoribus, vicariis perpetuis, eorumve capellanis parochialibus sive locum tenentibus, ac notariis et clericis quibuscumque per nostram provinciam Cantuariensem ubilibet constitutis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Querelam dilectorum in Christo filiorum conventus fratrum minorum civitatis Exonie gravem recepimus quod quidam malivoli degeneres ecclesie filii dicte civitatis Exonie, quorum nomina ignorantur pariter et persone, quandam veterem aream sive placeam Deo dedicatam vocatam Ffrerenhay in civitate Exonie infra muros ejusdem ville et retro monasterium Sancti Nicholai jacentem et situatam, ac capellam in eadem in honore Sancti Ffrancisci et beate gloriose Virginis Marie constructam, in quibus multorum nobilium corpora Christiana gaudent inibi sepultura, propria temeritate ludis, contencionibus, verberacionibus et multis aliis nephandis spurciciis prophanare non verentur, ac seram hostii prefate capelle ymaginemque Virginis gloriose et arma invictissimi nostri regis in fenestris vitreis depicta, maliciose ausu sacrilego fregerunt, dilaceraverunt, et deposuerunt: murum eciam et sepes dictam veterem aream circumcingentes indies frangere non cessant, per quod majoris excommunicacionis sententiam incurrerunt, in animarum suarum grave periculum ac dictorum querelancium prejudicium et gravamen, necnon Dei et ecclesie vituperium et scandalum manifestum. Super quibus sibi et conventui suo petierunt de oportuno remedio salubriter provideri. Volentes igitur tam periculosis sacrilegorum presumpcionibus ad tuicionem ecclesie, quantum possumus, obviare, vobis omnibus et singulis conjunctim et divisim in virtute obediencie et sub pena districcionis canonice firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus diebus et locis, quibus per partem dictorum gardiani et conventus fueritis requisiti, ac aliis congruis et oportunis, omnes malefactores et sacrilegos predictos in genere, eorumque complices et fautores, vel consilium in hoc prestantes, eosdem coram clero et populo intra missarum solempnia denunciare publice faciatis dicta excommunicationis sententia innodatos. De ipsorum nominibus nichilominus

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cautelis, quibus expedire videritis, investigare mandamus, et quos per inquisicionem seu investigacionem de injuriis aut sacrilegiis antedictis culpabiles inveneritis seu notatos, ipsos peremptorie citetis seu citari faciatis, quod die per vos statuendo eisdem coram nobis aut nostre audiencie causarum et negociorum auditore, ubicumque in nostris civitate, diocesi seu provincia Cantuariensi tunc fuerimus, compareant prefato gardiano et conventui fratrum minorum, ac nobis ex officio nostro super premissis, responsuri, penamque pro demeritis recepturi, ac facturi ulterius quod est justum; et quid feceritis in premissis nos vel auditorem nostrum dictis die et loco debiti certificetis per vestras, seu certificet ille vestrum qui presens nostrum mandatum fuerit executus, per suas literas patentes, harum seriem ac nomina et cognomina citatorum hujusmodi continentes sigillo autentico consignatas, aut signo et subscripcione alicujus notorii publici communitas. Datum in manerio nostro de Suthenallyng quinto die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} vicesimo primo, et nostre translacionis anno octavo.

[The oval seal of this archbishop is appendant to the deed. He was translated from S. David's to Canterbury in 1414, and died April 12, 1443. Stafford's register proves that after Henry Chicheley's preferment to the rectory of S. Stephen's Walbrooke, London, he was ordained deacon May 26, 1396, by bishop Stafford in the chapel of his palace near Temple Bar, London.]

Num. VI.

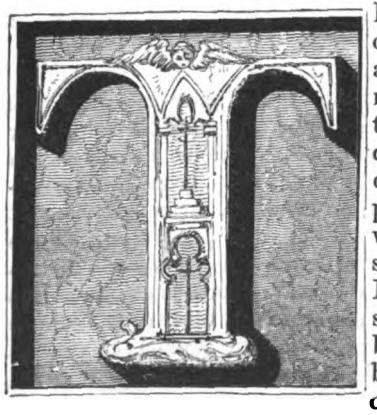
Concessio annui redditus per majorem et communitatem civitatis Exoniæ fratribus minoribus ejusdem loci, 23 Hen. VII.

(Ibid.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit major ballivi et communitas civitatis Exonie salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum nuper frater Cristoferus Wollecott gardianus domus et ecclesie fratrum minorum civitatis Exonie et ejusdem loci conventus per eorum scriptum cujus datum est vicesimo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septimo, anno vero regni regis Anglie Henrici Septimi vicesimo tercio, dederint concesserint et scripto illo confirmaverint nobis prefatis majori ballivis et communitati ac successoribus nostris imperpetuum totam illam terram sive aream vocatam Frerenhey situatam et existentem arctro prioratus domus et ecclesie Sancti Nicholai civitatis Exonie inter vicum illum vocatum le Bretayn et muros ac menia dicte civitatis et extendit se a dicto vico vocato le Bretayn in parte australi usque ad turrim vocatum Snayle Towre; infra quamquidam terram sive aream ecclesia et habitacio fratrum predictorum quondam fuit, prout per ripas et muros eandem terram sic includentes plenius liquet, et pro qua vero terra nos prefati major ballivi et communitas et predecessores nostri solebamus annuatim reddere prefatis gardiano et conventui et eorum successoribus quatuordecim solidos ad festa Pasche et Sancti Michaelis archangeli equis porcionibus; et quia nolumus ut hujusmodi redditus quovismodo sit substractus sive in aliquo insolutus; noveritis nos prefatos majorem ballivos et communitatem unanimi consensu pariter et assensu nostris dedisse concessisse et hoc presenti scripto nostro confirmasse prefatis gardiano et conventui ac eorum successoribus quendam annualem redditum quatuordecim solidorum habendum levandum et percipiendum eundem annualem redditum prefatis gardiano et conventui ac eorum successoribus imperpetuum. Et si contingat eundem annualem redditum aretro fore in parte vel in toto per unum mensem post aliquod festum predictorum festorum, quo solvi debeat, insolutum, quod tunc bene liceat prefatis gardiano et conventui ac eorum successoribus non solum in predicta terra sive area verum eciam in omnibus terris et tenementis nostris cum suis pertinenciis infra manerium nostrum de Durierd situatis distringere districcionesque sic ibidem captas abinde fugare asportare imparcare et penes se retinere, quousque redditus ille sic aretro existens una cum arreragiis ejusdem si que fuerint plenarie fuerit persolutus et satisfactus; et si contingat dictum redditum quatuordecim solidorum aretro fore in parte vel in toto per unum annum post aliquod festum predictorum festorum quo solvi debeat insolutum si debito modo petatur, quod tunc bene licebit prefatis gardiano et conventui et eorum successoribus dictam terram sive aream reintrare et eam possidere ut in statu suo pristino quousque redditus ille sic aretro existens unacum arreragiis ejusdem si que fuerint eis plenarie fuerit persolutus, et sic tociens quociens prout contingere poterit, aliqua concessione incontrarium facta in aliquo non obstante; et de quo vero annuali redditu nos prefati major ballivi et communitas posuimus prefatos gardianum et conventum in plenam et pacificam possessionem et seisinam pro solutione unius denarii sibi super sigillacionem presencium deliberati. In cujus rei testimonium tam sigillum nostrum commune quam sigillum conventuale predictorum gardiani et conventus hiis scriptis indentatis alternatim sunt appensa. Datum in Guylda aula civitatis predicte penultimo die Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septimo et anno regni regis Henrici Septimi vicesimo tercio.

[Seal: SIGILLVM . COMMVNITATIS . FRATRV . MINORV . EXONIE.]

The Dominican Convent, Exeter.



HIS convent of Dominican or Black Friars was situate, says Leland, "in the north side of the cemiterie of the cathedrale churche, but without the close," (Itin. vol. iii. p. 60.) i. e. between what was then called Doddehey-street and Styke-lane, now Bedford mews and Chapel-street. That it was founded by a bishop of Exeter, may be inferred from the circumstance, that Lacy, in quality of diocesan, styles himself (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 232) "hujus domus patronus unicus et fundator," adding, "et ordinis eorundem fratrum in Anglia conservator." Probably the honour is due to bishop William Briwere, who died Nov. 24, 1244; for we meet with a deed shortly before his death, whilst Adam de Ryfford was mayor of Exeter, and Philip Dyer and Walter Okeston were bailiffs, by which Peter le Wayner and Isabella his wife, in consideration of the sum of 20*s*., granted for ever to this convent three fountains or springs in Chalvescrofte and Pudewylle. (See orig. among the muniments of the city.) This stream of water appears to have been in repute; as bishop Walter Bronescombe, March 16, 1258-9, obtained their permission to have a supply conveyed from their inclosure into his episcopal palace in Exeter; but it was expressly stipulated, that this was not to be considered as a right descendible to his successors, but a personal favour granted to himself alone. (Bronesc. regist. fol. 5.)

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On Nov. 26, 1259, Bp. Bronescombe dedicated their conventual church, which became the burying-place of several illustrious families. Amongst others we may mention Isabella, daughter of Hugh de Vere, earl of Oxford, who married 1st John Courtenay, baron of Oakhampton, and 2ndly, Oliver, Lord Dinham. Her remains were deposited on the south side of the chancel. Here Jane de Arches, widow of Sir John Dinham, knt., willed, Jan. 26, 1496, to be buried in her husband's tomb. Again, Lord William Martyn and his lady Alienora reposed here. In the appropriation of Holne Church to S. John's Hospital, May 20, 1329, our bishop Grandisson directs, that the brethren of the said hospital shall yearly provide "viginti cereos, singulos ponderis unius libre cere, super herciam domini Willelmi Martyn et Alienore uxoris ejusdem apud fratres predicatores Exon, ubi corpora eorum humata quiescunt, die anniversarii dicti domini Willelmi Martyn, viz. in festo S. Catharine Virginis (Nov. 25) collocandos, qui singulis annis accendantur et ardeant, tam dicto die anniversarii, necnon die anniversarii dicte domine Alienore uxoris ejusdem, viz. in festo S. Blasii Martyris (Feb. 3)." At each anniversary the sum of 6*s.* 8*d.* was to be paid by the hospital to the convent; and the custom was faithfully observed until the dissolution of religious houses.

It is stated by Hoker, on the authority of corporation documents seen by him, that a great contention arose in 1301 between the dean and chapter of Exeter and this convent, respecting the burial of Sir Henry Raleigh, knight, who had directed the interment of his remains within their conventual church; the former requiring that the corpse should first be presented at the cathedral doors. On the prior and convent refusing to submit to such demand, the dean and chapter were at length compelled to bury the corpse in the cathedral. From Wilkins' Concilia, (vol. ii. p. 277) we learn that the Dominicans appealed to the pope, that during such appeal the dean died, that the prior and convent then objected to any election taking place, on the ground that the electors had incurred excommunication, and that the election by the chapter of Henry de Somerset to the deanery ought to be reputed null and void. The bad spirit evinced by the prior and convent called for the interference of archbishop Wilchelsey, who in a letter to his friend Thomas, then provincial of the Dominicans in England, dated Lambeth, March 28, 1303, directs him to put an effectual stop to the scandal occasioned by the vindictive proceedings of his subjects.

On the morrow of the Holy Trinity in the 19th year of the reign of King Edward I. (1291) the prior and convent quit-claimed to the mayor and chamber of Exeter half a mark which they have been accustomed to receive "de molendino de Crykenpet nomine legati Walteri quondam civis Exonie." For such release the mayor and his brethren exonerated the convent from the yearly payment of 4*s.* 4*d.* to their receiver of Duryard, and of 2*s.* 4*d.* to the brothers and sisters of the house of S. Mary Magdalen, near Exeter.

Thomas Calwodeleigh, esq., by his will dated March 1, 1479, proved on 23rd of the same month and year, desires to be buried in this church, near his mother, Elizabeth. (Courtenay's reg. fol. 126.) The altar of St. Peter there is mentioned thus in the will of Richard Haydon of Woodbury, gent., dated April 2, 1532: "Item do et lego priori et conventui ordinis fratrum predicatorum Exon ad celebrandum pro anima mea, pro anima Johanne nuper uxoris mee, necnon animabus parentum et benefactorum meorum ter in ebdomada, ad altare S. Petri Martyris in ecclesia predictorum fratrum, per unum annum proximum post obitum meum, quatuor marcas sterlingorum." The conventual cemetery is mentioned in a deed dated Exeter, Oct. 31, 1344, by which Richard de Chuseldene grants to Robert le Pyl, parson of Crukern, the fee of a house situate in a street "juxta cemeterium fratrum predicatorum in civitate Exonie." This cemetery formed the north side of their premises: their garden occupied the south part, bounded by the city wall.

On Sept. 22, 1509, and again in the ember week of Lent, 1511, Thomas, bishop of Solubriæ, held ordinations in this conventual church.

The Dominicans possessed the right of interring the members of their order within their own churches and cemeteries wherever they might happen to die. Thomas Edwards, a professed brother, chanced to die at Modbury, and the vicar there, John, notwithstanding the reclamation of this prior and convent, caused the interment of the corpse in Modbury churchyard. On the personal application and complaint of the prior to bishop Brantyngham, his lordship, by his letter dated Crediton, Jan. 10, 1372, required and commanded the vicar to exhume the remains, and to deliver them to the prior or his proxy for reinterment in their own precincts. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 29. Appendix, Num. I.)

Richard Fischacre, of Devon, became the first doctor of divinity, of the order of St. Dominick, in the university of Oxford, when he died in 1248. Another Dominican of the same name, living A. D. 1330, in the convent at Exeter, is described by Pitt's "De illustribus Angliæ Scriptoribus," (Parisiis, 1619, fol. 427,) as a learned man and the author of some theological essays. Stevens (vol. ii. continuation of Dugdale, p. 195) informs us, that Walter of Exeter, a Dominican friar in this city, was excellently learned, and a curious searcher of antiquities. He wrote in 1301 the life of Guy, earl of Warwick. Harpsfield (Hist. Eccles. Angl. p. 558) commends John Rufus, a Dominican here who flourished in the fourteenth century for his learned writings. In Stafford's register (vol. i. p. 101) is that bishop's licence for incorporating David Russell, an Irish Dominican friar of Dublin and a man of considerable merit, into this convent. It is dated August 4, 1410. (See post, Num. II.)

On August 15, 1441, the general provincial chapter of the order was held here, at which twenty-five doctors of divinity, and a considerable number of masters and bachelors of arts and others, attended from all parts of the kingdom. Bishop Lacy preached on the occasion in their chapter-house. We insert the sermon in the appendix, but without being able to bestow much commendation on the performance.

The community had the reputation of being skilled in theology. Leland, who saw their library, mentions among their books, (Collectanea, vol. iii. p. 151,) "Kilwardeby super Sententias; Shirwood super Sententias; Lectura Holcot super Sententias; Stephanus Cantuar. super Cantica Canticorum; Concordia quatuor evangelistarum, autore Clementi Lantonense" (of Lanthony priory). He does not mention "Omnia Scripta Sancti Fratris Thome de Aquino" bequeathed to them by bishop Grandisson; nor indeed does Leland profess to give a complete catalogue.

Of the priors we meet but two names:

Robert of Otery, who in May, 1297, obtained permission of the mayor, bailiffs, and commonalty of Exeter to open a gate into the lane opposite S. Stephen's Bow; a key, however, was to remain in the possession of the mayor of the postern-gate in Styke-street.

Andrew Scarlett, to whom John Suiffmore, rector of Silverton, bequeathed, June 18, 1479, "a payre of bedys of rede amber, and a payre of white amber." (Reg. Bothe, fol. 126.) In the conventual oval seal in the possession of the corporation of Exeter, the Virgin Mother is represented with the divine Infant in her arms, and S. Joseph standing opposite. Under a pointed arch below them is the half figure of a monk at prayer. The inscription runs thus:

S . CONVENT . FRV . PREDICATORV . EXON.

To a bond in £20, bearing date July 27, 1432, belonging to the vicars' college, is attached another common seal much defaced, probably representing the martyrdom of their patron, S. Peter, of Verona, slain by the Manicheans between Como and Milan, April 6, 1252. The legend is the same as above.

The dissolution of the house took place September 12, 1538. On July 4 following, the site, church, belfry, and cemetery, were granted to John, first lord Russell, son of James Russell, esq., by his wife Alice, (Wyse,) of Sidenham, Devon. According to Leland, the upstart nobleman "made hym a fair place of this house." After the civil wars it was divided into several tenements. On May 24, 1773, the Russell family leased the property to Robert Stribling and Giles Painter, of Exeter, builders, for a term

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of sixty-one years, at a ground-rent for each house of £4 per annum, to begin a circus to be called the "Bedford Circus." In the progress of the work, very many sculls and bones, and various fragments of sculpture, were discovered *.

Num. I.

Jus ordinis predicatorum circa sepulturam fratrum.

(Brantyngham reg. vol. i. fol. 29.)

Thomas, etc. dilecto filio domino Johanni, perpetuo vicario ecclesie parochialis de Modbury, nostre diocesis, salutem, gratiam et benedictionem. Prior conventualis ordinis fratris predicatorum civitatis nostre Exonie, personaliter ad nos accedens, nobis supplicavit, qualiter ad memoriam nostram reduceremus, quomodo fratres ipsi religiosique alii sepulturam fratrum suorum propriam optinentes, fratres eorundem professos, ubicumque decedentes, in dicta eorum propria sepultura libere de jure valeant sepelire; quodque bone memorie frater Thomas Edwardi, ordinis predicatorum ejusdem dum vixit expresse professus, in parochia dicti vicarii viam universe carnis ingressus, de facto, non de jure, in cemiterio predicte ecclesie contra voluntatem dictorum prioris et fratrum, ac possessionem antiquam sepulture, hujusmodi occasione traditus est sepulture; et quod propterea auctoritate nostra idem vicarius compellatur ad exhumandum corpus ejusdem fratris, aut ossa ejusdem, ut reduci queat ad possessionem vel quasi sepulture fratrum antique supradicte. Quocirca tibi vicario predicto precipimus, injungimus et mandamus, quatenus, visis presentibus, corpus antedictum seu ossa ejusdem exhumes, seu permittas exhumari, et prefato priori, aut alteri ipsius nomine, in quantum de jure teneris, liberes, ut eos ad possessionem sepeliendi in ea parte restituas indilate. Datum in manerio Crydetonie x die mensis Januarii, anno Domini mccclxxii°.

Num. II.

De fratre incorporando.

(Ex registro Edmundi Stafford, vol. i. fol. 101.)

Venerabili in Christo patri Dei gratia Exoniensi episcopo vel ejus vicario in spiritualibus, Petrus miseracione divina episcopus Tusculanus, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ex parte fratris David Russell, nacionis Hybernie, expresse professi conventus Dubliniensis, ordinis fratrum predicatorum, nobis oblata peticio, continebat quod ipse olim propter ejus industriam de unanimi consensu prioris et conventus fratrum predicatorum Exoniensium incorporatus et eidem conventui per fratrem Johannem de Lancastria tunc priorem provincialem Anglie in studentem deputatus extitit et assignatus, cum privilegiis, graciis, libertatibus, immunitatibus fratribus studentibus in memorato conventu dari consuetis, in quo conventu per nonnullos annos laudabiliter conversando permansit; verum prout eadem peticio subjungebat, cum ipse exponens intendit in dicto conventu Domino deserviendo perpetuo permanere supplicari fecit humiliter sibi super hiis per sedem apostolicam de remedio oportuno graciose provideri: Nos igitur auctoritate domini pape, cujus primarie una cum reverendo in Christo patre domino Antonio, eadem miseracione episcopo Portuensi, curam gerimus, et de ipsius domini pape speciali mandato super hoc, vive vocis oraculo, nobis facto, circumspectioni vestre committimus, quatenus, si, per diligentem informacionem repereritis, quod dictus frater David in dicto conventu fuerit incorporatus et in studentem deputatus ut prefertur, et tales incorporaciones et assignaciones sint in prefato ordine consuete, super quibus vestram conscientiam oneramus, quod ipse exponens in dicto conventu, libertatibus, privilegiis, graciis et immunitatibus, fratribus aliis in simili casu concessis, gaudeat, ac perpetuo in eodem permanere valeat, nec a quoquam quavis auctoritate fungente, ab eodem amoveri, seu invitus expelli possit, nisi causante intolerabili scandalo, cum ipso, alio sibi non obstante canonico, graciose dispensetis, aliis consuetudinibus statutis dicti ordinis suaque professione et regula ac aliis in contrarium editis non obstantibus quibuscunque. Datum Bononie vi. Kal. Februariis, pontificatus domini Alexandri pape quinti anno primo."

[Bishop Stafford then repeats the above almost verbatim, and states, that having found the premises perfectly correct, he grants full authority to David Russell to remain in the Dominican convent at Exeter. Dated Crediton, August 4, 1410.]

Num. III.

Bishop Edmund Lacy's Sermon, delivered in the chapter-house of the Dominican convent in Exeter, August 15, A.D. 1441, before a general chapter of the order.

(Lacy reg. vol. iii. fol. 232.)

"Ascendit de deserto deliciis affluens."

Canticorum VIII°. capitulo, et pro Themate assumptionis hodierne.

Preclari domini ac patres ecclesie mirabiles Anglicane, prelucidi predicatores, archipredicatorem nostrum celicum, nostrum Dominum in actibus ierarchicis imitantes, mutuo vos hortamur ad assensum prebendum themati. Ascendit enim Christus noster legifer prelibatus in montem ut doctor et predicator. Ascendit secundo in montem ut devotissimus orator. Ascendit tertio Calvarie summitatem ut vigilantissimus speculator. Cum igitur predicatoris et speculatoris concurrunt officia, vos predicatores exhortor ad speculum ascendendum ad talia videlicet ad pericula previdenda, ad remedia providenda et ad suffragia capessenda—primum pertinens ad solicitudinem, secundum ad discretionem, et tertium ad oracionem; primum ad cognitionem, secundum ad conversacionem, tertium ad devocionem. Speculatori enim non congruit temporibus nunc periculosis in locis latebrosis dormire; sed in loco eminenciore stare et imminencia pericula annunciare ne quid periculi emergat quod non provideatur, terribilem Domini subiturus sententiam Ezechielis tertio "speculatorem dedi te," etc. et capitulo xxxiii°, "Si speculator viderit gladium venientem et non insonuerit buccina, venerit gladius, tulerit eum iste, in iniquitate captus est, sanguinem autem ejus de manu speculatoris requiram." Ascendite ergo ad profundam sacre scripture intelligenciam et tales ad apicem in ea decoratos in hoc sacro vestro capitulari concilio eligatis, qui ad mores et scientiam optime sunt indolis, non proponendo goliardos † cantores, ineptulos aut comatulas ‡ patria et sanguine convictos—tales, inquam, in altitudine scripturarum insonabunt buccina, previdebunt spiritus pericula et providebunt remedia; set tanta est eminencia intelligencie que impugnatur, tanta cautela culpe que impugnatur, tanta latencia spiritualis plage que aggravat, quod nec quisquam unquam reperietur tam sciolus aut stultus qui possit contra malignantes in ecclesiam sanctam sine oracionum suffragio efficaciter subsistere. Ideo cum Cartusiensibus, ut refert Jacobus de Losanna, prope Parisiis hujus festi in vigilia in parva grangia pernoctantibus post artam panis et aque

* In the year 1826 the remainder of the circus was begun to be built; and, in digging for the foundations, very large quantities of carved stone, which had evidently belonged to a church, were dug up, many of the pieces being enriched with painting and gilding. Among other relics, the upper part of a recumbent statue of a warrior in chain-armour, comprising the head and shoulders, with a portion of the pillow on which the head rested, was dug up in good preservation, and is now the property of John Gidley, esq. In the opinion of Sir Samuel Meyrick, the flattened conical shape of the coiffe de maille proves, that the knight, whoever he may be, lived in the reign of king Henry III., and this effigy may be attributed to the close of that period. The specimen is interesting, from showing a peculiar mode of fastening the over-lapping part of the coiffe by a strap and buckle near the left temple.

In 1831-2, Bedford chapel was erected nearly on the site of the conventual church.

† Goliardus, a buffoon, a worthless person, &c. (See Spelman's Glossary, &c.)

‡ Comatula, a silly coxcomb.

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sumpcionem cum ciliciis ad nudam humum soporantibus, hora ordinis consueta surgentibus, matutinas decantantibus cum "Felix namque" usque ad versum decurso, indicibili suavitate vox auditur angelica, clare personans "Ora pro populo," &c. Et nos in collacionis exordio oremus pro principibus et populo, pro capite ecclesie et clero, pro femineo sexu ad ecclesiam devoto, et pro pie dormientibus et fidelibus viantibus, ut post seculi desertum celestibus possint affluere deliciis, pro commendari consuetis et aliis vobis et michi necessariis, dicat quilibet orationem Dominicam, non omittendo salutarem Mariam.

Ascendit de deserto deliciis affluens—ubi supra: Dominus Hugo exponens illud Divi Dionysii de celesti ierarchia "non solum in superpositis et subjectis animis, sed eque potentibus ipsa lex definitur" dicit quod in superioribus et inferioribus et in paribus angelis et hominibus ita constituta est lex, ut qui majores sunt, minores illuminent, cum alia sit dignitas superpositorum, alia mediorum, alia subjectorum; sic alia virtus est primorum, alia mediocrium, alia ultimorum. Primi ceteris provident, medii cum equalibus concordiam retinent, inferiores superiores imitantur et cum eis copulam tenent, videlicet, inferioribus spiritibus querentibus "Quis est," etc. "qui ascendit de Edom, tinctis vestibus de Bosra? iste formosus in stola sua:" sic in mirifica et glorifica hodie assumpsione, questioni non ignorancium sed admirantium petentium, Canticorum VI° capitulo, "Que est ista, que progreditur quasi aurora consurgens, pulcra ut luna, electa ut sol, terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata?" respondetur per thematis verba, cujus sensus planus est cunctis Christicolis, quod "ascendit de deserto deliciis affluens." In quibus verbis tria se offerunt elucidanda, videlicet, puritatis virginalis decens sublimacio, vanitatis mundialis potens superacio, sanctitatis internalis fervens jucundatio. Primum ibi, ascendit: secundum ibi, de deserto: tertium ibi, deliciis affluens: decens sublimacio puritatis notatur in verbo ascendit, quia ascendit speciose, infima calcando; ascendit studiose media reformando, et ascendit gloriose, summa transvolando. Incombustus rubus erat ratione ignee puritatis—erat vellus Gedeonis ratione sacrate fecunditatis et erat vellus aureum Jasonis ratione nobilissime sue radiose claritatis. Qui ideo proterva opinione reproba nituntur fuscare ejus conceptionem, ora sua compescant; et qui nituntur maculare ejus conversationem, obmutescant; et qui nolunt ejus assumpsionis exitum exaltare, perpetuo delitescant. Verum quia ejus puritas prima transparens et summe diaphona, pulcritudinem excedit omnium rerum terrenarum, merito in loco hodie reponitur ubi est "species et gloria stellarum:" Ecclesiatici (43 c.). In quibus verbis notantur tria—doctor supremus cunctorum, sic et amenus—species celi. Finis serenus quem querit quisque terrenus—gloria. Celorum decus Rex regum lumine cecus—stellarum. Ex primo progreditur omnis pulcritudo; in secundo cernitur omnis quietudo; ex tertio, promittitur potencie plenitudo. Primum patet ex Lactantio, lib. ii.* ubi sic "terram stabili fundamento suspendit, qui celum distinxit astris fulgentibus in argumentum sue unice majestatis qui posset† extendere campos, subsidere valles, fronde tegi silvas, lapidosos surgere montes." Hinc ordine condidit creaturas, dum cuncta in partibus disposuit in numero ordine et mensura, ut et celum choruscans, astra fulgencia; terra fructificans, immensa maria; pisces et volucres, homines et pecudes immensa pulcritudine; hoc ordine trino collocantur. Est igitur hic ternaria omnium species, ut dicit doctor deificus (S. Augustinus) super Genesim "Hec omnia sunt Deus, qui sibi quod mensura omnem rei modum prefigit; sibi quod numerus omni rei potestate probatur, et ut pondus omnem rem ad quietem et stabilitatem trahit." Hec ille patet enim quod in creaturis suis Deus cernitur mentali oculo, dum hic percipitur species celi, astrorum decus digne extollitur, eorum dignitas cunctis diffunditur, dum species celi sit in visionis gloria—supple, stellarum; fit species celi amabilis lux et laudabilis orbis amenus; sit gloria vite regnabilis, status amabilis propter quam cuncta fit stellarum virtus durabilis et gubernabilis creaturarum, dum species celi fit gloria stellarum. Sic patet primum, secundo locus hodie assumpte Virginis est finis serenus quem querit quisque terrenus. Philosophus primo ethicorum probat, quod necesse est aliquem finem esse rerum humanarum, viz. immortalitas et eternitas. Ad quam nostra auctoritate divina merito assumitur per apostolum ad Romanos (2° cap. v. 10.) "Gloria, honor et pax omni operanti bonum." Internum commercium procul excluditur; eternale premium dum bonis promittitur; gloria, honor et pax secundum condicionem cunctis exponitur, dum sanctis solum conceditur quod operanti bonum, gloria memorata est finis creature; pro qua consequenda, vos patres hortor intensissime, districtos et penales religionis ritus amota dispensatione recipere et cuncta immortalitatis glorie recusare, exemplis eorum quos pater vester beatus Augustinus recitat‡ de civitate, qui pro republica et civitatum terrenarum pace tenerrime dilectos occidebant ut Bricius§ et Torquatus proprios fratres‖ interimebant: sic Mutius¶ manum in ardentem aram immittendo combusserat, ut ecclesias ab hostibus tueretur—sic** Quirinus armatus equo concito in abruptum terre hiatum se dedit precipitem deorum suorum oraculis serviens; quanto nos pro immarcessibili gloria pro qua Ecclesiastici (cap. 43. 13 v.) "Ecce Deus gyravit celum per circuitum glorie sue:" Ecce intemerata potestas mirabilis reperitur quod gyravit celum per circuitum, cujus jucunda influencia celestibus largitur, quum gyravit celum per circuitum glorie sue: sic decor celestis sanctos glorificat et tanquam sidera in celo collocat. Ex quibus patet quod ornamentum superiorum et fulcimentum infimorum norma et virtus omnium, sic species celi. Consolamen viatorum, vita civium superiorum—fit in gloria et que rigant rore, yma rerum in nitore, ornat celum cum splendore, luminum sunt stelle: sic habetur secundum. Tertio, dixi, quod celorum decus rex regit lumine cecus, scilicet, stellarum. Dicunt enim Bartholomeus et Beda de naturis, quod stelle erratice per orbes distincte et virtute elementorum et mixtorum sunt luminaria, cuncta que gubernant: per quas septem septenarium intelligo beatorum, qui sunt patriarche, prophete, apostoli, evangeliste, martyres, confessores et virgines benedicte, qui radiantes choruscationes charismatum Spiritus Sancti diversis oracionum influenciis Christicolis subveniunt universis quorum precipua, beata hodie assumpta gloriose coronatur ut gemmis secundum illud Apocalypsis duodecimo "in capite ejus corona duodecim stellarum" meritis apostolorum quos fide eclipsatos illustravit. Sic Salomonis verbo Sapientie quarto verificatur "imperpetuum coronata triumphat." In quibus verbis relucent virginis gloriose ad celos exaltate, primacionis excellentia ibi coronata. Matris graciose stellarum gloria decorate exultationis preeminencia triumphat et dotis sibi presiose collate sibi per durationis indeficencia, ibi imperpetuum. Pro primo effulsit splendenter sine nube obumbrante, induens vestem nupcialem—pro secundo, processit puriter sine labe maculante accipiens palmam triumphalem—pro tertio concedit nobiliter sine tabe mortificante habens stolam eternalem. Sic habito pro certo. quod nil contraxit de mundi deserto in viciis; "ascendit de deserto affluens deliciis,"—quod erat thema.

Set pro morali sensu, fratres, ut consimiliter agatis, ad vos dirigendo sermonem, consulendo moneo, ut ad virtutum montem celeriter ascendatis, ut in presenti gratie et expectationis glorie deliciis affluatis secundum verbum thematis. Notate quod dixi deserto, quod quartus est in scriptura, scilicet, infernus mundus, status penitentie et paradisus glorie††. De primo Ezechielis xxix°. (v. 5°) "Projiciam te in desertum." De secundo "Vox clamantis in deserto" Johannis (v. 23°). De tertio Jeremie 11° (v. 2°) "Secuta es me in deserto:" hoc est penitentie statu amaro. De quarto, Luce (15 cap. v.) "Quis est homo qui habet centum oves, etc. etc." Primum est execrandum ut plenum horroris—secundum est aspernendum quia plenum erroris—per tertium est ambulandum, quod includit dolorem—ad quartum est acceleradum, quod promittit dulcorem. Beata enim Virgo erat primum desertum horrens; secundum contempnens; tertium tenuit; et ad quartum advolavit. Vos, patres, primum horrete a periculis: secundum scandite, ut sicut

* See de Origine Erroris, lib. ii. c. 5.
† In the edited copies it is "jussit."

‡ Subaudi in libro.
§ Lege *Brutus*.
‖ Lege *filios*.
¶ Adde *Scævola*.
** Lege "Marcus Curtius." The reader will observe many other mistakes, and some omissions of members of a sentence.
†† There is evidently an hiatus in this sentence. The punctuation is arbitrary throughout.

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in Israelitarum itinere quod genus serpentum occurrit, ita in mundi nostre viacionis deserto est aspis voluptate, qui facie blanditur sed caude finis amarissime percutit. Secundus serpens ..... vane glorie, qui in pulvere absconditur et se ibi perimit. Tercius est scorpius qui invidia et ira perniciosissime pungit et occidit. Et quia hec in latebris hujus umbrosi deserti absconditur, in nostre perigrinacionis via lucernas vestras accendite, ut caveant homines a negocio perambulante in tenebris et tetris demonibus. Luceat lux vestra coram hominibus, videlicet, quanto in quibus verbis. Ecce actus splendoris, luceat forma decoris—lux vestra: et ecce fama vigoris, coram hominibus quod subtiliter operatur est lux, quod utiliter derivatur ut luceat et quod visibiliter presentatur coram hominibus: vel sic, quod formidantem letificat, est Lux vera, et quod ignorantem letificat est ut luceat coram hominibus. Sic sermonum confortacionibus luceat lux vestra coram hominibus; sic cherubice ascendere; sic ceraphice bonorum deliciis in patria affluere, vobis concedat precibus alme sue matris Christus, qui sine fine vivit et regnat. Amen.

Ford Abbey.

IN THE DEANERY OF HONITON.

IT appears that Baldwin of Brionne, commonly called de Brioniis, whose origin has been already adverted to on a previous occasion, in consideration of his signal services to William the Conqueror, received from him the barony of Okehampton and shrievalty of Devon, and was further rewarded with possessions in the county of Devon so extensive as to constitute him, at the time of the Domesday survey, the largest landowner in that county. This nobleman married Albreda, the conqueror's niece; and the fruit of this marriage were, besides other children, a son called Richard, and a daughter named Adelicia. Richard succeeded to his father's honours and estates. In the year 1133 he established a house of Cistercian monks* at Brightley, in the parish of Okehampton, and procured a colony of twelve monks and a superior, called Richard, from Waverley Abbey, then recently founded, in the county of Surrey, who arrived at Brightley on May 3, 1136. Scarcely had they taken possession of this new establishment, when their founder and benefactor was snatched away by death, on June 25, 1137. The convent was situated in a desert and barren spot; the community was destitute and friendless; and with mature deliberation, they unanimously agreed to abandon Brightley, after a five years' residence, and to return to Waverley. They had actually commenced their journey, and had reached Thorncombe, when the liberality of Adelicia, now sole heiress to her brother's extensive possessions, arrested their progress, by giving to them her mansion of Westford and the manor of Thorncombe. She built them also a house at Hartescath, which was completed in 1142, and was dedicated to Our Lady. The spot on which the abbey was erected was soon after called Ford, from its contiguity to a passage over the river Axe.

By descent from the founder's family, the Courtenays became the natural and legal protectors and patrons of the abbey; they considered it, as the anonymous historian of Ford calls it, "pennam in cauda pulcherrimam;" and many of them chose its precincts for the place of their interment. Reginald de Courtenay†, the first of the family in England, married Hawisia, the daughter of Robert of Avranche and of Matilda viscountess of Devon. Reginald died, September 27, 1192, and was buried on the north side of the choir. Hawisia survived till July 31, 1219, when her remains were deposited on the south side of the choir. This illustrious lady had given to the abbey an estate called Haregrove, otherwise Herteyne, for the perpetual maintenance of three poor persons in the secular infirmary there,—"ad sustentacionem trium pauperum infirmitorio seculari perpetuo procurandorum benigne contulit." (See the history of the foundation in the Cotton library, post, Num. I.)

Their son and heir, Robert Courtenay, who married Mary, daughter and heiress of William de Redvers, earl of Devon, and died July 26, 1242, was interred on the 28th of the same month, in the chancel before the high altar, under a stately monument exhibiting the figure of an armed knight with the epitaph recorded in the manuscript history already referred to.

Near his father lay John, son and heir of Robert, who died, May 3, 1273.

In the will of Hugh Courtenay, second earl of Devon, dated August 4, 1375, and preserved in Bishop Brantyngham's register, we read that he devised "a la meason de Fforde dysze livres."

Edward Courtenay, third of the family that bore the

* The Cistercian rule was commenced by S. Robert, in his abbey of Molesme, within the diocese of Langres. as early as the year 1075, and was but the revival of S. Benedict's institute in its ancient purity and primitive rigour. Our countryman, Stephen Harding, a native of the diocese of Exeter, enrolled himself under his standard, but perceiving, with his holy superior, that with the accession of numbers and of property, the spirit of remissness and relaxation was increasing among them, retired to Citeaux, a marshy wilderness five leagues from Dijon, which the viscount of Beaume gave him, and where Eudes, afterwards duke of Burgundy, built them a little church, dedicated to God, under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, as all the churches of the order subsequently were. The members of this small community with their own hands cut down the trees and built themselves a monastery of wood; and, on March 21, 1098, solemnly engaged themselves to observe the rule of S. Benedict in its utmost severity. S. Stephen became abbot of Citeaux in 1109, and exerted himself to keep up the strictest discipline, to maintain religious poverty in every thing, and to employ several hours of the day in manual labour, and in the copying of manuscripts. A learned man himself, he instilled his ardour for study in others: amongst his disciples and scholars S. Bernard will ever rank preeminent. After founding amongst other monasteries the four principal ones of the order, La Ferté, Pontigny, Clairvaux, and Morimond; after enacting statutes for their government and establishing triennial chapters, this celebrated abbot died at Citeaux on March 28, 1134. The reader may form an idea of the extent of the abbey churches, when he is informed, that the one of Pontigny above-mentioned is 351 English feet in length, 162 wide in the transept, and 68 feet high.

In the reign of king Henry I. anno 1128, Walter Espec introduced a colony of Cistercian monks from Clairvaux into a monastery founded by him on the banks of the Rie, in Yorkshire, afterwards called Rievall. Here they drank nothing but water, ate the coarsest bread, and laboured hard. In the reign of Stephen, houses of the Cistercian order multiplied rapidly; but with the increase of wealth and the extension of privileges, the primitive spirit of self-denial, humility, and submission suffered considerable diminution, and in the course of our articles we shall have cause to regret the unworthy influence that sometimes tarnished their conduct.

At the time of the dissolution of the monasteries there were a hundred and one houses of the order in England with a rental of £18,961. 12*s*. 6*d*.

† *Peter de Courtenay*, son of Louis VI. (Le Gros), had founded in 1124, a Cistercian abbey, at Fountaine Jean, diocese of Sens, a filiation of Pontigny.

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title of earl of Devon, bequeathed his body to be deposited at Ford: he died Nov. 5, 1419.

The Pomeray family were also amongst the principal benefactors of the abbey. The manor of Tale was one of their donations*. (See post, Num. I.)

The following is the most complete list of the abbots that we can recover:

Richard, the original abbot in 1136, died at Brightley; his bones, with those of the founder, were subsequently removed from Brightley to Ford, and were deposited behind the high altar. (See post, Num. I.)

Robert de Penynton occurs as abbot in 1137 and 1168. In the early part of his government, viz. August 4, 1142, the pious foundress, Adelicia, departed this life, and her remains were deposited near her brother Richard. (See post, Num. I.) It was probably during his government that the priory of Plympton agreed to pay to Ford Abbey 5*s*. yearly at Michaelmas, for the surrender of all claim to a virgate of land "in Medenacumba."

Baldwin (whom Leland calls Thomas Baldwin, Com. de Script. Brit. p. 233,) was a native of Exeter; and Bartholomew the bishop of Exeter, an excellent judge and encourager of merit, was so pleased with his disposition for piety and learning as to become his patron and friend, and to collate him to the archdeaconry of Exeter. Under such auspices the young man's future success could no longer be doubtful; but his inclinations leading him to a religious life, he decided on embracing the Cistercian order, then in high repute for fervour and austerity. Giraldus Cambrensis informs us that he became so eminent for religious virtues, that before the end of the first year of his entering the order, he was elected abbot; but Gervasius is probably more correct in stating, "ordinis Cisterciensis habitum suscepit in cœnobio Fordensi, et post annos paucos abbas ibidem effectus est." The precise period of his government at Ford cannot be ascertained, but whilst in office, Roger, one of his monks, dedicated some pious effusions to him. (De Scriptoribus Britannicis, p. 230.) About the year 1181 he was advanced to the dignity of bishop of Worcester: there he presided for about three years, when he was translated to Canterbury, at the very time that his venerable patron, bishop Bartholomew, was closing a life full of days and meritorious actions. Seven years after, the archbishop died at Acon, in the Holy Land, where he had followed his sovereign, king Richard I. (Actus pontif. Cantuar. autore Gervasio in Wharton's Anglia Sacra.) Leland, in his Commentarii de Script. Brit. (p. 225) says "obiit autem Tyri, ubi et sepultus est." This writer also gives the catalogue of his works.

Robert.

John, commonly called Devonius, resigned, in 1191, Bindon Abbey †, for this of Ford. He was the friend and confessor of king John, and had the reputation of being a great divine; under him, says Fuller, in his Worthies, (p. 263.) Ford Abbey had more learning than three convents of the same bigness any where in England. See also Leland de Scriptoribus Ecclesiasticis passim ‡.

Wood's Hist. et Antiq. Oxon. lib. i. p. 52. This respectable abbot died in 1220, and was buried, "sine magna pompa," in his monastery. Amongst his scholars and religious subjects we may mention Maurice, the poet of Ford. Leland's Comment. p. 235.

John occurs in 1234, when Martin Roff was mayor of Exeter, and Walter le Grange and Philip Dyer were bailiffs. This abbot's grant of the fee of certain houses between High-street and the Smythen-street, Exeter, to Walter de Okeston, for the yearly rent of 30*s*. to the monastery, is preserved in the archives of the custos and vicars of the cathedral church, Exeter.

Roger—March 27, 1236: he came to an amicable composition with John, rector of Payhembury, respecting Whitewell and one acre of land near the chapel of the monks, at Tale.

Adam: he was in the second year of his government when Robert de Courtenay was buried at Ford, July 28, 1242.

John de Warwick died in 1246. It was probably in his time that the church of Thorncombe was appropriated to the abbey.

The prior and convent of Launceston were bound twice in the year, viz. at Midsummer and Christmas, to forward by the lepers of S. Leonard's hospital, Launceston, a certificate under the convent seal, "ad abbatem Fordie, propter redditum eorundem leprosorum." See ante, p. 25.

William, abbot of Ford, was the ninth abbot. Whilst visiting Waverley convent he died there in 1262, and was buried in its chapter-house. (Monasticon Anglicanum, vol. v. p. 239.)

William de Crukerne followed, whose opposition to the bishop of his diocese caused his excommunication in 1275. He had been previously charged with having excommunicated the bishop. Bishop Bronescombe invoked the assistance of the secular power to punish the abbot's contempt and rebellion. The king, in consequence, appointed Walter Stamel, dean of Sarum, and Thomas Beke, archdeacon of Dorset, professors of canon and civil law, to decide the controversy. On October 22, 1276, these ecclesiastical judges held their first sitting at Westminster. The abbot declared his repentance, and his readiness to pay down £500 "pro dampnis injuriis et gravaminibus, contumaciis pariter et offensis," if such sum should be required by the court; but the judges deferred giving any opinion until after the following Easter, though urgently requested by bishop Bronescombe to decide immediately.

In the mean while the abbot most anxiously implored the king to prevent the secular power from being directed against him; he maintained that the censures of his bishop were absolutely null and void, as his convent was specially exempted by papal indults from any episcopal jurisdiction; and he represented the very considerable injury already sustained by himself and his convent, and declared that certain ruin awaited them unless the king should interpose in their favour §.

* Bishop Brewer, on December 19, 1239, the day of the dedication of the abbey church of Ford, decreed that the vicarage of Thorncombe should pay six marks yearly instead of two for the maintenance of lights in the said conventual church, on the cession or death of Philip the then vicar. See the original deed penes vicarium de Thorncombe.

† The original common seal of the Cistercian order in England and Wales, is still in existence at Lulworth Castle, and in perfect preservation. It is circular, has a church engraven upon it, and bears a shield, containing the arms of Bindon Abbey, in Dorsetshire, with this inscription:

SIGILLŪ · COĒ · CAP̄LI · GENA͂LIS · ORDĪS · CISTERCIEN̄ · IN · ANGL · ET · WALL.

‡ [In the Cotton MSS., Faustina, B. IV., is a legend or biography of Wulfricus, an anchorite of Haselbergie, said to be the work of this abbot. It contains two dedications, one to Bartholomew, bishop of Exeter, and another to Baldwin, archbishop of Canterbury; but as the former died about the same time that the latter was translated to Canterbury, viz. at the latter end of 1184, it is possible that the book may not be a genuine work. Any one who is friendly to the memory of the abbot, and has read the biography, must be pleased to think that he was perhaps not the author of such a production.—S.]

§ One of these papal bulls of exemption is recited at length in Quivil's Register, fol. 116 b, in the following terms:

Alexander episcopus, servus servorum Dei, dilectis filiis abbati Cistercii ejusque coabbatibus et conventibus universis Cisterciensis ordinis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Plantatus olim in agro ecclesie vester ordo sic a suis primordiis gracia operante divina laudabilibus incrementis successive profecit quod assidue flores proferens copiosius honestatis et producens uberius fructus vite inter alia plantaria dominica pietate conversacionis, dono sciencie et virtutis merito dinoscitur specialiter insignitus. Unde nos in agro ipso cultores licet immerite a Domino deputati ejusdem ordinem grandi prosequi favore proponimus et exaltacionem ipsius jugis diligencie studio multipliciter prestare ut apostolice gracie rore continue irroratus majoribus semper Deo tribuente consurgat et dilatetur incrementis. Cum igitur apostolica sedes nonnulla privilegia et quam plures indulgencias et gracias eidem ordini generaliter et quibusdam ex vobis specialiter sub diversitate temporum duxerit concedenda, Nos, cupientes ea que vobis et ipsi ordini a predicta sede concessa sunt non solum integra et illesa servare, immo pocius adaugere, dilecti filii nostri Johannis tunc Sancti Laurencii in Damaso presbiteri cardinalis supplicacionibus inclinati hujusmodi privilegia et indulgentias ac gracias et eidem ordini, non obstantibus quibuscunque constitutionibus provisionibus diffinicionibus et ordinacionibus factis et promulgatis ab apostolica sede ad instanciam prelatorum ecclesie Gallicane et quorumcunque aliorum et quibuscumque litteris super hiis per eos vel per quoscumque alios optentis a sede predicta, quod

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At last the parties agreed, by an indenture dated at Westminster, May 5, 1277, absolutely to abide by the decision of the above-mentioned judges, under a penalty of £100. to be forfeited to the obedient by the refractory party. On the same day the final sentence was passed, viz. that the abbot should recall the sentences of excommunication in the very places where he had fulminated them against the bishop; that he should pronounce them to have been absolutely null and void; that the agents of the abbey, who had incurred excommunication, should proceed, on the ensuing feast of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, from the gate of S. Peter's cemetery in Exeter, to the entrance door of S. Peter's church, bare-headed, bare-footed, and loosely dressed, and there receive a discipline either from the bishop or his deputy; and that the abbot should further pay, for himself and convent, one thousand marks. The bishop was then enjoined to revoke all his censures against the abbot and convent; to remit nine hundred of the said marks; the payment of the remaining hundred marks to be made by the abbot to the bishop or his proxy in the cathedral church, in equal portions, on the next festival days of Michaelmas and Easter; and, with the exception of the discipline, the bishop is directed to dispense with the rest of the penance. The documents respecting this contest are given in the Appendix at length. This William presented to Thorncombe vicarage on March 5, 1281-2.

Nicholas. Bishop Quivil solemnly blessed this abbot whilst pontifically celebrating at Axminster on the feast of the Circumcision (January 1), 1283-4.

William de Fria. In the Newenham register, fol. 5, he is described as having been for some years the abbot of Ford, where he did much good; that on April 14, 1297, he was induced to accept the office of abbot of Newenham, which he resigned February 4, 1303. On his death, his remains were conveyed to Ford for interment. His successor was

Henry, who was still abbot on January 16, 1312.

William was confirmed abbot September 22, 1319, in Exeter cathedral. From him Charmouth appears to have received some privileges of a free borough, and its boundaries were settled. (See Appendix.) In his time bishop Grandisson applied to this abbot and convent for a subsidy to enable him to meet the enormous demands of the papal court and chamber. They were, however, unable to comply with his lordship's application, chiefly on account of their heavy expenses "tam in ruinosis edificiis necessario reparandis, et presertim ecclesie nostre ruinam meditantis reedificatione." (Grandiss. reg. vol. ii. fol. 56.)

John de Chidley was admitted abbot June 24, 1330. In Grandisson's register (vol. i. fol. 25) we collect, from a letter bearing date December 16, 1345, that this abbot did not bear a good character for probity and plain dealing.

Adam was confirmed September 29, 1354. After his profession of obedience to bishop Grandisson, "subscripsit signum crucis*." We judge from Grandisson's register, vol. ii. fol. 55, that he found the abbey church in a state that required rebuilding.

John Chylheglys occurs as abbot, May 24, 1373. (Brant. reg. fol. 36. 43.)

Walter Burstok confirmed April 16, 1378. For some cause which does not appear, he renewed his obedience to bishop Brantyngham on Palm Sunday, April 11, 1380, in S. Stephen's chapel, Westminster. We meet with him again in August, 1382.

Nicholas occurs abbot in 1388. It was in his time that Henry IV., in 1410, granted a market at Ford. (Rot. Pat. 11 Hen. IV. p. 2.)

John Bokelond was confirmed abbot June 10, 1419.

Richard was afterwards abbot.

Robert occurs as abbot June 11, 1448.

Elias was abbot in 1462.

William White. On December 7, 1490, he leased to Robert and Jane Dene and William their son, the reversion "totius aule nostre et camere, orrei, et capelle Sancti Jacobi manerii sive grangie nostre de Legh," with the estate called "Le Fermeres;" also of two closes of arable land above "Whatlegh," and of one close called "Mapulfelde," one close called "Quenehilburgh," lying between Mapulfelde and Littlebreche, also the close itself called "Littlebreche," also "Fungore," "Somerfelde, cum fonte aquis et aquis ad finem orientalem," "Sevenacres Close, Stonyfelde, Mochelbrehe, Hakewilbere, Holybredstrete, Leghdowne, Tonismede, Horemede," one acre of the meadow at the west end of "Comandresmede," with the road adjoining Whitemore, to hold the premises for their several lives under the yearly rent of seven marks.

He also leased, April 18, 1521, just before his death, to Richard Hayball, his wife Jane and their son William, the manor-house of Sadborowe, a field called "Le Barres," also "Morelese, Sevelizthe, Cowmore, Twayne Woodmede, Jenysmede, Dotayn, Rycrofts," and "La Wynards cum pastura viarum a porta juxta Sateburwysseaysshe usque Morewyles et ab eadem porta usque ad la Rycrofts," to hold the same for their several lives under the yearly rent of nine marks and 3*s.* 4*d.* The tenants had "omnia opera consuetudinaria tenentium de Venbury," except heriots.

Thomas Charde, otherwise *Tybbes*, S.T.P. succeeded in 1521, and was the last abbot. He surrendered his convent on March 8, 1539. He was in office long enough to finish considerable improvements in the abbey buildings, where his initials are frequently to be traced. Leland, who visited the abbey during the progress of his works, says (de Scriptoribus Britannicis, p. 231) "cœnobium nunc sumptibus plane non credendis abbas magnificentissime restaurat."

On April 20, 1533, this abbot granted to William Mychell and Alice his wife, and the longest liver, one annual corrody, viz., one house with a garden called the chauntry house, eight loads of fuel wood, four casts of convent bread, four casts of common bread of the weight of convent bread, four gallons of convent ale, two gallons of small ale weekly, to be delivered with one cast of brown bread to them or either of their assigns at the bakehouse and brewhouse of the said monastery; also a pottage of fish and flesh as much as two of the monks of the said monastery receive; and further, to pay the said William and Alice an annuity of eight marks. This lease was allowed by the court of augmentation, February 11, 31 Hen. VIII.

On the same day he also, in consideration of £20, granted to Ralph Bagshowe and Agnes his wife, for their several lives, one annual corrody, viz., a house and garden called the lodge, eight wainloads of fire-wood from Baymore, four casts of convent bread, three casts of common bread of the weight of convent bread, five gallons of convent ale, two gallons of small ale weekly, with the pottage of fish and flesh equal to the allowance for two monks per day. Further to pay them eight marks yearly. This was allowed by the augmentation court, February 28, 31 Hen. VIII., as a valid agreement, but it does not appear that any part of the corody, except the pecuniary pension, was confirmed.

On September 3, 1537, he also granted to William Tyler, then late of Axminster, Master of Arts, an annuity of £3. 6*s.* 8*d.* and a gown yearly of four yards of "brodecloth" at five shillings a yard; also a furnished chamber in the monastery and his table, like one of the brethren. This grant was made in reward of Tyler's diligent service to the abbey, "tam in remotis quam in propinquis partibus." He further was engaged to teach grammar; "pueros domus sive monasterii nostri litteris grammaticalibus informabit, docebit, et dogmatizabit," and also explain the Scripture in the refectory when required, "aliquid de sacra pagina in refectorio nostre domus sive monasterii temporibus congruis explanet et declaret

quibus premissis privilegiis et indulgenciis ac gratiis in nullo derogari volumus, auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus decernentes omnes excommunicacionis interdicti ac suspencionis sentencias si quis in vos vel vestrum aliquos aut in monasteria seu qualibet loca dicti ordinis per predictos prefatos aut quoscunque alios pretextu predictarum constitutionum provisionum diffinicionum et ordinacionum ac literarum super hiis ab eadem sede optentarum promulgari contigerit, irritas et innanes. Nulli etc. Si quis etc. Datum Viterbii iii none Novembris pontificatus nostri anno tercio. In cujus rei testimonium, &c.

* Madox, in his introductory dissertation to the Formulare Anglicanum, observes that this mode of ratifying was usual in the Saxon times, and not unfrequent until the time of king Stephen. It has been treated by some eminent authors as a decisive proof of inability to write. Mr. Maitland, in his very interesting Essays on the Dark Ages, has pointed out the fallacy of this inference. (Essay, No. II.)—S.

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quandocunque et quotiescunque a nobis ad id faciendum erit rogatus et requisitus."

As a compensation for this grant, the court of augmentations, April 26, 31 Hen. VIII., allowed William Tyler sixty shillings a year.

Nor was the abbot inattentive to the worldly interests and advantage of his own family, for he secured to John Tybbes, clerk*, an annuity of £5. He leased to John Chidley of Thorncombe, gentleman, the tithe of sheaf in Burstock parish, Dorset, for the life of the said John, with remainder to John Tybbes, son of Robert Tybbes, and Jane Chidley, daughter of the aforesaid John Chidley, during their several lives, to hold the same for their lives under the yearly rent of forty shillings.

He further granted to the said John Chidley and his wife Agnes the property called Otyll Grange in Somerset, viz., Stodle's Lease, Blyndmeade, Stodeles Meade, two closes called Overles, two others called Barn-Crofts, two others called Greenhams, to hold the same for their lives, with remainder to their daughters Alice and Jane, with remainder to John Tibbes aforesaid, under the yearly rent of £5 10*s.* 4*d.*

He appointed the same John Chidley and John Tibbes bailiffs and stewards of the convent property in Thorncombe Tale, Countisbury, and Linton; of Burstock and Little Wynsor in Dorset, and of Strete in Somerset, with annuities of £5 6*s.* 8*d.*; and he made Ralph Tybbes of Charmouth and his son Thomas bailiffs of the abbey manors of Charmouth, Toller, and Turneworth, with an annuity of £5. He also granted to John Tibbes and to Thomas Marker of Payhembury all the tithes and grain of Payhembury parish with the exception of the tithes of corn and grain in Thurleston and in the glebe belonging to the vicar, to hold the same for a term of forty years at the yearly rent of £30 6*s.* 8*d.*

This abbot, Thomas Chard, was a native of Aulescombe parish, Devon, educated in S. Bernard's College, now S. John the Baptist's, Oxford, where on October 2, 1507, he was registered as "vir magna doctrina et virtute clarus." (Wood, Athenæ Oxon. vol. i. p. 645.) Shortly afterwards, bishop Oldam, of Exeter, selected him for his coadjutor in the episcopal office by the title of Solubria; and we find in his register, that on September 23, 1508, Thomas, bishop of Solubria, in the first year of his consecration, gave holy orders in the chapel of the palace of Exeter. On September 26, 1508, we find bishop Oldam collating him to the living of Torington Parva; he was also preferred to S. Gluvias, which he resigned some years later. (Oldam's reg. fol. 59.)

In June 1512, he received for the better maintenance of his episcopal dignity the vicarage of Wellington, in the county of Somerset. On October 9, 1513, he was appointed to the wardenship of the college at Ottery, which office he resigned October 16, 1518, to be instituted in the vicarage of Holbeton in the deanery of Totnes, but which vicarage he resigned on October 24, 1520, for an annuity of £12 from its profits. (See Veysey's register, vol. i. fol. 7.) He held the priorship of Montacute from 1515 to 1525, with the priorship of Carsewell in Broadhembury parish, which last he retained until its dissolution. In August 1521 he accepted the living of Tytenhull, within the diocese of Bath and Wells. Bishop Veysey instituted him on April 15, 1529, to the vicarage of Thorncombe †, and on April 10, 1532, to the rectory of Nothill. (See same register, fol. 40 & 60.) On March 22, 1540, he accepted the office of minister of Ottery College aforesaid, (same register, fol. 100,) which he resigned to John Hunte on October 20, 1543, for a pension of £2 6*s.* 8*d.* But it is a question whether he received this payment; for the same register proves, that his preferments expired with him shortly after. Had Wood been aware of these accumulated preferments and emoluments, besides the king's pension of £80 a year ("with fourtie wayne lodes of fyre wood to be taken yerely during his lyfe") from the dissolved abbey of Ford, he might have spared his expression of sympathy, as "all little enough, God wot, to support his honourable dignity." (Athenæ Oxon. vol. i. p. 576.) His will, dated October 1, 1541, was proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, November 4, 1544. He must have died early in 1544; for in his vicarage of Thorncombe, then void by his death, he was succeeded by William Freyke on May 20 in that year ‡.

Risdon, Prince, and others, state, that this last abbot of Ford founded the hospital of S. Margaret near Honiton. He probably was a benefactor, and the donor of Spittle meadow in the parish of Honiton, but certainly could not be the founder; for bishop Brantyngham's register (vol. i. fol. 54) proves that the hospital was existing nearly two centuries before, viz., on September 12, 1374, when he granted an indulgence of twenty days to all true penitents "qui ad sustentacionem pauperum leprosorum hospitalis Sancte Margarite de Honiton contulerint, donaverint, aut assignaverint subsidia caritatis." Bishop Lacy on December 6, 1452, accorded the same favour to all who should contribute to the support and relief "leprosorum virorum et mulierum in hospitali Sancte Margarite de Honiton."

The site of the abbey was granted at first for a term of years, and afterwards, with other lands of the abbey, in fee to Richard Pollard, esq. (see Appendix,) whose son, Sir John Pollard, alienated the same to Sir Amias Paulet, knt., who, with his father, Sir Hugh Paulet, had been appointed head stewards of the abbey by its last abbot, with a pension of one hundred shillings. Sir Amias sold the estate to William Roswell, esq., who conveyed the same to Sir Edmund Prideaux, attorney-general; by the marriage of whose grand-daughter Margaret in 1690 to Francis Gwynne of Lansanor in Glamorganshire, esq., the property passed into the Gwynne family, and the abbey is now the residence of John Francis Gwynne, esq.

The editors of Dugdale's Monasticon Anglicanum (vol. v. p. 337) were unable to discover any seal of Ford Abbey, or of any of its abbots; but Mr. Davidson of Sector, near Axminster, has been more fortunate. The abbey seal is oval, and is divided into three compartments. In the upper part, between two pointed windows, a bell appears suspended in a steeple. In the canopy beneath, is the Blessed Virgin and Divine Infant. On the dexter side is the Courtenay shield; or, three torteauxes, with a label of three points. On the sinister, is the shield of Beaumont, barry of six, vairy and gules.

Below is an abbot erect, holding his crosier in the right hand, and a book in his left, and three persons on their knees. The legend is,

S . COMMUNE . MONASTERII . BEATE . MARIE . DE FORDA.

Of the buildings of the abbey considerable portions still remain, incorporated with later additions made by the grantees of the crown, in order to adapt it to the purposes of a private mansion. The hall, cloister, and portal tower, with the initials of Thomas Chard, the date of the erection, and the arms of the abbey and of the king, are the principal features of the abbatial remains. The earliest and most interesting part of the structure is the chapel, which is probably coeval with the foundation of the abbey. (See Lysons' Devonshire, vol. i. p. 345; vol. ii. p. 502. Gul. Newbridgiensis, by Hearne, vol. iii. p. 778.)

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Fundationis et fundatorum historia.

(Ex MS. olim in Bibl. Cotton. Jul. B. x. §)

Dominus Baldwinus de Brioniis, miles inclitus de Normannia, Albredam neptem domini Willielmi Bastardi nobilissimi ducis Normanniæ duxit in uxorem; ex qua dictus Baldwinus genuit, inter alios, unum filium dictum Ricardum, et unam filiam nuncupatam Adeliciam. Cum

* He had entered among the Cistercians at Dunkeswell, and worn the habit for a time. On quitting the order, he was appointed to the vicarage of Payhembury, which he held until his death in 1556.

† S. Melor's Chapel in Thorncombe occurs in 1417, Stafford's register, vol. i. fol. 143.

‡ In the church-rate for Awlescombe, 1597, is the following entry, "Richarde Charde, gent. for his lande in Awlescombe xxid."

§ This MS. in the Cotton library is lost, but there is a copy in the Harl. MSS. No. 1178, fol. 97, containing a few slight variations from the above transcript by Dugdale. One or two trifling corrections have been made from the Harleian copy.

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autem dux prefatus regnum Anglie sibi per conquestum (Anglis devictis et rege eorum Heraldo perempto) penitus subjugasset, regni imperio atque diademate demum potitus fuisset, magnatibus et commilitonibus secum de Normannia advenientibus diversa dominia et honores precipuos in regno Anglie tunc et postea liberaliter contulit; inter quos et dicto Ricardo, prefati Baldwini filio et sibi dilecto consanguineo, totum honorem et baroniam de Okehampton in Devonia, de ipso rege imperpetuum sibi et successoribus suis, heredibus, seu assignatis, jure hereditario habendum et tenendum, munifice donavit. Deditque itaque eidem Ricardo castellum Exonie et custodiam totius comitatus Devonie, pro quodam annuo redditu domino regi solvendo; cujus obtentu donationis et custodiæ dicebatur dictus dominus Ricardus, vicecomes Devoniæ. Quilibet autem successorum suorum sic consequenter dicebantur usque ad annum regni regis Henrici filii regis Johannis sextum decimum, quum dictum castellum in manus regias assumebatur *.

Dictus autem dominus Ricardus, nuper miles strenuus sed demum inveteratus et Deo affectus, multum devotus, terram suam de Brightley infra dictum honorem de Okehampton situatam ad abbatiam ordinis Cisterciensis ibidem fundandam, anno Domini MCXXXIII., concesserat, ac a domino Gilberto, abbate de Waverleia, sancto viro, conventum de suis illuc transmittendum impetrabat. 1133

In loco igitur abbatie competenti preordinato, edificia magis necessaria per triennium erexerat, ac anno Domini MCXXXVI. et regni regis Stephani anno primo, duodecim monachos, cum domino Ricardo eis in abbatem prefecto tertio decimo, ad devotissimam sui instantiam illuc pedites et processionaliter cum cruce erecta; et primo quinto nonas Maii de domo de Waverleia, Cisterciensis ordinis, Wintonie diecesis, venientes tam benigne quam votive suscipiens, ibidem tanquam in eorum possessione titulo sufficiente eis super hoc primitus confecto devote collocabat. Sic igitur premissis voti sui compos pro majore parte effectus, illis in structuris et aliis necessariis subvenire non desiit, donec anno sequenti septimo calendas Julii, anno videlicet Domini 1137, ac regni regis Stephani secundo, humatus fuit; cujus etiam corpus vel ossa cum dictis monachis postea de Brightley apud Fordam translata fuerunt, et cum ossibus dicti abbatis sui Ricardi postea apud Brightley etiam defuncti, et domine Adelicie sororis sue postmodum defuncte, hic illic separatim in presbiterio, ultra quod jam summum altare erigitur, sepulta erant.

Hic vicecomes Ricardus nullam prolem habuit, sed totum jus suum hereditarium eidem Adelicie soli sorori sue reliquit. Que quidem Adelicia dicto fratri suo in hereditate successerat, ac etiam vicecomitissa nuncupata erat.

Cum vero dicti monachi per quinque annos in loco memorato de Brightley mansissent, ac post mortem dicti domini vicecomitis Ricardi præ inopia et præ dira sterilitate victualiumque penuria ibidem amplius morari non potuissent, ad domum suam pristinam de Waverlea cum abbate suo secundo, domino Roberto de Penigton, redire sunt compulsi; quos cum dicta vicecomitissa per manerium suum de Thorncomb, modo illo quo venerint domum revertentes cum cruce erecta, et primo binos pedites procedentes conspexisset, illos statim ad se asciverat, ac demum ei seriem, redditusque sui causam palam ei facientibus, dolore tacta intrinsecus, cum gemitu dicebat, 'Absit a me, domini et patres sanctissimi, opprobrium tam damnabile et ignominiosum periculum, ut quod dominus meus et frater Ricardus pio devotionis affectu ad Dei honorem nostrumque omnium salutem tam solempniter quam salubriter inceperat, ego vero soror ejus, et heres cui decedendo omnia tradidit in manus, non velim aut valeam ad debitum perducere effectum. Ecce manerium meum in quo jam consistimus fertile satis et nemorosum ac abundans frugibus, quod vobis in excambium pro terra sterili de Brightleia cum tota mansione nostra et domicilio imperpetuum donamus. Manete hic donec alibi in ista possessione vobis competentius fit monasterium, nec vobis in hoc deesse possumus, sed satis juvabimus ad construendum.' Sic ergo pia et religiosa domina dictos monachos in manerio suo de Thorncomb perpetuo mansuros gratanter fundaverat, ac curiam suam seu domicilium dicti manerii principale quod tunc Forde, nunc autem Westford dicitur, eis sufficienti titulo et plenaria seisina in integrum mancipabat.

Quo quidem in loco sic admissi et dimissi prefati monachi ibidem, id est apud Westford, in domicilio quod tunc fuerat dicte vicecomitisse fere sex annis residerant, donec nonnulle sibi competentes structure officinarum regularium in loco monastrali quod tunc Hartescath, sed nunc Forda dicitur, illis erecte erant. Concepit etiam dicta domina Adelicia de nobili viro domino suo quem prius acceperat in conjugem, et peperit unam filiam nomine Aliciam sui ipsius heredem. Anno autem secundo postdictorum monachorum translationem de Brightley apud Fordam et eorum ibidem ut præmittitur fundationem, anno regni regis Stephani septimo, anno videlicet post incarnationem Domini Jesu Christi 1142, nono calendas Septembris, dicta vicecomitissa Adelicia obiit, et apud novum monasterium de Ford sepulta quiescit, et successit ei in dominio de Okehampton domina Alicia, uxor domini Randolphi Avenell, filia sua antedicta, quam solam sibi heredem reliquerat, que et castrum Exonie una cum custodia comitatus Devonie pro certo redditu annuo, ut prius, similiter obtinuit. Hec et unicam filiam dictam Matildam habuit, que in fata decessit; que Matilda, filia ejus et heres, predictis parentibus suis defunctis, totam dictam hereditatem, et cum castello Exonie et totius comitatus custodia obtinuit, dominoque Roberto de Aubrincis legitime copulata, filiam unam dictam Hawisiam, necnon duas alias, postea factas moniales, eidem pariendo produxit. Mortuo tandem dicto viro domino Roberto de Aubrincis, id est de Averinges, secundo marito, id est, nobili viro domino Roberto, filio regis Henrici primi notho, conjugata fuerat, de quo etiam concipiens peperit filiam ejusdem viri sui heredem, quam et Matildam vocabat. Fuerat itaque tam post contractum matrimonium cum dicto domino Roberto de Aubrincis primo viro suo, quam et post ejus decessum, vicecomitissa nuncupata. Sed de ejusdem cognomine post ejus obitum, Matildis de Aubrincis, id est de Averinges, vulgariter nominata. Hec etiam suis monachis de Forda tuta semper protectrix erat et conservatrix amicissima, in Deum et sanctam religionem pie devotionis et affectionis viscera materna gerens; ad valentiam nempe sexaginta marcarum suis intercessoribus dictis, videlicet, monachis, simul et semel contulit, preter alia bona et commoda innumera que eis frequentius et libentius fecit.

Obiit denique vir ejus secundus, dominus Robertus filius regis Henrici anno Domini MCLXXII. pridie calendas Junii, et post ipsum vicecomitissa Matildis itaque de Aubrincis ut prius nuncupata, undecimo calendas Octobris anno Domini MCLXXIII. et regni regis Henrici secundi 19. Ambe igitur ejusdem filie, Hawisia videlicet, prioris viri sui heres, et filia sua domini videlicet Roberti de Aubrincis, necnon Matildis, proles domini Roberti filii regis et ejusdem heres, occasione custodie et maritagii in manus regias assumpte fuerunt; ac demum militi inclyto et generoso, domino Reginaldo de Courtnay, tam earum custodia quam maritagium a rege collata erant. Seniorem igitur filiam Hawisiam, tanquam nobiliorem, dictam vicecomitissam, dominus Reginaldus sibi nupserat; sed juniorem, scilicet Matildam, dicti Roberti filii regis patris sui heredem, filio suo Willielmo de Courtnay, de priore conjuge in Normania primogenito, in uxorem contrahebat, annis Domini et regis Henrici supradictis.

Fuit autem iste dictus Reginaldus de Courtney filius domini Flori, filii regis Francie Lodovici cognomento Grossi; ac etiam ista Hawisia vicecomitissa, uxor ejus secunda, de sanguine regio Anglicano ex parte domine Albrede neptis etiam regis Willielmi Bastardi matris avie sue domine Adelicie vicecomitisse primitus memorate generose exorta. Tota ergo illorum posteritas, Reginaldi, videlicet, et Hawisie, tam ex patre quam ex matre, de regio semine prodiit, ac tribus regia Francie pariter et Anglie in eis mixta fuit, sic sanguis eorum fit mere ingenuus et precipue generosus. Genuit predictus dominus Reginaldus de memorata vicecomitissa domina Hawisia uxore sua prolem valde inclitam, Robertum, scilicet, de Courtnay, ipsorum heredem. Solitam itaque antecessorum suorum devotionem et affectionem in Deum et dictos monachos suos de Forda penitus continuaverat, ac preter alia a

* Scilicet, cum aliis castellis in Anglia. Harl. MS.

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pietatis obsequio ad ipsorum defensionem, indemnitatem, et promotionem frequenter, quasi ubique illis exhibita, per quoddam munus centum marcarum in pecunia numerata, aliorumque jocalium et catallorum se illorum precibus devote commendabat; magis enim confidebat in orationum suffragiis quam in prediis quibuscunque seu possessionibus terrenis.

Dilectus igitur a Deo et hominibus, cujus memoria in benedictione, quinto calendas Octobris anno Domini MCXCIV. et regni regis Ricardi quarto, feliciter obiit in Christo, et apud Fordam in aquilonari parte presbiterii sepultus quiescit. Dicta vero vicecomitissa de cognomento viri sui Reginaldi de Courtnay, cujus erat relicta, domina Hawisia de Courtnay extitit nuncupata; que diutius in sua viduitate ligia operibus misericordie et pietatis intenta terram de Herteyne dictis monachis de Forda ad sustentationem trium pauperum in infirmitorio seculari perpetuo procurandorum tandem contulit, et alia beneficia similia eisdem fecit. Obiit tandem plena dierum in senectute bona pridie calendas Augusti anno Domini MCCIX. et anno regni regis Johannis decimo; que in ecclesia Fordensi in australi parte presbiterii sepelitur.

Surrexit ergo dictus Robertus de Courtnay dictorum Reginaldi et Hawisie filius et heres legitimus, qui totum honorem de Okehampton jure hereditario obtinuit, castellumque Exonie, ac [custodiam] totius comitatus pariter tenuit, donec rex Henricus anno sui regni 16, dictum castellum, sicut alia castella Anglie plurima, in manus suas assumpserat, et ea cuidam Petro de Rivalle committebat. Et tunc vero dictum castellum simul et custodiam totius comitatus Devonie amiserat; ob cujus amissionem vicecomes amplius nuncupatus non erat. Prediis tunc et redditibus proprie et pristine hereditatis de Okehampton, videlicet, ac aliis, ut oportuit, contentus, et tam strenuitate probitatis quam liberalitatis amore plurimum floruit; sed de suis monachis eorumque monasterio de Forda, multum solicitus fuit, nullam eis molestiam, aut injuriam, seu gravamen quodcunque aliquando intulit, sed nec ab aliis ipsos aliquando molestari vel gravari permisit: solebat etiam inter alios asserere, et pluries super hoc applaudare, quod pennam haberet in cauda pulcherrimam, domum, scilicet, de Forda sub sua protectione et advocatione constitutam, ipsosque monachos patres et patronos frequentius vocaverat, quibus et ipse patronus verus, protector, et defensor precipuus, quasi sua omnia cum illis habens communia, ubique semper erat.

Ejus autem tempore Galfridus de Pomerai terram de Tale vendicaverat, et per potestatem ipsius domini Roberti et consilium ductus et inductus, totum jus suum inde et clameum dictis monachis relaxabat. Dedit autem ei pro hac relaxatione dictus dominus Robertus de ere proprio suo quinquaginta marcas sterlingorum pre manibus tempore Johannis de Warwick tunc dicti monasterii abbatis.

Genuit idem dictus Robertus de domina Maria, juniore filia domini Willielmi de Redveriis comitis Devonie sibi desponsata uxore, prolem Deo gratam et patri dilectam (videlicet) dominum Johannem de Courtnay, virum simplicem et rectum, licet in armis strenuum, eorum utcumque heredem. Cum ista Maria totum habuit in liberum maritagium; habuerunt et chaseam de Crukes, exceptis patronatibus ecclesiarum et 50 libras terre de castris que prius dabantur Willielmo Brewer, cum seniore filia comitis Johannis: et, quoniam ista sine herede obiit, totum ad Mariam et heredes suos rediit. Qui Robertus cum tandem vite sue laudabilem cursum feliciter consummasset in stadio septimo calend. Augusti apud Ywren, manerium suum, diem clausit extremum, anno Domini MCCXLII. et regni regis Henrici III. 26; qui statim ad monachos suos de Forda, ut idem prius adhuc vivens ordinaverat, delatus extitit, et in eorum presbiterio die tertio (id est, quinto kalend. Augusti), omni cum devotione et honore anno secundo abbatis Ade sepultus fuit; cui in piramide supposito armati militis incliti structura jam erigitur, ac in cujus circumferentia tale epitaphium reperitur:

Hic jacet ingenui de Courtnay gleba Roberti
Militis egregii virtutum laude referti.
Quem genuit strenuus Reginaldus Courtiniensis
Qui procer eximius fuerat tunc Devoniensis.

Post mortem vero istius nobilissimi viri domini Roberti de Courtnay, ut premittitur defuncti, floruit perspicuus in Christo et seculo filius suus et heres, dominus Johannes de Courtnay prenotatus, et habuit totam patris sui hereditatem in terris predictis et possessionibus adeo plene et integre sicut pater suus aliquando tenuerat; castellum tamen Exonie et custodiam comitatus Devonie a patre suo domino Roberto per regem ablata, nunquam obtinere valebat. Nupserat tamen sibi Isabellam filiam domini Johannis de Vere, comitis Oxonie, que peperit ei Hugonem de Courtnay primum, suumque heredem. Fuit itaque iste dominus Johannes vir simplex et rectus ac timens Deum, et progenitoribus suis non minus devotus, nec in monachos suos Fordenses minus benevolus, sed illorum suffragia cunctis operibus preponens, et in eis plenarie confidens, munificus et integer eis per omnia extitit amicus; in nullo eos vel eorum monasterium aliquando oneravit seu gravavit, neque ab aliis onerari vel gravari permisit, sed ipsos et eorum predia, terras, et possessiones ubicunque infra hundredum suum et dominium scituata, a quibuscunque sectis, servitiis et secularibus exactionibus sufficienti titulo libera fecit et quieta, ac seipsum pro eis scutum, quasi, et defensorem tutissimum semper exhibuit, et a multis pressuris et dispendiis indemnes preservavit; fructus autem spei sue qui in precibus dictorum monachorum habuit, sequenti narratione patebit.

Contigit illum aliquando de transmarinis ad propria navigantem alto in mare circa crepusculum tanto suis cum sequentibus mortis subjacere periculo, quod ipsi etiam naute singulos sibi Deo commendantes, pre confusione maris et turbinum, tam de vita sua quam salute desperarunt omnino. "Nolite timere naute (inquit iste dominus) sed vires vestras resumite et nobis pene naufragantibus tam audacter quam viriliter unam saltem horam modo subvenite; erit enim tempus, quo monachi mei de Forda ad vigilias surgent, et pro me ad Dominum deprecantes et orantes intervenient, ita quod nulle tempestates et turbines aut aque procellose nos perdere seu quovismodo extinguere possint; ideo vos interim nolite torpere, nec vitam nostram nec salutem negligere, quia jam instat hora in qua omnipotens et misericors Deus eorum meritis et precibus etiam omnibus dignabitur subvenire." Ad ista unus de suis in via comitantibus taliter respondet. "Quid, domine, de monachis illis seu illorum suffragiis taliter loquimini, qui jam, ut nobis ad plenum constat, violenter somno sunt oppressi? quomodo pro vobis orare possunt qui etiam dormientes seipsos non sentiant?" Ad hec dominus in spe firmus solidissima respondit. "Etsi multi dormiant, scio quod eorum plurimi orationibus etiam instantes devotissime pro me eorum servulo, quamvis et parvo, Deum in presenti obsecrent et implorent, nec possunt aliqualiter in tanto instanti periculo mei esse immemores, qui illos hactenus mihi meritis pluribus in adversitatibus conservavi indemnes; nullo modo perire poterunt pro quibus illi tot et tanti die nocteque intercedunt. Et quia ego eos, et illi me diligunt, scio et veraciter credo quod ipsi amplius et devotius jam pro me. meaque salute, et incolumitate apud Deum intercedunt." Ad hec nauclerus inquit. "Ut quid frivolis intenditis? nam finis vite vobis instat; confitemini mutuo invicem et spes vestras ad Dominum precibus commendetis;" et cum his verbis objecit quicquid habebat in manibus quasi extemplo spiritum exhalaturus; nec solus corruit, sed omnes cum illo in nave constitutos preter unum dominum desperatione dejecit.

Tunc dominus ille Johannes (et veraciter Johannes, quia gratiam Dei efficaciter, ut Johannes sonat, consequutus) infremuit, et complosis ad Deum manibus sic supplicando oravit. "Omnipotens et misericors Deus, monachos sanctos pro me jam deprecantes, et me cum ipsis obsecrantem dignanter exaudias, et nos sanos et incolumes pro tua pietate ad portum optatum perducas." His dictis, quia in simplicibus gaudet Deus, fideli suo et simplici, quamvis seculariter potenti, ob fidei sue meritum et spei firmamentum in ultimo et calculo, sicut potens est, misericorditer subvenerat, statuens omnem procellam in auram, et fluctus maris quousque mitigans ipsum navigium optato littore collocabat. Quod perpendentes, cum gaudio experrecti qui antea dejecti pre timore mortis et periculi totaliter fuerant, divine misericordie et militis incliti consortes sui meritis intuitu fidei, et sue spei firmissime de monachorum suffragiis taliter obtentis de sua incolumitate potitus, pro vita debitas gratiarum actiones de-

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votissime persolvebat. Sed cum quanta humilitate et gratia munera divine largitatis illi a Deo misericorditer exhibita, inter monachos suos de Forda consequenter in reveniendo ad propria retulerit, et ea sibi affuisse per eorum preces et merita asseveraverit, vix enim ad plenum explicare valebat. Sed si antea devotus multum et dictis monachis suis benevolus aut munificus extiterit, postea vero devotior, benevolentior ac munificentior fore juravit. Ex tunc enim illis relaxabat et confirmabat quodcunque petierant, quia ipsum eodem die in fraternitatem capituli sui ad devotissimam sui instantiam solemniter admittebant. Delegavit etiam corpus suum ibidem cum dilectis fratribus suis spiritualibus fore sepeliendum, ac eis etiam pro tunc valefacto, non diu post se eorum precibus amplius commendavit per donum quadraginta marcarum: obiit tandem feliciter in Christo quinto nonas Maii anno Domini MCCLXXIII. et regni regis Edwardi primi primo anno; qui juxta patrem suum dominum Robertum de Courtnay apud Fordam sepelitur coram summo altari. Legavit etiam cum corpore suo 40 libras sterling. eidem monasterio; necnon et arma sua cum vehiculo et totali apparatu quibus funus ejus illuc deferebatur eisdem monachis et fratribus suis legavit tam ex fraterna affectione motus, quam animo devotus. Relicta vero ejusdem domina Isabella de Courtney, domino Olivero de Dineham postea se maritaverat; sed diu post ipsum tertio idus Augusti defuncta apud fratres predicatores Exonie a parte australi presbiterii, ex opposito ejusdem, humata erat.

Erexit se ergo dominus Hugo de Courtney primus in progenitorum suorum hereditatem et dominium; sed quantum in ipsis viguit et floruit devotio et affectio in Deum et Forden. cenobium, tantum in isto tepuit et hebuit mentis sinceritas, pietas, puritas, precordia suorum. Duxerat autem in uxorem Elianoram filiam proceris incliti domini Hugonis le Despencer primi, patris etiam domini Hugonis le Despencer militis ingenuosi, strenui et famosissimi, postea comitis Winton. divitiis et potentia singulariter referti; de qua genuit Hugonem secundum heredem sibi futurum, et postea Devonie comitem; ac Philippum postea dominum de Mourton prope Dartmore, militem inclitum; sed tandem viij. calendas Julii anno Domini MCCCXIV. in bello Scotie apud Striveling interemptum. Genuit etiam ex eadem matrona, sive domina prudentissima, quatuor filias, videlicet, Isabellam domini Johannis de S. John uxorem; Avelinam domini Johannis Gifford militis uxorem; necnon Egelinam Roberti de Scales uxorem; et Margaretam Johannis de Mulis, tironum nobilium, uxorem.

Iste Hugo primus monasterio de Forda, quod antecessores sui ad augmentationem cultus divini et ad sui suorumque salutem et gloriam potius providendam tam pie, quam salubriter, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam possessiones et predia cetera eidem conferendo fundarunt, nihil ex omnibus sibi reservantes preter eorum suffragia, nimis infestus et molestus exstitit; et que illi in pios usus assignaverant, iste ad usum canum et equorum vendicabat. Dixit enim et minus veraciter asseruit, dictam abbatiam de Forda, que in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam a suis progenitoribus exstitit fundata, a se debere teneri per servicium inveniendi eidem in omni guerra, cum contigeret, unam carrucam ferratam cum uno equo carectario liminare, et atilio seu apparatu ad quinque equos carrucarios et cum uno baihudo coriario [corici corier] ad eandem carrucam, necnon et perhendinendi duos [dextrarios vel] palefridos ipsius Hugonis cum duobus garcionibus ad omnes custus in abbatia predicta, et inveniendi huccas ad eosdem equos, et etiam perhendinendi unam leporariam vel unam brachetam cum catulis suis quolibet anno, quousque catuli fuerint unius anni etatis; de quibus etiam servitiis asseruit dominum Johannem de Courtnay, patrem suum, per manus ipsorum religiosorum fuisse seisitum tempore regis Henrici patris regis Edwardi tunc regnantis; ac seipsum postea de carrucario liminare per manus domini Willielmi abbatis, in dicto monasterio tunc presidentis, ad guerram Wallie anno nuper Edwardi [decimo] fuisse seisitum.

Et quia idem dominus Hugo ecclesie beate Marie de Forda et monachis ibidem famulantibus Deo, qui morem paternum et consuetudinem antecessorum suorum observabant, plus obesse quam prodesse optaverat, occasione predicti servitii quod tunc sibi a retro fuisse minus veraciter asseruit, omnia averia eorum apud grangiam suam de Westford inventa, die Sancti Laurentii anno Domini MCCLXXXVIII. et regni regis Edwardi xvj. ac etiam omnes alios boves eorum apud Westford et Orchard cum populi multitudine illuc veniens fecit ab aratro disjungi, et in Dertmore juxta Okehampton effugari; pro quibus replegiandis rex Edwardus scripsit vicecomiti Devon. nono die Septembris anno regni regis Edwardi ejusdem xvj.; et vicecomes scripsit regi quod ballivi domine Isabelle de Fortibus, comitisse Devonie, de hundredo de Exmister, quibus idem vicecomes returnum brevis regis habere fecerat, dictos boves cum aliis averiis abbatis de Forda replegiare non potuerunt, eo quod prefatus Hugo averia illa advocavit esse sua. Magnum super hiis in curia regis placitum esse cepit; ac tandem pax talis qualis inter partes reformata extitit, sed non in parvo tempore duravit. Venit namque postea dictus dominus Hugo, nescio qualiter motus, cum aliis multis apud Orchard, die dominico proximo post festum Sancte Agathe virginis, anno regni regis Edwardi xviij., districtionem violenter, ut prius, facturus; sed per familiam abbatie vix sagittarum ictibus ac mortis periculo expers impeditus extitit; sed nullum averium ibi cepit. Rediens autem versus Colecombe per grangiam de Westford, unum taurum, xij. vaccas, quatuor boves, et quatuor juvencas tunc ceperat, et illa averia apud Wimple imparcari faciebat. Sic ergo placitum quod prius inter ipsum et abbatem Nicholaum sopitum in curia regis suscitaverat, et hoc in perpetuum sui malum, nisi abbas sectam suam subtraxisset. Ex his ergo plurimum indignatus dictam domum de Forda postea odio habuit; cui et nunquam antea in ullo beneficus fuit. Obiit tandem apud Colecombe tertio calendas Martii anno Domini MCCXCI. et regni regis Edwardi primi xix. ac apud Cowick prope Exon. sepelitur. Post cujus obitum relicta ejus prenominata, domina Alianora, xxxvij. annos superstes in ligia viduitate permanserat, ac domum suam et familiam in omni abundantia et honore tam prudenter quam sapienter, ut strenua materfamilias ac domina discreta, apud Colecombe regebat; pollebat enim tam sensus vigore quam subtilitate ingenii, et, quamvis dedita seculo, intenta nihilominus hospitalitati. Tandem London. de Cancia rediens anno Domini MCCCXXVIII. et regni regis Edwardi III. secundo, calend. Octobris mortalibus valefecit, et prope maritum suum dominum Hugonem apud Cowick humata extitit.

Filius autem ejus dominus Hugo secundus, tam sapientia, quam scientia, mirabiliter preditus, dicto patri suo Hugoni de Courteney post in totam hereditatem successerat, qui domine Agnete sorori, sororii sui domini Johannis de S. John anno etatis sue xvii. conjugatus erat. Ipsi autem sorores suas mutuo sibi nubebant. Genuitque dictus dominus Hugo secundus de prefata domina Agneta, dilecta Deo et hominibus eo quod humilis, mitis, et benigna, prolem inclitam et religiosam Johannem eorum primogenitum, qui postea Tavestochie abbas factus erat, quo et in juventute se transtulit ad monachatum. Genuit etiam secundo natu, Hugonem tertium, iv. idus Julii anno Domini MCCCIII. heredem sibi futurum; Robertum qui in juventute sua obiit; ac Thomam postea conjugem Muriele senioris filie et heredis domini Johannis de Mules, militem strenuum; duasque filias, videlicet, Elianoram nuptam Johanni de Gray, sed non diu superstitem, et Elizabetham domini Bartholomei de Lydell uxorem. Crevit etiam iste dominus Hugo secundus in immensum, divitiis et gloria super omnes progenitores et antecessores suos in Anglia tam singulariter quam excellenter, ingenio pollens et dominio, ad quem spectabat et revertebatur hereditas comitatus Devonie jure hereditario et successione.

Factus sic igitur magnus, et antecessorum suorum ut prenotatur maximus, tria magna, sed non magnifice, imo tria mala, sed utinam non sibi male, in domum de Forda fecit memorabilia, paternum in hac parte gerens et non deserens animum ex preconcepta indignatione suprascripta. Sed pater suus tantum in uno dictam domum moliebatur ledere, in hoc, videlicet, quod ipsam abbatiam a progenitoribus suis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam fundatam, minus veraciter vendicavit, et asseruit per certa, dira, duraque servitia de se teneri debere. Iste vero istud non deserens alia duo mala malo isti male super addidit, quia cum istam domum de competentibus sibi immunitatis libertatisque privilegiis, per quasdam indenturas inter ipsas partes ob minas et terrores ex parte sua et

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dominii minus rite confectas, evacuasset, quantam libertatem quam in manerio suo de Thale dicta domus habuit nequiter et injuste abstulit, et tam abbatem quam tenentes suos ibidem omnes et singulos ad curiam et hundredum suum de Harrigge minus juste attraxit, et ad eorum sectam faciendam non absque gravamine compulit et coegit. Denique et rectorem de Cruk in causa decimarum de terris et prediis suis de Othull et Goggeber ac aliis infra fines et limites parochie sue scituatis, sed dicte domui ante Lateranese concilium adquisitis, de quibus a prestatione decimarum eidem fuerunt et esse debent totaliter immunes, contra eosdem sustinuit, et tam ipse quam dominus Hugo tertius, filius suus et heres, cum predicto rectore apud Bathon. et Wellensem episcopum intervenit, quod idem episcopus, in quem dicti religiosi per eosdem dominos inducti et compulsi tanquam in arbitrum compromiserunt inviti, ordinavit judicialiter unam compositionem realem inter partes predictas, per quam dicta domus de Ford obligatur ecclesie de Cruck in censu annuo quinquaginta solidorum, in sue immunitatis prejudicium et enormem ipsius monasterii lesionem.

Ista sunt ergo tria mala, que idem dominus Hugo secundus fecerat in exheredationem Fordensis monasterii. Primum, videlicet, quod ejusdem libertatem in qua fundabatur in liberam, puram, et perfectam, et perpetuam elemosinam, in temporale redegit servitium. Secundum, quod libertatem, quam hactenus habere solebat in manerio suo de Thale, simul cum redditu quem pro eodem solvere consuevit, ad suum attraxit hundredum. Et tertium, quod ipsam abbatiam ad ecclesiam de Cruck obligari procuravit in dicto redditu annuo quinquaginta solidorum.

Nupserat autem filius suus et heres dominus Hugo tertius, patre adhuc vivente, anno Domini MCCCXXV. iij. die idus Augusti, generose domine Margarete filie comitis Herefordie domini Humphredi de Bohun, tironis strenuissimi et in armis famosissimi; sed ante contractum hujus matrimonii propter querelam communis justicie Anglie prosequendam a regiis satellitibus apud Pontemfractum nequiter occisi. Hec Margareta matrem habuit ingenuam, dominam Elizabetham, illustrissimi principis et regis incliti Edwardi post conquestum Anglie primi filiam, anno Domini MCCCXI. iij. nonas Aprilis nata; per quam contigit posteritatem Courtneis regio sanguine Anglico iterum renovari ex ea provenientem. Ingenuitas enim hujus domine Margarete neptis regis Anglie, que fuit filia filie regis Edwardi egregii, equipollet generositati Reginaldi de Courtney supradicti, qui fuit filius domini Flori filii regis Francie Grossi Lodovici, et sic generositas de Courtneis recentiori ingenuitate sublimatur, ac regia tribus, regalis necnon progenies Francie pariter et Anglie in eis permiscetur.

Habuit idem dominus Hugo tertius donum gratum ex mera liberalitate patris sui adhuc superstitis, sed occasione assumpte sibi uxoris, videlicet, manerium totum de Colecumb cum suis pertinentiis, in domicilium; necnon duo maneria de Coker penitus cum manerio de Wellesdene ad singulare dominium separatim a patre: pro tempore exercende familie ergo apud Colecumb residentis genuit filios et filias; Hugonem, videlicet, quartum, eorum primogenitum, anno Domini MCCCXXVII. xj. calendas Aprilis natum; Thomam, Edwardum, Johannem, Margaretam, Elizabetham, Catherinam, anno Domini MCCCXXXV. et regni regis gloriosissimi Edwardi post conquestum tertii, nono.

Dictus dominus Hugo secundus omnes antecessores suos de Courtneis in seculari potestate et dominio excellens, eo quod in terris prædictis et possessionibus comitis Devonie jure hereditario, ut premittitur, successit, sicut jure ita in nomine comes Devonie dici et esse promeruit, habuit xviij. libras, vj. sol. et octo denarios annui census sterlingorum ad dictum hunc comitem hereditarie pertinentes, singulis annis de regiis perquisitis in comitatu Devonie percepturos, quos antea minime habebat. Sublimatus taliter in comitem iste dominus tanto pietatis affectu eodem anno attractus fuerat, quod cuilibet monasterio in Devon. xx. marcas, prioratui de Plimpton totidem, ceterisque prioratibus singulis decem marcas, ac cuique domui fratrum mendicantium decem marcas conferebat. Sed qualiter ad eum pertinuit hereditas comitatus Devonie subnectendum.

Rex Henricus post conquestum primus, filius regis Willielmi magni ducis Normanie totius Anglie conquestoris, cum post fratrem suum Willielmum Rufum super totam Angliam feliciter regnasset, dilecto et fideli suo Ricardo de Redveriis primo Tiverton, ac postea honorem de Plimton cum aliis locis ad eundem pertinentibus, contulit, in comitemque Devonie, tertium denarium annui exitus ejusdem comitatus illi concedendo, eum consequenter creavit. Exitus autem comitatus, qui tunc ad regem pertinebat, ad xxx. marcas tantummodo se extendebat, de quibus dictus comes decem marcas annuatim in partem suam assumebat. Post hec insulam Vecte a dicto rege obtinuit, unde comes Devonie et dominus Insule nuncupatus erat. Qui comes Ricardus genuit primum Baldwinum, post se Devoniæ comitem, de Timmore* canonicorum et Twina ubi est Christi ecclesia et monasterii Quarare in Insula Vecte, et de Tira in Normannia inclytum fundatorem. Hic comes Baldwinus primus tres filios, videlicet Ricardum, Henricum, et Willielmum, habuit, ac tandem anno Domini M.CLV. secundo nonas Junii, mortuus apud Quareram, ubi uxor sua Adelicia et dictus filius suus Henricus in juventute defunctus quiescunt, sepulturam accepit. Senior ergo filius ejus, Ricardus secundus, ei in hereditatem successit et comes Devon. extitit; et duos filios post se successivos comites et heredes, videlicet Baldwinum secundum et Ricardum tertium legitime procreavit, uterque autem eorum sine prole obierat, et sic ad patruum suum Willielmum, de Vernona cognominatum, quia Vernone scolaris fuerat, hereditas tota spectabat.

Iste Willielmus comes genuit Baldwinum tertium de Mabilia comitissa, uxore sua, ac etiam duas filias, Johannam, videlicet, Willielmi Brewer, et Mariam, Roberti de Courtney inclytorum procerum uxores futuras. Cum prima filia, Johanna videlicet, dedit pater quinquaginta libratas terre apud Crust in manerio de Cruck, cum advocatione ejusdem ecclesie genero suo Willielmo, ac cum secunda, totum residuum dicti manerii cum hundredo forinseco et chacia de Crucks genero suo Roberto. Prefata denique Johanna uxor Willielmi Brewer omni prole caruit, et sic nullius mater debitum mortis persolvit. Maria tamen fecunda extitit, ac prolem etiam Deo et hominibus dilectam, videlicet Johannem de Courtney, tunc viri sui et suum imposterum heredem, votive pariebat. Iste autem Johannes de Courtney genuit Hugonem primum; et ille Hugo primus Hugonem secundum, dictum comitatum jure hereditario, ut consequenter patebit, jam assecutum.

Ante mortem vero dicti comitis Willielmi de Redveriis, ac de Vernona nuncupati, filius suus Baldwinus tertius prenominatus, genuit ex Margareta filia et herede Warini filii Geraldi, Baldwinum quartum; et patre suo adhuc superstite calendas Septembris anno Domini M.CCXVI. morte prereptus est. Anno itaque sequenti, quarto idus Septembris, obiit idem comes Willielmus. Dictus ergo Baldwinus quartus Amiciam, filiam Gilberti de Clare comitis Gloucestrie et Hertfordie, in uxorem duxerat, de qua Baldwinum quintum, postea comitem, et Isabellam Albemerlie comitissam procreabat. Hic Baldwinus junior, post patrem comes, Johannem quendam genuit; qui Johannes moriens patrem sine prole reliquit. Tandem et pater ejus Baldwinus junior, qui et quintus, prole fraudatus obiit, et sic tota hereditas ad sororem ejus Isabellam Albermerlie comitissam legitime pervenit; quæ quidem comitissa Isabella, in possessione comitatus Devonie necnon dominii Insulæ constituta, dote materna excepta, dedit processu temporis Amicie matri sue, heredibus, et assignatis suis imperpetuum manerium de Buckland, Bickley, Wallampton, et Coliton, cum hundredis et advocationibus ecclesiarum, feodis militum, et aliis omnibus quibuscunque pertinentiis suis, quæ universa ipsa mater ejus Amicia Deo postmodum liberaliter contulit, ac monasterium ordinis Cisterciensis, monachis de Quararia illuc ascitis, apud Buckland ex hiis omnibus fundavit; quam quidem fundationem et domum suam predictam tam dicta Isabella, quam rex Anglie Edwardus post Conquestum primus ratificavere et approbavere ac Deo et dictis monachis Cisterciensis ordinis ibidem Deo servientibus tam votive quam devote confirmarunt, anno, videlicet, Domini M.CCLXXVIII. et regni ipsius regis Edwardi viij.

* Breamore in Hants.

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Tandem vero dicta domina Isabella de Fortibus Devonie et Albemarlie comitissa absque prole obiit, in qua tota successio ex masculina linea a dicto domino Willielmo de Redveriis, sive de Vernona, descendens penitus defecit. Ad Mariam ergo juniorem filiam ejusdem Willielmi, domino Roberto de Courtnay desponsatam, et heredem ejus, tota dicta hereditas comitatus Devonie retorquenda fuit; quia Johanna soror ejus et senior filia ejusdem comitis Willielmi sine prole obiit, ac conjugem suum Willielmum Brewer liberis etiam fraudatum reliquit. Jure ergo hereditario et successione legitima dictus Hugo de Courtnay, secundus, dictum comitatum obtinuit, eo quod de sanguine proximus et hæres legitimus, quia filius primi Hugonis filii Johannis de Courtnay, qui filius fuit Roberti et dicte Marie filie et heredis dicti Willielmi de Vernona. Et licet idem Hugo de Courtney, secundus, sic dicte domine Isabelle de Fortibus nuper comitisse Devonie et domine Insule in hereditate comitatus successerat, dominio tamen dicte Insule Vecte adhuc fraudatus extitit; sed hoc minus juste, quia ad hereditatem suam et totum reliquum dignoscitur pertinere. Vendicat tandem dominus rex Anglie dictam Insulam tanquam jus suum proprium a dicta domina comitissa Isabella donatam per cartam, quam tanquam dicte comitisse exhibet, utinam non minus veraciter, non nequiter, non fraudulenter contra voluntatem dicte Isabelle, vel preter, impetrata fuisset. Rex illustris Edwardus post conquestum Angliæ primus prefatam Insulam plurimum optaverat ac aures dicte domine, ut inde sibi illum faceret heredem, tam per se quam per alios sepius pulsabat. Que et bona domina facere semper renuit, quotiescunque in hac parte requisita fuit, constanter recusavit hereditatem suam ledere, vel in aliquo heredibus suis derogare. Tum vero dominum de Stratton clericum et dicte domine familiarissimum, utpote per quem potius ipsa cartam faceret, rex promotorem in hac parte sibi statuebat, qui, plus timore quam amore ad hoc inductus, regem, quod petierat, consequuturum promittebat. Quod cum nullo modo domina vivente potuit efficere, ipsa tandem moriente, regi ne videretur promissis illudere, cartam ei fecerat sigillo domine sigillatam, ut qui habuerat omnia in potestate sua, sic ergo regi satisfecerat, et heredes legitimos dominio Insulæ nequiter et subdole hujus factionis commento hucusque defraudabat.

Anno Domini MCCCXL., die Dominica in festo Sancte Trinitatis et Sancti Barnabe apostoli, domina Agneta de Courtnay, comitissa Devoniæ, apud Tiverton obiit, que die Martis quinto calendas Junii apud Cowick prope Exon. solempniter humata fuit *. Hæc cum a dicto conjuge sua Hugone de Courtney vidua facta fuit, ut premittitur, anno nono regis Edwardi tertii, annis quinquaginta tribus vel circiter sub lege conjugali vixerat; sub qua plurimas molestias etiamque calumnias, toto tempore sororis sue domine Alianore de Courtnay prefati mariti sui genetricis ipsam incessanter calumniantis, et super clandestino adulterio apud filium deferentis, tolerabat.

Num. II.

Confirmatio donationum per regem Ricardum Primum.

[Cart. antiq. S. n. 21. Vide Cart. 10 Edw. III. n. 60; et Cart. 6 Edw. II. n. 26. Cart. antiq. H. n. 12.]

Richardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Normannie, Aquitanie, et comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam abbatie de Forda et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus ecclesiam de Thornecumba, in cujus parochia predicta abbatia sita est, et totum manerium de Thornecumba cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sicut Adeliz vicecomitissa que illud manerium eis in elemosinam dedit unquam illud melius et liberius tenuit; et terram de Sterta ex dono Henrici regis secundi patris sui, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; et Asseweiam, quam abbas et predicti monachi emerunt de canonicis Tanton et de Hugone de Turberville; ex dono Ricardi filii Baldwini Upecotam; ex venditione monachorum de Margan quinque ferlingos; et ex dono Ricardi de Raleg duos ferlingos in tenemento de Aessa; et ex venditione Walteri filii Baldwini de Aessa quicquid est inter predictos septem ferlingos, preter solum pratum quod dicitur Bradmede; ex dono Ricardi de Turberville unam virgatam terre in Aesseweia; ex dono et venditione Henrici filii Willielmi Colebroke; ex dono Henrici de Pomeria unum ferlingum terre, que appellatur Tunbrightesford in Exmora; ex dono Eustachi filii Stephani unam domum in Exonia; ex dono Manasseri Mauvaisin et Mabilie uxoris sue terram de Godesterta; ex dono Savarici unam domum in Bristoll; ex venditione Rogeri de Arundell Brunneduna; ex dono Savarici de Vall vij. ferlingos terre in tenemento de Bere; ex venditione Henrici de Pomeria unam piscariam in Cornubia, que appellatur Coresturnam; ex dono Ricardi filii Willielmi de Langeforde hoc quod habet in Parva Windsoria sicut carte ejus testantur; ex dono Ricardi del Estre unam virgatam terre in Cernemue; ex dono Ricardi de Morevilla xx. sol. de tenemento de Chaffcomba; ex dono Henrici de Tylli la villa; ex dono Henrici filii Walterii de Lega unam virgatam terre in tenemento de Lega, et de dono patris ejus xij. acras in eodem tenemento; ex donatione et venditione Gaufridi Talebot tenementum de Streta; ex dono et venditione Roberti Burnilli terras illas in tenemento de Bera de quibus carte quas fecit prefatis monachis de Ford testantur; ex dono Osberti Daci dimidiam hidam terre in tenemento de Wrokesale. Quare volumus, &c. Datum per manum Willielmi de Longo Campo, cancellarii nostri, anno primo regni nostri, xvj. die Septembris, apud Gadintonam.

Num. III.

Carta Joselini de Pomerei.

(Ex regist. de Ford, cap. 20, apud Dugdale Mon.)

Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Joselinus de Pomerei salutem. Noverit universitas vestra me, pro salute anime mee, et domini mei regis Henrici, et animarum patris et matris mee, et domini fratris mei Hen. de Pomerei, et antecessorum et successorum meorum, dedisse, concessisse, et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse ecclesie beate Marie de Forda et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus totam villam meam de Tale, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, cum me ipso in comitiva ad habitum religionis susceptus eram, adeo integre et libere possidendum sicut idem dominus et frater meus Henricus de Pomeria, pro servitio et homagio meo, mihi eam dedit assensu heredis sui, et carta sua confirmavit, scilicet, per servicium quorundam calcariorum deauratorum, pro omni servicio. Hiis testibus; Johanne archidiacono Exonie, Willielmo priore sancti Germani, Willielmo de Tracy fratre Hugonis de Courtenay, Henrico filio Willielmi de Tracy.

Num. IV.

Diversæ confirmationes manerii de Tale abbatiæ de Forda.

(Ibid. cap. 22.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Henricus de la Pomerei filius et heres Henrici de la Pomerey, militis, et Amicie filie Galfridi Camvill militis salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra me inspexisse cartam confirmationem et quietam clamationem Joselini de la Pomeray, et Henrici

* In the Chartulary of S. John's hospital, fol. 66 b. is the following addition to the text:—"Post festum vero Sancte Luce evangeliste proxima post sepulturam ejusdem Agnetis dominus Hugo de Corteneye pridem vir suus cuilibet abbathie in Devonia xx. marcas sterlingorum ac prioratui de Plympton itidem; sed ceteris prioratibus x. marcas ac cuilibet collegio fratrum mendicancium in eodem comitatu quinque marcas una ebdomada, pro anima Agnetis antedicta uxoris sue devote contulit tantam eciam pecuniam prius sub anno Domini MCCCXXXV. domibus religiosis in dicto comitatu eodem modo distribuit per quam multorum miserias misericorditer relevavit novo eciam operi ecclesie cathedralis Exonie centum marcas ac insuper nove structure ecclesie collegiate de Otyry Sancte Marie quam dominus Johannes Exon episcopus nuper inceperat alias centum marcas devote contulerat ac inter familiam suam xl. marcas quod iocando per palme surrepcionem consequentur distribuebat decimo autem Kalende Januarii sub anno Domini MCCCXL°. et anno regis Edwardi tercii post conquestum xiiij. eidem Hugo comes Devonie apud Tyverton feliciter in Christo obiit eodem videlicet anno quo dicta conjux sua ab hac luce decessit et apud Couwyke prope Exoniam nonas Februarii per episcopos Sarum et Exonie aliosque abbates et priores quam plurimos honorifice sepultus est, cujus anima per Dei misericordiam in pace requiescat. Amen."

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de la Pomerai de Byrye, filii Henrici et Margeriæ filiæ ..... de Vernun avi mei, confectas Deo et beate Marie de Forda, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus de manerio de Tale, in hec verba:—'Omnibus Christi fidelibus Henricus de la Pomeray de Byrye, filius Henrici de la Pomeray, et Margerie de Vernun, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra me inspexisse cartam Joselini de Pomerai confectam Deo, et beate Marie de Forda, et monachos ibidem Deo servientibus, de terra de Tale, in hec verba:—" Omnibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Joselinus de la Pomeray," etc.—necnon cartam Henrici de la Pomerai filii Henrici junioris et Alicie de Vernun, in hec verba:—" Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Henricus de la Pomeray, filius Henrici et Alicie de Vernun, etc. Quare volo et firmiter precipio quod predicti monachi et successores sui habeant et teneant omnes predictas terras et omnes alias terras que tenent de feudo meo, tam in Devonia quam in Cornubia. Hiis testibus; Johanne de Courtney, Olivero Dinam, Henrico de Champernoun, Maugero de sancto Albino, Johanne Wier, Alexandro de Okeston, Warino de Lactone, militibus."—Quas quidem cartas et confirmationes et quietam clamationem coram me lectas et diligenter inspectas, ego, dictus Henricus de la Pomeray, filius Henrici de la Pomeray et Amicie filie Galfridi Camvill, ratifico Deo, et ecclesie sancte Marie de Forda, et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus, etc. Testibus, domino Hugone de Courtney, Nicholaio de Cheiney, Roberto de Stockhaye, Johanne de Bickbury tunc vicecomite Devonie, militibus, etc. Data apud Exoniam, die Mercurii proxima ante festum nativitatis beatæ Marie anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Edwardi xiii.

Num. V.

Lis pendens inter Heliam de Talebot et abbatem de Ford circa tenementa in Strete et Hethfield.

(Rot. curiæ regis, A.D. 1198, vol. i. fol. 338. 8vo ed.)

Sumersete. Helias Talebot petit versus abbatem de Forde feodum unius militis in Strete et feodum unius militis in Etfled [Hetfeld] sicut jus suum et hereditatem quam invadiaverat Judeis et quam Mattheus Oisel, cujus filiam habet, aquietavit de Judeis et unde idem Mattheus fuit saisitus quando arripuit iter versus Jerusalem, et quam tradidit predicto Elie sicut illam de qua Gaufridus pater ejus se dimiserat quam ipse ei deforciat ut dicit et in quam intrusit se, dum fuit in peregrinacione sua.

Abbas venit et defendit jus suum et dicit quod Gaufridus Talebot pater predicti Elie vendidit et concessit predictum feodum de Strete ecclesie de Forde, et, quando habuerunt inde seisinam, venit Ricardus de Lisewis et implacitavit abbatem et conventum de Forde; ita quod abbas vocavit inde ad warantum predictum Gaufridum et ita quod Gaufridus et Elias venerunt in curiam et warrantizaverunt abbati illam terram apud Westmonasterium, et posuit se in magnam assisam domini regis, per quam predictus Ricardus recuperavit saisinam versus ipsos Willelmum et Eliam. Et quia ipse Gaufridus debuit terram illam ipsi abbati warrantizare unde eum vocaverat et quam amiserat per illam assisam, ideo abbas per cartam ipsius Gaufridi quam habuit et per recordum curie regis et per judicium curie comitis J[ohannis] recuperavit feodum unius militis in Hetfeld in escambium de Strete et ita tenent feodum de Hetfeld et habent. Et dicit preterea quod abbas et conventus de Forde emerunt postea de predicto Ricardo predictum feodum de Strete postquam recuperavit terram illam per ipsam assisam.

Helias dicit quod Gaufridus pater suus posuit se in magnam assisam versus ipsum Ricardum in curia domini regis, et quando assisa illa summonita fuit in curia comitis Johannis, et quod assisa non fuit ibi capta pro defectu recognitionum, et quod abbas vi et injuste intrusit se in illud feodum et petit quod ei allocetur, quod assisa illa non fuit ibi capta in curia domini regis; et defendit quod magna assisa non fuit inde in curia ita summonita. Dies datus est eis ad audiendum judicium suum in xv. dies post festum Sancti Johannis. Abbas ponit loco suo Alexandrum de Hamme inde, etc.

Num. VI.

Carta pro abbate de Forde ut non distringatur per oves suas.

(Rot. Cart. 7 Johan.—mem. 11.)

Johannes Dei gratia, etc. Sciatis, quod concessimus quod abbas et domus et grangie de Forde non distringantur per oves suas pro aliquo, quamdiu idem abbas habuerit alia catalla per que distringi poterit. Quare volumus, &c. quod predictus abbas et domus et grangie de Forde non distringantur per oves suas, sicut predictum est, super forisfacturam decem librarum ad opus nostrum et xx. solidorum ad opus vicecomitis nostri. Teste Ranulpho comite Cestrie, comite David, W. Comite Sarum, R. constabulario Cestrie, Willelmo de Breosa, Willelmo Briwere, Sahero de Quency, Roberto filio Walteri. Datum per manum J. de Well apud Stok vj. die Junii anno etc. septimo.

Num. VII.

Placita de terris in Burgestoke, Catesclive, Cuntesbiry, Leoford, Clistwic, Linton et Colebroc, et capella de Holedich.

[Abbreviatio Placitorum. Hil. 10 Joh. fol. 62, 63. 74.]

Dorset.—Henricus de Catesclive et Felicia uxor ejus petit versus abbatem de Forde quatuor hidas terre cum pertinenciis in Burgestoke et in Catesclive ut jus ejusdem Felicie unde Stephanus pater ejusdem Felicie seisitus fuit ut de feodo et jure tempore Henrici regis patris, etc.

Abbas venit et dicit quod terras illas habent et habere debent ex dono Warresii de Pillesdon, qui illas eis dedit per servicium viginti solidorum per annum reddendorum Rogero de Brasci et heredibus suis; et inde profert cartam ejusdem Warreisii idem testantem, et confirmacionem predicti Rogeri, et testimonium domini Cantuariensis, scilicet, quod monachis de Ford dedit terras illas in ligia potestate sua et inde vocant monachi ad Warantum filium et heredem Rogeri de Braci, etc.—(Rotulo 11, in dorso.)

Henricus de Traci, filius Willielmi de Traci, venit in curiam domini regis et fecit cartam suam abbati et conventui de Ford cujus tenor est quod idem Henricus pro salute anime sue et animarum patris et matris sue et omnium antecessorum et successorum suorum dedit et concessit Deo et ecclesie Sancte Marie de Ford et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, terram de Cuntesbiry cum terra de Leoford et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis, et totum jus suum quod habuit in terra de Clistwich que fuit maritagium matris sue. Et preterea concessit eisdem monachis terras illas quas tenuerunt de Feodo de Brahancis priusquam hereditatem suam recuperaret, scilicet, terram de Linton cum servicio terre de Furssil, et terram de Colebroc cum communia pasture de Brahames pro 300 ovibus et 20 animalibus, liberas et quietas ab omni seculari servicio et exaccione sicut puram elemosinam, et quod pacifice se habebit versus eosdem monachos, et quod illos vel homines eorum vel tenementa eorum non vexabit. Et hoc affidavit et juravit fideliter se observaturum. Hiis testibus; H. Cantuariensi archiepiscopo, Domino G. filio Petri, Gaufrido de Bocl.—(Rotulo 12, in dorso.)

Assisa ultime presentacionis ad ecclesiam de Holedich que vacat, cujus advocacio Willielmus Flandrensis clamat versus abbatem de Ford, qui venit et dicit quod non videtur ei quod debeat ad hoc breve respondere, quod idem Willielmus non habet nisi custodiam de terra ad quam capella illa pertinet per ballivam domini regis ut de escaeta Normanorum, etc.

Postea venit abbas et dicit quod capella pertinet ad ecclesiam de Tornecumb unde ipsi sunt persone et ideo non .....? et inde profert cartam Johannis quondam episcopi Exonie in qua continetur quod ipse concessit in puram et perpetuam elemosinam ecclesie Sancte Marie de Forde et monachis, etc. ecclesiam de Tornecumb et capel-

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lam de Holedich cum omnibus pertinenciis suis liberas et quietas ab omni exaccione episcopi Exonie, etc. Abbas vero tenetur post decessum magistri Milonis invenire idoneum vicarium qui predicte ecclesie serviat et cure animarum intendat. Profert eciam cartam B. Cantuariensis archiepiscopi ecclesiam de Tornecumb cum capella de Holedich et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis eis confirmantem. Profert eciam cartam H. Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, profert eciam cartam Johannis quondam episcopi Exonie, in qua continetur quod ipse ad presentacionem et peticionem Roberti abbatis et conventus de Forde recepit magistrum Milonem de Thornecumb cum capella de Holedich et aliis pertinenciis solvendum singulis annis ii. marcas nomine pencionis.

Et Willielmus venit et nichil dixit contra cartas illas sed petit assisam. Dies datur, etc.—(Rotulo 9, in dorso.)

Num. VIII.

Compositio inter monachos de Ford et Johannem rectorem ecclesie de Hembiri.

(Ex orig. penes Johannem Trevelyan, de Nettlecombe, baronettum.)

Hec est amicabilis compositio inita inter abbatem et conventum de Forda ex una parte et Johannem rectorem ecclesie de Paihember' ex altera super omnibus controversiis motis inter easdem personas, viz. quod dictus Johannes, quoad vixerit in habitu seculari percipiet v. solidos annuos sterlingorum de camera dictorum abbatis et conventus pro equis porcionibus ad duos anni terminos, scilicet in vigilia clausi pasce et in die Sancte Fidis apud prioratum de Carswell solvendos eidem vel ejus certo nuncio sine omni cavillatione et contradictione, sicut in priore cirographo inter eosdem confecto continetur, tenore ejusdem per omnia observato. Percepit etiam dictus Johannes pro bono pacis a dictis abbate et conventu viginti marcas sterlingorum, ita quod ad sedandam imperpetuum litem que mota fuit inter eos super terra que dicitur Witewell et una acra terre que sita est prope capellam dictorum monachorum apud Tale, de decem illarum marcarum emet per visum domini episcopi aut officialis eorum aliquam certam possessionem in usum et utilitatem ecclesie de Paihember perpetuo convertendam; alias vero decem marcas in usus proprios pro bono pacis sibi prout voluerit convertendas. Idem vero Johannes pro se et successoribus suis omni actioni in quocumque foro ecclesiastico vel seculari mote vel movende et omni juri quod sibi aut ecclesie sue quoquo modo in dicta terra petere potuit, renunciavit: dicti etiam abbas et conventus omni questioni mote et movende super restitutioni bladi, quo dicebant se spoliatos per dictum Johannem, et universaliter omnibus controversiis ab eisdem contra dictum Johannem, sive in foro ecclesiastico sive laico motis pro se et suis renunciaverunt. Simili modo dictus Johannes pro se et ecclesia sua et omnibus suis universis controversiis ab ipso contra dictos abbatem et monachos renuntiavit. Partes quoque de omni lite et omni appellatione factis per se vel per suos in omni foro multis se conservare tenentur indemnes. Ad hujus itaque amicabilis compositionis observantiam partes se ad invicem interposito corporali juramento obligarunt, presenti scripto in modum cyrographi confecto sua sigilla alternatim una cum sigillis domini Willelmi* episcopi et capituli Exoniensis coram quibus hec acta fuerunt, suum assensum et auctoritatem huic compositioni impertientibus ad majorem rei evidentiam apparentes. Actum apud Exon. anno Domini mcc°xxx° sexto, sexto kal. Aprilis coram hiis testibus, dicto domino episcopo. Thoma archidiacono Totton. Magistro Richardo cancellario et Willelmo de Arundell, Martino Produm canonicis Exonie. Magistro Johanne de Sancto Gorono officiali et W. et H. capellanis dicti domini episcopi et aliis.

[There have been three seals, two of which remain, one bearing an agnus Dei with the Tau beneath, with sufficient characters remaining to show it was that of the rector Johannis de Hember: the other retains a part of the finely executed figure of the bishop.]

* *i. e.* Brewer.

Num. IX.

Abbas de Ford et decanus Exoniæ negant se sententiam excommunicationis contra episcopum promulgasse.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 63 b.)

Memorandum quod cum frater Willielmus abbas de Forde Cisterciensis ordinis Exoniensis diocesis coram venerabili patre domino Waltero Exoniensis episcopo increpatus esset super eo quod dicebatur quod idem abbas contra bonum obediencie et episcopalis dignitatis reverenciam in quibusdam literis executoriis cujusdam sentencie diffinitive auctoritate cujusdam litere apostolice pro magistro Willielmo de Ditton clerico super ecclesia de Taustok ejusdem diocesis nuper late quasdam excommunicacionis sentencias in eundem venerabilem patrem protulit promulgavit seu eundem episcopum in hujusmodi sentencias incidisse quodamodo innuit seu denunciavit seu eciam eundem dominum episcopum hujusmodi sentenciis involvit seu involutum esse supposuit. Idem abbas vij°. Idus Julii anno gracie m°cc°lxx° quinto in aula ejusdem domini apud Exoniam cum deliberato consilio personaliter constitutus in presencia prelatorum civitatis Exonie et majoris partis cleri comitatus Devonie pro subsidio terre sancte ibidem solempniter congregatorum spontanea voluntate bona fide et sana consciencia omnia et singula premissa sibi objecta inficiatus est in forma que sequitur:—"Ego Willielmus abbas de Forde publice profiteor intencionis mee non fuisse nec esse in persona domini Exoniensis episcopi aliquam excommunicacionis sentenciam promulgasse nec promulgare nec ipsum hujusmodi sentencia involvere quicquid in literis meis executoriis sentencie super ecclesia de Taustock pro magistro Willielmo de Ditton late contineatur. Et siquid secus in eisdem literis vel earum occasione actum fuerit in irritum revoco."—Decanus quoque Exoniensis judex principalis tunc ibi presens qui vices suas in solidum non commiserat in presencia congregacionis predicte consimilem et sollempnem subsequenter fecit revocacionem. In quorum testimonium et fidem prefatus decanus Wellensis, archidiaconus Wellensis, abbas Hertilond, thesaurarius Exoniensis, de Berliz et Fritelestok priores, Precentor Criditonensis magister, Thomas de Boclond, Gilbertus de Tyting, et Petrus de Gudeford, canonici Criditonenses presenti instrumento sigilla sua apposuerunt. Presentibus testibus vocatis et rogatis infrascriptis, videlicet, magistro Willielmo Wancy, Roberto de Cocton, Ricardo de Grangia, magistro Johanne de Wolfrinton, Ricardo Gundewyne, Ricardo de Derteford, et aliis.

Num. X.

Citatio contra abbatem de Ford propter diversos excessus.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 69.)

Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus dilecto filio archidiacono Exoniensi salutem graciam et benediccionem. Cum abbas de Forde auctoritate nostra super violacione sequestri nostri in fructibus ecclesie de Otery Sancte Marie facti et aliis diversis excessibus vocatus fuisset, essetque contra eum aliquantulum processum in premissis, nos, affectantes ut debitus finis eidem negotio imponatur, vobis mandamus quatenus peremptorie citetis prefatum abbatem quod compareat coram nobis vel vices nostras gerente in majori ecclesia Exoniensi in crastino Sancti Martini hyemalis, secundum tenorem retroactorum processuri in negocio memorato. Et de presenti mandato nostro plenius executo nos vel vices nostras gerentes per literas vestras patentes harum seriem continentes dictis die et loco certificetis. Datum apud Horsleg in festo Omnium Sanctorum consecracionis nostre anno xviij°. 1275.

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Num. XI.

Sententia excommunicationis contra abbatem de Ford.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 72, b.)

Anno 1276 apud Horsle, in vigilia Pentechostes exivit litera sub hac forma:

Walterus Dei gratia Exoniensis episcopus dilecto filio . . . . officiali nostro salutem gratiam et benedictionem. Eo arctiori providentia delinquencium merito punitur audacia, quo eorum appetitus noxius subrepere conatur in vetitum, eosque dilapsos in illicitum cum suis fautoribus dampnabilius ad gehenne pertrahit interitum. Sane cum frater Willielmus Crukern, abbas de Forde, Cysterciensis ordinis, nostre diocesis, tam per nos, quam per alios apostolica et ordinaria auctoritate fretos, propter manifestas offensas et multiplicatas contumacias majoris excommunicationis vinculo, exigente justicia, fuerit innodatus, ac etiam auctoritate canonis simili sententia ligatus extiterit, et denunciatus, taliter involutus ipseque in malicia sua perseverans maledictionem bibat ut aquam, et hujusmodi excommunicationem diucius sustinuerit animo indurato, ne grex Dominicus cure nostre commissus per dicti abbatis communionem periculosius inficiatur, vobis mandamus in virtute obediencie firmiter injungentes quatenus in cathedrali ecclesia nostra Exonie et in singulis conventualibus, collegiatis, et parochialibus ecclesiis nostre civitatis et diocesis per vos et alios quos ad hoc noveritis ydoneos singulis diebus dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis et candelis accensis in terram projectis, prefatum abbatem sic excommunicatum publice et solempniter denuncietis et denunciari faciatis, monentes canonice et moneri facientes universos Christi fideles nobis subditos, ut a dicti abbatis communione, mercando, ministrando, obsequendo, et quolibet alio civili modo inexcusabili adherendo seu favendo se abstineant, quousque ad ecclesie redierit unitatem et absolucionis beneficium meruerit obtinere. Si quos vero post vestras moniciones canonicas eidem abbati communicare, examinacione debita, inveneritis, eos animadversione canonica puniendo castigetis, rescripturi nobis litteris vestris patentibus harum seriem continentibus infra mensem post receptionem presencium, qualiter mandatum nostrum fueritis executi. Datum apud Horsle in vigilia Pentecostes, consecracionis nostre anno xix°.

(Ex eodem reg. fol. 72, b.)

Venerabili patri et reverendo domino Roberto Dei gratia Bathoniensi et Wellensi episcopo Walterus ejusdem miseracione Exoniensis episcopus salutem et sincere in Domino caritatis semper augmentum. Illa precipue delinquencium peccata pre ceteris expedit esse nota, qui proprie salutis immemores ultro se offerunt ad interitum, et sibi faventibus ruine consimilis parant incentivum. Sane licet frater Willielmus de Crukern, abbas de Forde, Cysterciensis ordinis, nostre diocesis, tam per nos quam per alios apostolica et ordinaria auctoritate fretos, propter offensas manifestas et multiplicatas contumacias, majoris excommunicationis vinculo, exigente justicia, in diversis temporibus dudum innodatus, ac etiam auctoritate canonis in quem incidit simili sentencia ligatus extiterit, idem abbas nichilominus ad dampnationis sue cumulum in malicia sua perseverans maledictionem ut aquam bibere non pavescit, et hujusmodi excommunicationum sententias diutius sustinuit animo indurato, gregem Dominicum infrunita communione per diversa loca transiens inficiendo. Cum igitur in hujusmodi rebellione et contemptu mutuum consilium et auxilium vicissim impendere teneamur, paternitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatenus ob salutem animarum in subsidium juris assurgentes, prefatum abbatem, qui in vestram diocesim frequenter immigrat, in singulis ecclesiis vestre civitatis et diocesis singulis diebus dominicis et festivis, pulsatis campanis et candelis accensis in terram projectis, denunciari facere velitis si placet sic ligatum; quousque rubore suffusus ad ecclesie redierit unitatem, et absolutionis beneficium meruerit obtinere; ut quem timor Dei a malo non revocat, ecclesiastica saltem coherceat disciplina. Datum Londoni viij kalendis Junii anno gratie m°cc°lxx° sexto.

Num. XII.

Certificatio episcopi de excommunicato.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 73*.)

Anno 1276, Londoni, in festo Pentecostes exivit littera sub hac forma:

Excellentissimo principi et reverendo domino suo, domino Edwardo Dei gratia regi Anglie illustri domino Hybernie et duci Aquitanie, Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in eo qui dat salutem regibus, et coronam post triumphum. Regie majestati tenore presencium significamus quod Willielmus de Crukern abbas de Forde, Willielmus de Ditton, clericus, et Agnes de Cruwes nostre diocesis, propter manifestas eorum contumacias et offensas meritis suis exigentibus excommunicacionis sententia per nos sunt innodati, ac iidem, contemptis ecclesie clavibus, in continua excommunicacionis sententia per quadraginta dies et amplius existentes, adhuc animo pertinaci in eadem sententia contumaciter dormitare non formidant. Cum igitur ecclesia per se ulterius contra sic rebelles et contumaces nequeat procedere, regiam majestatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatenus ad rebelles et contumaces predictos castigandos auxilium brachii secularis, secundum regni consuetudinem, si placet, adhibere dignemini, ut iidem rebelles, adhibito vestre potestatis auxilio, cicius ad ecclesie redeant unitatem. In quorum testimonium excellenti dominationi vestre litteras nostras mittimus patentes. Datum Londoni in festo Pentechostes, anno gratie m°cc°lxx sexto.

[A writ issued in pursuance of the above requisition of the bishop; but the abbots of the Cistercian order supported the cause of their brother William of Ford, and addressed a petition to the king in Parliament at Winchester after the feast of St. Hilary, representing that bishop Bronescombe's proceedings were infringements of the privileges of the order, and of no effect; and praying that the royal writ might be withdrawn. See the next article.]

Num. XIII.

Petitio de exemptionibus abbatum ordinis Cisterciensis.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 76.)

Supplicatio abbatis de Ford.—Supplicant regie excellencie et consilio suo abbates ordinis Cysterciensis sicut alias in parliamento Wintonie post festum Sancti Hillarii supplicarunt, quod cum eisdem a summis pontificibus sit indultum ne quis episcopus seu alia persona, etiam racione delicti, contractus, seu rei, de qua agitur, in ipsos habeant potestatem quamcumque excommunicationis sententiam promulgandi nec in causis cognoscendi nisi pro fide tantum, ut, sicut ipsorum jurisdictio dicto quoad ipsos religiosos suspenditur in brachio spirituali, ita ipsorum auctoritas in brachio seculari enervetur, precipue cum talis sentencia nulla sit ipso jure et solas justas et non iniquas sentencias consequi debeat cohercio regie majestatis: unde, cum venerabilis pater dominus Walterus Exoniensis episcopus in abbatem de Forde et quosdam monachos suos ac servientes eorum sentencias excommunicationis contra privilegia sua injuste promulgavit et capcionem regiam contra eosdem procuravit, dictam capcionem qualitercumque concessam humiliter petunt revocari.

Item cum memoratus dominus episcopus omnes procuratores et attornatos ac servientes ipsorum abbatis et conventus de Forde ac omnes metentes segetes suas in autumpno et omnes colentes terras eorum et molentes in

* This certificate (sometimes called a "significavit") is conformable to the ordinary course of ecclesiastical practice when a writ de excommunicato capiendo is intended to be issued.—S.

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molendinis ipsorum, per se et officiales suos excommunicavit, et de die in diem excommunicet, propter quod predicti abbas et conventus nullum inveniunt qui ausus sit eos defendere in foro seculari vel ecclesiastico, maxime in diocesi Exoniensi; unde magnas in possessionibus et rebus suis injurias patiuntur damna et jacturas, et nisi cicius remedium adhibeatur maximas passuri sunt in futurum; petit predictus abbas per dominum regem et ejus consilium remedium super hiis adhiberi, nec per hujusmodi excommunicacionis sentenciam justa defensione juris seu defraudentur vel terre eorum remaneant inculte et ipsi religiosi necessario victu suo careant. Non enim aliud intendit dominus episcopus predictus, ut videtur, nisi ut dictos religiosos omnino confundat et locum eorum destruat et subvertat.

Num. XIV.

Lites inter episcopum Exoniensem et abbatem de Forde.

(Id. fol. 75.)

Memorandum, quod cum inter venerabilem patrem dominum Walterum Dei gratia Exoniensem episcopum ex parte una et religiosos viros Willielmum abbatem de Forde et ejusdem loci conventum Cysterciensis ordinis Exoniensis diocesis ex altera super variis et diversis dampnis, injuriis, et gravaminibus, contumaciis et offensis predicto venerabili et ecclesie sue per memoratos religiosos multipliciter illatis suborta fuisset materia questionis, tandem eisdem partibus ad instanciam et procuracionem dictorum religiosorum in presencia domini Edwardi Dei gracia regis Anglie illustris constitutis idem dominus rex litis affectans amputare materiam, ut earundem parcium laboribus pariter parcatur et expensis, advertensque hujusmodi questionem ad forum ecclesiasticum pertinere et per viros ecclesiasticos tractari debere et terminari, partes easdem rogavit et induxit ut de pace inter eosdem amicabiliter tractaretur: Quibus in hoc consencientibus, dummodo viri ecclesiastici essent qui de spiritualibus tractare possent et scirent, dictus dominus rex discretos viros magistrum Walterum Scammel decanum Sarrisburiensem et magistrum Thomam Weke archidiaconum Dorshet, juris civilis et canonici professores, eisdem partibus ad tractandum de pace mediatores nominavit: quod placuit partibus et in eos tanquam in pacis mediatores expresse consenserunt. Coram quibus apud Westmonasterium vicesimo secundo die Octobris anno gracie m°cc°lxx°. sexto, propositis juribus racionibus et allegacionibus hinc et inde et plenius intellectis meritisque hinc inde propositorum ponderatis, idem abbas nomine suo et conventus sui antedicti pro dampnis injuriis et gravaminibus contumaciis pariter et offensis prefato episcopo et ecclesie sue per eosdem illatis quingentas libras sterlingorum in presencia dictorum mediatorum et aliorum multorum prefato suo episcopo, sponte et nullo cogente imperio, nomine emende in manus dicti domini episcopi vadiavit, promittens se ad moderacionem dictorum decani et archidiaconi, termino aut terminis sibi per eosdem prefigendis, ipsas quingentas libras in toto vel in parte quatenus ipsi super hoc ad honorem Dei et ecclesie duxerint moderandas, dictam summam augendo vel subtrahendo, ab eodem bona fide soluturum. Dicti vero mediatores ad moderacionem suam pronunciandam diem crastinum, loco quo prius, dictis partibus assignarunt. Quibus dictis die et loco coram eisdem comparentibus moderacionem suam pronunciare distulerunt, licet a predicto episcopo instanter ad id faciendum fuissent interpellati, terminum nimis diffusum partibus assignantes, licet ad hoc potestatem non videntur habere. Quod pars episcopi non acceptavit, eo quod multis animabus per hujusmodi moram periculum imminebat. In cujus rei testimonium venerabilis pater Willielmus Dei gracia Landavensis episcopus, magister Henricus de Kilkenny canonicus Excestrensis, et magister Radulphus de Bandot canonicus Londoniensis, qui premissis rogati presentes fuerunt, una cum multis aliis, presentibus sigilla sua apposuerunt. Datum et actum anno et die supradictis.

Num. XV.

Submissio episcopi Exoniæ et abbatis de Forde.

(Id. fol. 78 b.)

Memorandum quod cum inter venerabilem patrem dominum Walterum Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum ex parte una et religiosos viros fratrem Willielmum abbatem de Forde et ejusdem loci conventum Cysterciensis ordinis Exoniensis diocesis ex altera super variis et diversis dampnis injuriis et gravaminibus contumaciis et offensis personalibus hinc inde illatis suborta fuisset materia questionis, ac dominus Edwardus illustris rex Anglie discretos viros magistros Walterum Scamel decanum Sarum et Thomam Weke archidiaconum Dorshet eisdem partibus ad instanciam et procuracionem dictorum religiosorum ad tractandum de pace, consenciente dicto domino episcopo, mediatores nominaret, demumque xxii°. die Octobris anno gracie m°cc°lxx°. sexto apud Westmonasterium coram predictis mediatoribus propositis racionibus et allegacionibus partium hinc inde et plenius intellectis meritisque propositorum ponderatis idem abbas, pro se et conventu suo, pro injuriis dampnis gravaminibus contumaciis pariter et offensis personalibus totaliter ac simpliciter sedandis quingentas libras sterlingorum in presencia dictorum mediatorum et aliorum fidedignorum quamplurimorum prefato domino episcopo sponte et nullo cogente imperio pro bono pacis ad moderacionem dictorum mediatorum vadiaret seu promitteret exsolvendas; ac iidem moderatores terminum in proximo parliamento domini regis Anglie post pascha apud Westmonasterium celebrando ad moderacionem suam faciendam partibus assignarent, eedem partes in ipso parliamento, scilicet, die sabbati proxima ante festum invencionis sancte crucis anno Domini m°cc°lxx°. septimo apud Westmonasterium personaliter coram eisdem mediatoribus comperuerunt, et ad majorem securitatem simpliciter sponte et absolute in predictos mediatores tanquam in arbitros diffinitores ordinatores laudatores seu dictatores consenserunt; et super omnibus predictis et singulis arbitrio diffinicioni ordinacioni laudo seu dicto eorundem alte et basse sub pena centum librarum parti obtemperanti a parte renitente solvendarum, sese totaliter submiserunt in forma subscripta: Nos Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus pro nobis et ecclesia nostra ac frater Willielmus abbas de Forde pro nobis et conventu nostro super omnibus dampnis injuriis et gravaminibus contumaciis et offensis personalibus inter nos dudum exortis in venerabiles viros et discretos magistros Walterum Scamel decanum Sarum et Thomam Weke archidiaconum Dorshet tanquam in arbitros diffinitores ordinatores laudatores seu dictatores voluntate spontanea consentimus, et nos eorundem arbitrio diffinicioni ordinacioni laudo seu dicto alte et basse submittimus et supponimus et totaliter subjicimus sub pena superius nominata. Volumus et concedimus quod dominus rex per districcionem, quam duxerit eligendam, nos ad observacionem omnium premissorum compellere valeat et artare: ita tamen quod nulla questio seu contencio contingens ecclesiam seu manerium de Otery Sancte Marie* seu domum quam tenent dicti religiosi juxta curiam domini episcopi in civitate Exonie sub hac submissione, interpretacione quacumque, aliquatenus concludatur. In quorum omnium testimonium atque fidem sigilla parcium huic instrumento duplicato alternatim sunt appensa de voluntate et expresso consensu parcium earundem. Datum apud Westmonasterium iii°. nonis Maii anno gracie m°cc°lxx°. septimo.

Num. XVI.

Ordinacio arbitrorum super eadem submissione.

(Id. fol. 79.)

Universis presentes litteras inscripturis magistri Walterus Scamel decanus Barum et Thomas Weke archidiaconus Dorshet salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum inter venerabilem patrem Walterum Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum ex parte una

* From this it appears that there was a lis pendens between the parties respecting the church or manor of Ottery.

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et religiosos viros fratrem Willielmum abbatem de Forde et ejusdem loci conventum super quibusdam suspensionis interdicti et excommunicacionum sentenciis utrinque prolatis ac aliis injuriis gravaminibus contumaciis et offensis personalibus suborta fuisset materia questionis ex altera, partes eedem ad sui tranquillitatem et pacem super premissis in nos tanquam in arbitros diffinitores ordinatores laudatores seu dictatores voluntate spontanea consenserunt, arbitrio nostro diffinicioni ordinacioni laudo seu dicto alte et basse se totaliter submittentes, prout in instrumento super hoc confecto et partium sigillis signato plenius continetur: Unde nos magistri Walterus decanus Sarum et Thomas archidiaconus Dorshet, super omnibus injuriis gravaminibus contumaciis et offensis personalibus inter venerabilem patrem dominum Walterum Dei gracia Exoniensem episcopum ex parte una et religiosos viros fratrem Willielmum abbatem de Forde et ejusdem loci conventum subortis ex altera, auditis racionibus et allegacionibus parcium coram nobis propositis et plenius intellectis meritisque propositorum ponderatis, in nomine Domini: Amen: Ordinamus dicimus et laudamus quod prefatus abbas pro se et conventu suo ad honorem domini episcopi Exoniensis et ecclesie sue Exoniensis universas suspensionis interdicti et excommunicacionum sentencias, per ipsum abbatem de facto in prejudicium domini episcopi promulgatas, citra festum nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste jam instans in locis quibus idem abbas ipsas sentencias publicavit et fecit per alios publicari, publice et sollempniter ac personaliter in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi in scriptis denunciet et denunciari faciat nullas penitus irritas et inanes; quodque ministeriales eorundem abbatis et conventus seculares non exempti, qui pro suis commissis et offensis auctoritate ejusdem domini episcopi sunt suspensionis et excommunicacionis sentenciis innodati, a janua cymiterii Sancti Petri Exoniensis usque ad valvas ecclesie cathedralis discooperto capite discincti et discalciati citra festum predictum, cum ipsis et eidem domino fuerit nunciatum, humiliter veniant et devote, ac unitam incontinenti ab eodem episcopo vel aliquo deputato ab ipso recipiant disciplinam, aliam penitenciam, quam idem dominus eisdem duxerit injungendam, nihilominus recepturi. Idem eciam abbas pro se et suo conventu mille marcas sterlingorum prefato episcopo pro injuriis gravaminibus contumaciis et offensis personalibus per ipsos abbatem et conventum sedandis eidem promittat et ad moderacionem nostram exsolvat, quas quidem mille marcas idem abbas pro se et conventu suo dicto domino episcopo secundum moderacionem nostram se bona fide soluturum promisit. Omnibus autem accionibus seu offensionibus personalibus, predicto abbati et conventui contra episcopum memoratum et alios quoscumque occasione premissorum competentibus, iidem abbas et conventus renuncient omnino. Volumus insuper, dicimus, et laudamus quod dominus episcopus memoratus universas suspencionis interdicti et excommunicacionum sentencias in premissum abbatem monachos ejusdem et fratres conversos ac ministeriales ipsorum exemptos, auctoritate domini ejusdem occasione injuriarum hujusmodi promulgatas, ad consciencie scrupulum quodcumque collendum, absque difficultate relaxet; et quod dominus episcopus mille marcas pretactas usque ad centum marcas abbati et conventui predictis remittat. Idem vero dominus episcopus predictas mille marcas ob religionis et domini regis favorem et ad nostrum rogatum usque ad centum marcas sponte et liberaliter remisit eisdem; quas quidem centum marcas idem abbas vel successores ejusdem pro se et conventu suo in festis Sancti Michaelis et pasche sequentibus in ecclesia cathedrali premissa domino episcopo vel suo assignato pro equalibus porcionibus integre persolvent. Penitenciam autem, si quam idem dominus episcopus ministerialibus prelibatis ultra disciplinam superius annotatam duxerit injungendam, disciplina recepta, sine difficultate remittat. Decernimus eciam quod omnia et singula premissa sub pena centum librarum a partibus prefatis inviolabiliter observentur, et quod pars ab isto nostro arbitrio resiliens parti idem arbitrium observanti dictas centum libras persolvat integraliter sine mora. Ad hec reservamus domino regi et nobis potestatem cohercendi et compellendi partem resilientem a decreto nostro ad solucionem pene antedicte. Hec acta fuerunt apud Westmonasterium III. nonis Maii anno gracie M°CC°. septuagesimo septimo.

Num. XVII.

Compositio inter abbatem de Boclond et abbatem de Forde de secta hominum de Tale ad hundredum de Haridge.

(Penes Johannem Trevelyan de Nettlecombe, Baronettum.)

Hec est conventio facta anno Domini M.CC. octogesimo nono, die dominica proxima post festum nativitatis beati Johannis baptiste, inter Willelmum abbatem et conventum de Boclond ex parte una et Nicholaum abbatem et conventum de Ford ex altera, videlicet, quod predicti abbas et conventus de Boclond, post longam controversiam inter dictos abbates de secta hominum de Tale abbatis de Ford, remiserunt et quieto clamaverunt de se et successoribus suis predictos homines de Tale presentes et futuros a secta curie eorum de Harighe; ita quod de cetero prefati abbas et conventus de Boclond vel successores eorum nullum jus vel clameum de predicta secta ad dictam curiam vel hundredum facienda poterunt in posterum a dictis hominibus de Tale habere, exigere, vel extorquere. Et pro hac remissione et quieta clamancia dicti abbas et conventus de Ford et eorum successores solvent annuatim bona fide dictis abbati et conventui de Boclond et eorum successoribus duos solidos ad festum Sancti Michaelis apud Culmpton per manum unius hominum suorum de Tale. Preterea prefati abbas et conventus de Ford promittunt bona fide, et presentium tenore se obligant pro se et successoribus suis, quod, si prefati abbas et conventus de Boclond queque dampna labores et expensas per curiam regiam, seu quoscumque ministros regios occasione dicte secte remissionis et quiete clamancie incurrerint, eisdem religiosis plenarie et integraliter satisfacient et contentent. Consimili etiam obligatione et fide obligant se abbas et conventus predicti de Boclond pro se et successoribus eorum, quod nunquam per se vel suos seu quoscumque alios abbatem et conventum de Ford impetent super premissis seu ex eorum scientia impeti procurabunt. Quod si fecerint, et super hoc legitime convinci poterint, ad restitutionem dictorum dampnorum laborum et expensarum dicti abbas et conventus de Ford in nullo tenebuntur eisdem. Si vero aliquod debitum per extractam scaccarii regis seu vicecomitis infra limites de Tale fuerit levandum, tunc ballivus de Harighe per ostensionem dictarum extractarum dictum debitum a custode grangie prefate debet exigere; et prefati abbas et conventus de Ford et custos grangie de Tale, si debitum fuerit de jure levandum, dictum abbatem de Boclond et ballivum suum de Harighe ad proximum sequentem comitatum post ostensionem dictarum extractarum adquietabunt. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto in modum cirographi confecto partes alternatim sigilla sua cum sigillis dictorum judicum apposuerunt. Datum ut supra.

Num. XVIII.

Libertates abbatis de Forde in maneriis de Kentesbery et Thorncumbe.

(Placita de Quo Waranto, 10 Edw. I. fo. 168.)

Abbas de Forde summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo warranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, furcas, emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in Kentesbery et Thorncumbe sine licentia, &c.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit, et quoad visum franci plegii et furcas in Kentesbery dicit, quod nichil inde clamat: et quoad emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in eadem villa, et quoad emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte et visum franci plegii et furcas in Thorncumbe, dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt emendas assise panis et cervisie in Kentesbyri et visum franci plegii et emendas assise panis et cervisie et furcas in Thorncumbe; et petit quod hoc inquiratur.

Et Willelmus de Giselham etc. dicit quod hujusmodi libertates specialiter pertinent ad coronam domini regis;

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et de sicut nullum inde ostendit warantum de domino rege, petit judicium. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem ubicumque etc. . . . . de audiendo judicio suo, &c.—Rot. 37.

Num. XIX.

Concessio abbatis et conventus de Forda, ut villa de Cernemue sit liber burgus.

(Penes Majorem et Com. Exon.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presentem cartam inspecturis vel audituris frater Willielmus abbas de Forda et ejusdem loci conventus eternam in Domino salutem. Quum desideramus emendationem manerii nostri de Cernemue, volumus et concedimus quod predicta villa de Cernemue infra metas subscriptas sit liber burgus imperpetuum. He autem sunt mete burgi illius, scilicet, ex parte orientali predicte ville, tota illa placea que vocatur Sevenakre juxta aquam sub via que venit de Charrereystone usque ad iter quod tendit de dicta villa de Cernemue versus Bridiport; et inde sicut aqueductus vadit usque ad molendinum dictorum monachorum, et a molendino usque ad mare secundum cursum aque, et sic a mari usque ad capellam dicte ville, et a capella secundum quod iter se extendit ex utraque parte ascendendo usque ad Le Pillory, et inde usque ad crucem que stat in via versus Lym supra Badehorn; in parte occidentali usque ad la Scheote juxta angulum; et sic secundum quod fossatum vadit usque ad ripam juxta Sevenakre in parte boreali. Concedimus vero omnibus infra has metas edificare volentibus per visum ballivi nostri quatuor perticas terre in latitudine et viginti in longitudine, reddendo singulis annis pro quolibet burgagio sex denarios nobis et successoribus nostris ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festum S. Michaelis tres denarios et ad pascha sequens tres denarios pro omni servicio querela demanda et exactione seculari nobis vel successoribus nostris pertinente. Concedimus insuper et volumus ut quilibet intra easdem metas burgagium aliquod in presenti possidens vel imposterum possessurus liberam habeat commorandi et cum catallis suis recedendi necnon et revertendi licentiam, domosque suas cum pertinentiis, preterquam viris religiosis aut Judæis vel ecclesiis, dandi, assignandi, legandi, impignorandi et vendendi absque licentia nostra, plenamque facultatem habeant eas in quemcumque usum eis placuerit transferendi, salva nobis et successoribus nostris in omnibus indempnitate, et quod non sequantur curiam nostram nisi bis per annum, scilicet, die Martis proxima post la Hockeday et die Martis proxima post festum Sancti Michaelis in Gyhalda de Cernemue et non alibi, nisi casus inopinatus evenerit, et hoc per rationabilem summonitionem faciant, aut nisi tunc fuerint in mari seu in partibus nimium remotis; et quod gaudeant libertatibus nostris ubique secundum quod eas juste concedere et rationabiliter warantizare poterimus. Debent vero dicti burgenses facere sectam ad molendinum nostrum de Cernemue, ita quod sint stemphri [?] post bladum ipsius molentis cum venerint ad molendinum*. Preterea concedimus quod si lis aliqua forte dampnosa infra ambitum messuagii alicujus eorum emerserit, liberam habeant potestatem ad invicem concordandi, justitia nostra nullam ex hoc exigente consuetudinem vel emendationem, salva in omnibus justitia regia et dignitate. Nec aliquis ex nostris ullam habebit distringendi potestatem nisi per defectum ballivorum dictorum burgensium; salvis etiam nobis et successoribus nostris ammerciamentis undecunque de dicta villa provenientibus per predictos ballivos collectis, una cum redditibus nostris ex singulis burgagiis. Inhibemus etiam ne quis in eadem villa pelles crudas vel coria cruda emere presumat, nisi fuerit in luna et lagha burgensium predictorum. Volumus etiam et concedimus quod quilibet burgensium habeat unum averium vel unum afrum in communi pastura, scilicet, a via juxta moram Galfridi Heyrun extendente se versus occidentem et sic usque ad terram Stephani Payn et per metas terræ dicti Stephani Payn usque ad fossatum terre que fuit Roberti Rosel et a fossato usque ad Langemoresgeth, et inde usque ad la Seppa juxta terram Galfridi Heyrun et inde per divisas terre Stephani Payn usque ad viam prius nominatam, reddendo singulis annis vigilia Sancti Michaelis pro quolibet capite in predicta Gyhalda unum denarium nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum. Licebit autem nobis et successoribus nostris quodlibet burgagium pro ammerciamentis exinde provenientibus sive pro redditu nostro, quotiens aliquis aretro fuerit, distringere absque alicujus contradictione sive in manu nostra capere, et etiam cum omnibus rebus et bonis super illud inventis retinere quousque de omnibus arreragiis plenarie nobis fuerit satisfactum. Nos vero tenemur cuilibet burgensi burgagium suum cum suis pertinentiis contra omnes mortales defendere et warantizare imperpetuum. In hujus rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum nostrum apposuimus. Hiis testibus, Roberto de Wodeton, Waltero de Luveyngny, Willelmo de la Berne, Ricardo de Gardino, Roberto de Cuttehegh, Stephano de Haggeshurste, Willielmo le Walays et aliis †.

* See ante, p 64, note.

Num. XX.

Homagium factum domino Beauchamp de Somerset pro maneriis de Strete et Cernemuth.

(Regist. de Bello Campo, fol. 63.)

Johan de Childeheye, abbe de Ford, vient a Estokes de sutz Hamedon le 17me jour de Septembre l'an du regne le roy Edward tierz apres le conquest 14me, et fit son homage et sa foialte a monseigneur de Beauchamp de Somerset per les manoirs de Strete et de Cernemuth, et reconnust qil tient le dit manoir de Strete per le service dun grant feo de chivaler, et le dit manoir de Cernemuth per 1. feo de Morteigne. En la presence monsr Hugh de Beauchamp, monsr Richard Pyn, sire Nichol Pynnock, Robert de Somerton, William de Durneford et altres.

[On 11th June, 11 Ed. III. John de Worteleigh did homage for the same manors ‡.]

Num. XXI.

De manerio de Toller abbatis et de fundatione capellæ ibidem per regem Henricum Secundum.

(Inquis. Ad quod dam. 4 Hen. IV. No. 16.)

Inquisitio capta apud Dorchester in comitatu Dorset ultimo die Februarii anno regni regis Henrici Quarti tertio coram Johanne Manyngford escaetore domini regis in comitatu predicto virtute officii sui per sacramentum Henrici Stronde, &c. Qui, onerati ad inquirendum de diversis articulis officium escaetrie in comitatu predicto tangentibus, dicunt super sacramentum suum quod abbatia de Forde est de fundatione progenitorum domini regis nunc quondam regum Anglie, et quod Henricus Secundus quondam rex Anglie dedit abbati et conventui de Forde predictis et successoribus suis imperpetuum unum mesuagium et tres carucatas terre cum suis pertinentiis in Toller abbatis ad fundationem cujusdam capelle infra manerium de Toller predicta et ad inveniendum quemdam capellanum divina in capella predicta singulis diebus dominicis Mercurii et Veneris qualibet septimana per annum pro anima predicti nuper regis Hen-

† The manor of Charmouth was granted to Robert and William Caldwell, 6th Eliz., who immediately alienated it to Sir W. Petre, whose son John conveyed it to W. Poole. Thence it passed successively to the Coletons, the Ellesdons, and the Henvills.

‡ [Among the homages entered in this volume, we find the following:—

12th May, 14 Ed. III., Roger Turgil did homage to John Beauchamp of Somerset, lord of Hach, for lands in Shepton Beauchamp, held by the rent of 4 shillings per ann. payable quarterly, and suit to two "Laghe daghes:" and at hay harvest in Brodemede he shall come one day at the hour of none with a pair of white gloves and a white rod in his hand to overlook the labourers and correct their default, and he shall also come and survey the court of labourers of the lord in his barton, when the hay shall be stacked [uny a moyllon].

Of this tenure, see another instance, ante p. 293, note. As to the white staff and the glove, as the ancient symbols of authority and judicature, see Haltaus, Gloss. voc. *Stab*; Grimm's Alterthümer, p. 154, 761.—S.]

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rici ac animabus progenitorum antecessorum et successorum suorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum celebraturum imperpetuum. Et dicunt quod predicta divina servitia a primo dono mesuagii et terre predictorum, ut predicitur, facta fuerunt per quemdam capellanum ad ordinationem abbatis et conventus abbatie predicte quousque plumbum et meremium de capella predicta per Walterum Bonne nunc abbatem abbatie predicte circiter duodecim annos proxim' jam elapsos dirupta et abinde totaliter cariata et ablata fuerunt, et parietes ejusdem capelle pro defectu coopertorii per pluvias et tempestates aeris ex quo dirute et omnino decase existunt. Necnon predictum servitium divinum ibidem per predictos duodecim annos proxim' jam elapsos per eundem nunc abbatem et ejusdem loci conventum omnino subtractum extitit, et sic infectum adhuc existit. Et dicunt quod mesuagium et tres carucate terre predicte cum pertinentiis valeant annuatim in omnibus exitibus suis ultra reprisas centum solidos, et quod predictus nunc abbas exitus et proficua inde provenientia per predictos duodecim annos, quibus predictum divinum servitium sic abstractum extitit, percepit et habuit. Data loco die et anno supradictis.

Num. XXII.

Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

De abbatia de Ford.

Decanatus de Honyton.

Infra archidiaconatum et diocesim Exonie.

Verus et annuus valor omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium Thome abbatis monasterii Beate Marie de Ford predicti in jure monasterii predicti examinatus et probatus coram Johanne Exoniensi episcopo et aliis commissionariis domini regis prenominati ad hoc assignatis termino et anno predictis:

Possessiones temporales dicti abbatis.

Devon. Thornecombe.

	£	s.	d.
Valet in redditu assise remanenti in tenura tenencium ibidem	78	12	9
Et terre dominicales remanentes in tenura propria dicti abbatis per annum £40 7s. 10d. ultra 6s. 8d. nunc resolutos Georgio Prye ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare . .	40	1	2
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus £1 15s. cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis . .	10	10	–
£129 3s. 11d.			

Tale et Payhembury cum Exon.

Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum £21 16s. 7d. et in Exonia 20s. ultra 26s. inde resolutos priori de Merton, Wintoniensis diocesis, 5s. 6d. et successoribus suis de quadam pencione per annum, et rectori de Tallaton Exoniensis diocesis et successoribus suis de quadam pencione per annum 6d., et Thome Marker ballivo ibidem 20s. pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare .	21	10	7
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 9s. 2d. cum finibus terre ibidem 20s. communibus annis .	1	9	4
£22 19s. 11d.			

Lynton et Countysbury.

Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem per annum ultra 6s. 8d. inde resolutos Roberto Store ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare . .	13	4	3
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 9s. 2d. cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis 20s. .	1	9	2
£14 13s. 5d.			

Somerset in Bathoniensi et Wellensi diocesi.

Strete et Legh cum membris et pertinenciis.

Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem £23 5s. 9½d.			
Et in Crukern 8s.			
Seggebroke Bronden 18s.			
Upotehill et Beare £14 15s. 8d.			
Rem' in tenura tenencium ibidem per annum, et terre dominicales in Strete et Legh predictis remanentes in tenura propria dicti abbatis per annum £12 5s. 8d. ultra £4 6s. 10d.			
Inde resol' Marco Frye ballivo ibidem 6s. 8d. pro feodo suo per annum	47	6	1½
Et prebendario de Cumba ecclesie cathedralis Wellensis rectori de Wynsham et successoribus suis de quadam pencione annuatim exeunte de Strete et Legh predictis £1 5s. 10d.			
Et rectori de Crukerne in diocesi Bathoniensi et Wellensi et successoribus suis de quadam pencione annuatim exeunte de Upotehill predicta £2 10s.			
Et Johanni Burnell et heredibus suis 4s. 4d. de quodam annuali redditu exeunte de Upotehyll predicta. Remanet clare . .			
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 4s. 7d. cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis 6s. 8d.	–	11	3
£47 17s. 4½d.			

Dorset in diocesi Sarum.

Burstock et Hurstonshay cum aliis, ut infra.

Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem cum Willeslond £30 13s., et in Childhey 6s. 8d. cum Tyderley per annum 6d. ultra 2s. inde resolutos Willielmo Hody et heredibus suis pro quodam annuali redditu per annum. Remanet clare . .	30	18	2
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 13s. 6d. cum 20s. de finibus terre ibidem communibus annis	1	13	6
£32 11s. 8d.			

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Lytle Wynsore.

	£	s.	d.
Valet in omnibus redditibus ibidem per annum ultra 6s. 8d. inde resolutos annuatim Johanni Bagwell ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare . .	29	19	2
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 15s. 8d. cum finibus terre ibidem 20s. communibus annis .	1	15	8
£31 14s. 10d.			

Turneworth et Thornecomb.

Valet in omnibus redditibus assise ibidem per annum ultra 30s. 8d. inde resolutos annuatim priori de Bremmore et successoribus suis, Wintoniensis diocesis, 4s., et provestro * collegii de Eton et successoribus suis 20s. de quibusdam annuatim redditibus exeuntibus de Turneworth predicto, et Ricardo Chapman ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 6s. 8d. Remanet clare . .	13	12	4
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 7s. 7d. cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis 10s. .	–	17	7
£14 9s. 11d.			

Toller et Catclyf.

Valet in redditu assise remanente in tenura tenencium ibidem £11 8s. 10d. per annum, et terris dominicis remanentibus in tenura dicti abbatis ibidem per annum £28 ultra inde resolutos annuatim rectori de Maperton et successoribus suis, Sarum diocesis, 3s. de quodam annuali redditu exeunte de Toller predicta			
Et rectori de Coscomb et successoribus suis in diocesi Sarum 3s. pro annuali redditu exeunte de Toller predicta per annum.	38	10	3
Et priori Sancti Johannis de Briggewater et successoribus suis in Bathoniensi et Wellensi diocesi 6s. pro annuali redditu exeunte de Toller predicta.			
Et Nicholao Wilmede ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 6s. 8d. Remanet clare . .			
Et de perquisitis curie cum aliis casualibus cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis	–	12	9
£39 2s. 11d.			

Charmouth, Lyme, Monkynwyll, Newlond, et Byrporte.

Valet in omnibus redditibus ibidem £28 2s. 6d. et in Lyme 2s. et Birporte 6d. per annum ultra 40s. inde resolutos annuatim Radulpho Tybbes, ballivo ibidem, pro feodo suo per annum, Remanet clare . .	26	13	–
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 8s. 11d. cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis 20s. .	1	8	11
£28 1s. 11d.			
Summa omnium possessionum temporalium dicti abbatis de claro	360	15	10½

Valor annuus omnium spiritualium dicti abbatis.

Devon.

Thorncomb.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum in decima garbe cum £4 receptis annuatim de vicaria ibidem pro quadam pencione. Remanet clare . .	7	6	8

Payhembury.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum in decima garbe ultra 12s. inde resolutos annuatim archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione. Remanet clare . .	12	14	8

Dorset in diocesi Sarum.

Burstock.

Valet per annum in decima garbe ultra £1 6s. 8d. solutos annuatim vicario ibidem et successoribus suis de quadam annuali pencione. Remanet clare . .	–	13	4
£20 14s. 8d.			
Summa omnium possessionum supra dictarum tam temporalium £360 15s. 10½d. quam spiritualium dicti abbatis £20 14s. 8d. Unde . .	381	10	6½

Feoda.

Solutum annuatim Amisio Pawlet militi seneschallo omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum £4.			
Et Rogero Kensey auditori illorum premissorum pro feodo suo per annum 40s.	8	–	–
Et Johanni Chudlegh receptori omnium possessionum supradictarum pro feodo suo per annum 40s.			
Et remanet clare, omnibus deductis, annuatim . .	373	10	6½
Inde pro decima	37	7	–¾

* The same word is used for the "provost" in the Comp. Ministrorum, post.

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Num. XXIII.

[From a pension book, temp. Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.]

The late howse of Forde.

Penc̃ons appoynted by the kings highnes com̃yssioñs to the late abbott and covent of the surrenderyd howse of Forde in the countie of Devon, the viijth day of Marche in the xxxth yere of the reigne of o^{r} sov̄aigne lorde king Henry the viijth, and they and ev̄y of them to have one quarters penc̃on at th'annunciac̃on of o^{r} Lady next cumyng, and att the feast of Saint Mychell tharchangell next aft' that one halfe yeres penc̃on, and soo from halfe yere to halfe yere duryng ther lyves.

That is to say,

Fyrst to Thomas Charde als Tybbes, Abbott, fourtie wayne lodes of fyre wood to be takne yerely during his lyfe owte of suche woods, being no pte of demaynes of the said late howse, as thofficers of the king's courte of the augmentac̃ons or there deputies for the tyme there shall appoynte and assigne .	lxxx^{li}.		
And alsoo			
Will̃m Sherneborne als Rede . . .	viij^{li}.		
Richard Exmester als Were . . .	viij^{li}.		
John Newman	vj^{li}.		
John Cosyns	vj^{li}.	xiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}
John Brydgewater als Stone . . .	viij^{li}.		
Robert Ylmest' als Roose	vij^{li}.		
John Fawell		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Thomas Stafford als Bate		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Ellys Olescum als Potter	vij^{li}.		
Will̃m Wynsor als Hyde		c^{s}.	
Will̃m Grene		cvj^{s}.	viij^{d}.
Will̃m Dewyngton als Wylshire . .		c^{s}.	
Richard Kingesbury als Sherman .		c^{s}.	
Summa . . .	clxj^{li}.	xiij^{s}.	iiij^{d}.

Jo. Tregonwell.
William Petre.

Num. XXIV.

Compotus ministrorum 31-32 Hen. VIII.

Nuper monasterium de Ffourde.

(Abstract of the original.)

	£	s.	d.
Farm of the scite of the late monastery, demesne, orchard, and grange	38	4	6
Farm of Strete grange	11	2	–

Thorncombe, with the pension of the vicar there, and farm of a portion of sheaf tithe at Sadburgh.

Libere tenentes	–	40	–
Custumarii	70	11	5
Farm of the capital messuage	6	4	8
Pension of Thorncombe paid by the vicar according to the composition, A. D. 1239	4	–	–
Portion of tithe of Sadburgh	2	–	–
Perquisites of courts	–	3	11
Fees and wages of bailiff and receiver of Thorncombe, Tale, Countesbury, Lynton, Burstocke, Little Windesore, and Strete	5	6	8
Auditor's clerk for making the account .	–	2	–
Expenses of steward	–	8	–

Manor of Tale.

Libere tenentes	–	72	10
Custumarii	4	10	5
Farm of part of the manor . . – 54 9			
Do. other part . . . . . – 64 9	11	4	10
Do. . . . . – 51 7			
Do. . . . . – 53 9			
Farm of the mill	2	2	4
Do. rectory	13	6	8

Lands at Exeter.

Tenement in the city	1	–	–
Perquisites of courts there	–	3	4
Clerk of the auditor's fee	–	2	0
Expenses of steward	–	4	–
To the archdeacon of Exon for a pension out of Payembury rectory	–	12	–
To the rector of Colyton for do. out of do.	–	6	–

Lynton and Countysbury.

Lynton.

Libere tenentes	–	7	1
Custumarii	4	3	2

Countysbury.

Custumarii tenentes	9	–	8
To clerk of auditor	–	2	–

Strete and Legh manors cum membris.

Libere tenentes	2	11	8
Custumarii	15	19	9
Farm of Legh manor or grange with the chapel of S. James there, and two closes above Whatlegh, and closes called Mapulfeld, Little Breche, Somerfeld, Mochelbreche, &c.	4	13	4

Crokehorne.

Rent of a tenement there	–	8	–

Seggebroke and Brounden.

Rent of a tenement there	–	18	–

Uppotehill, alias Otehill.

Custumarii tenentes	9	5	4
Grange sheaf tithe and Whitelande . . .	110	4	–
Payments: To rector of Combe out of Strete and Legh	25	10	–
To rector of Crokehorne out of Upotehill	50	–	–
Auditor's clerk	–	2	0
Steward	–	3	–

Lands in divers villates.

Burstoke.

Rents of assize	15	18	8
Farm of sheaf tithe	2	–	–

Hurstonehay.

Rents of assize	5	16	2
Hawkechurch: Rent of a tenement . . .	1	–	–
Brodepitte: Do.	1	–	–
Whiteham: Do.	2	10	–
Asteley: Do.	–	14	–
Willisland *: Do.	3	6	8
Blackdowne *: Do.	–	8	–
Childhaye: Do.	–	6	8
Perquisites of court . . .	–	2	6
Expenses: Auditor's clerk	–	2	–
Pension to vicar of Burstoke for a portion of tithe belonging to the rectory	1	6	8
Steward	–	3	4

* These lands were part of the demesne of Windsor. (See 1 Rot. hundred. 3 Edw. I. fol. 98.)

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Little Wynsore.

	£	s.	d.
Libere tenentes	–	3	6
Custumarii	30	2	4
Perquisites of court	1	3	10
Expenses	–	9	2

Turneworth and Thorncombe manors.

Libere tenentes	1	–	–
Custumarii	6	16	8
Farm of the manor	7	6	8
Perquisites of court	–	10	–
Expenses: Auditor's clerk	–	2	–
Annuity to the provost of Eton college	1	–	–
Steward	–	4	6

Toller and Catisclyff.

Custumarii tenentes	11	4	10
Farm of the manor	28	–	6
Fees and wages of the bailiff of this and other manors	5	2	–

Charmouth.

Libere tenentes	–	10	4
Custumarii	1	10	11
Rent of a tenement there	–	2	6½

Lyme:	A tenement there	–	2	–
Birporte:	Rent there	–	–	6
Monkynwell:	A tenement there	1	6	8
Newland:	Lands there	6	0	0
	Perquisites of court	–	3	3
	Expenses	–	7	4

Num. XXV.

Concessio scitus, etc. monasterii de Ford Ricardo Pollard pro termino annorum.

(31 Hen. VIII.)

Hec indentura facta inter excellentissimum principem et dominum, dominum Henricum Octavum Dei gratia, etc. et Ricardum Pollard, armigerum, ex altera parte, testatur quod idem dominus rex per avisamentum et consensum concilii curie augmentacionum revencionum corone sue, tradidit, concessit et ad firmam dimisit prefato Ricardo Pollard scitum nuper monasterii de Fforde in comitatu Devonie, modo dissoluti, unacum omnibus domibus, edificiis, orreis, columbariis, ortis, pomariis, gardinis, terra et solo infra scitum et precinctum ejusdem nuper monasterii existentibus, ac omnia illa terras, prata et pasturas Rowepytt, Crosehaye, Lytle Crosehaye, Chepman, Furlongs, Grethowse, Gyffinlong, Mewmarlond, Bromehyll, Grettbromehill, Lytle Orchard Mede, Swyncroft, Schephowsecroft, Byelead, Poulemede, Blakeland, Horsecrofte, Wode Hogge Dyche, Newelease, Les Broneclose, Bereacres, Hetchclose, Westforde Park, necnon parvam vesturam prati vocati Brodmeade in parochia de Charde in comitatu predicto, ac omnia illa terras, prata et pasturas vocata Townedeane, Grangecroft, Lytle Howe, Plastrete Orchard Mede, Baymorecroft, Litle Park cum le Lodge ibidem, ac omnia illa terras, prata et pasturas vocata Butmede, Schepewaysheclose, Glastonbury, Culidmede cum les orchardes et les pooles ac cum molendino aquatico. Tradidit eciam dominus rex et per avisamentum concilii curie predicte et ad firmam dimisit prefato Richardo Pollard totam illam grangiam vocatam Strete grange cum pertinenciis in comitatu predicto, dicto nuper monasterio dudum spectantem et pertinentem, ac omnia terras, prata et pasturas vocata Heckestone Wyll, Heckstonwyburg, Wollat, Strope Majore, Estdowne, Celapytisfeld, Castylfeld, Plafshet, Mounkendowne, Heyball, Heys, Street Mede, Brydgemede, Chytfeld, Hasecroft, Scrope Minor, Laymore una cum communia et pastura ccc ovium super montem de Blackdowne ibidem, dicte grangie spectantem et pertinentem: que omnia et singula premissa cum pertinenciis jacent et existunt in Fforde ac in villis, campis, parochiis, hamelettis ibidem adjacentibus in dicto comitatu Devonie et predicto nuper monasterio dudum spectabant et pertinebant, ac in manibus, cultura et occupatione propria nuper abbatis dicti nuper monasterii ad usum hospicii sui ante dissolutionem ejusdem nuper monasterii, usualiter reservata et occupata fuerunt, exceptis tamen semper et dicto domino regi, heredibus et successoribus suis omnino reservatis omnibus grossis arboribus et boscis de et super premissis crescentibus et existentibus ac omnibus talibus et ejusmodi edificiis infra scitum dicti nuper monasterii que dictus dominus rex imposterum prosterni et auferri mandavit, habendum et tenendum predictum scitum dicti nuper monasterii ac predictas terras, prata et pasturas et omnia premissa superius specificata, excepto et exceptis, prefato Richardo Pollard et assignatis suis a festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli ultimo preterito usque ad finem termini et pro termino xxi. annorum ex tunc proxime sequentium ac plenarie complendorum, reddendo inde annuatim dicto domino regi, heredibus et successoribus suis xlix^{li} vi^{s} vi^{d} legalis monete Anglie, viz. pro predicto scitu dicti nuper monasterii ac predictis terris, pratis, pasturis et ceteris premissis, preter grangiam predictam vocatam Strete grange et terram ac cetera premissa eidem grangie pertinentia, xxxviii^{li} iv^{s} vi^{d} et pro predicta grangia vocata Strete grange et ceteris premissis eidem grangie pertinentibus xi^{li} ii^{s} ad festa Annunciationis B. Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli vel infra unum mensem post utrumque festum illorum ad curiam predictam per equales porciones solvendos durante termino predicto. Et predictus dominus rex vult et per presentes concedit, quod ipse, heredes et successores sui Richardum Pollard et assignatos suos de omnibus redditibus, serviciis et denariorum decimis quibuscumque de premissis, seu eorum aliquo exeuntibus seu solvendis, preterquam de redditibus superius reservatis, versus quascumque personas de tempore in tempus exonerabunt, acquietabunt et defendent, ac omnia domos, edificia premissorum in maremio tantummodo, de tempore in tempus toties quoties necesse et opportunum fuerit, bene et sufficienter sustentari et manuteneri facient durante termino predicto. Et predictus Ricardus Pollard concedit per presentes quod ipse et assignati sui omnes necessarias reparaciones premissorum, preter maremium predictum, de tempore in tempus supportabunt et sustinebunt durante termino predicto. Et predictus dominus rex ulterius vult et per presentes concedit, quod bene licebit prefato Ricardo Pollard et assignatis suis capere percipere et habere de, in, et super premissis, per supervisionem et assignationem supervisorum et aliorum officiariorum domini regis ibidem pro tempore existentium, competentem et sufficientem hedgeboote, fyereboot, plowbowte et cartbotte ibidem et non alibi expendendam et occupandam durante termino predicto. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti hujus indenture penes Ricardum Pollard residende dominus rex sigillum suum curie predicte ad hujusmodi scriptum sigillandum deputatum, mandavit apponi; alteri vero parti ejusdem indenture, penes eundem dominum regem residende, predictus Richardus Pollard sigillum suum apposuit. Datum apud Westmonasterium xxviii. Octobris, anno regni dicti domini regis xxxi°.

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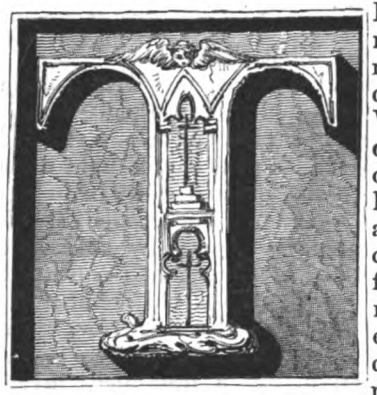
Newenham Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF HONITON.



THE lord of Dunster, Reginald Mohun, by his marriage with Alice, the fourth daughter of his guardian William lord Briwer* acquired a considerable increase of property. By her he left two sons, Reginald and William. The latter conceived the design of founding a Cistercian monastery; but, as his landed estates were scattered in different counties, he proposed to convey to his elder brother the manors of Tor and Maryansleigh † in Devonshire, and Endecombe, otherwise Codecombe, near Dunster in Somersetshire, and Clynton near Woodstock, also the annual rent of 60*s.* issuing from Andryngton near Northampton, with the patronage of the intended abbey, provided he would assign some convenient manor for its endowment. Reginald readily entered into his brother's views, and allowed him the option of one of his three manors, viz. Minehead, Fleming's Otery, and Axminster. As the Cistercians of King John's foundation of Beaulieu, (May 29, 1204,) were to colonize the projected establishment, Acius, the third abbot of that celebrated monastery, was invited to inspect and choose the manor. After due examination and consultation he gave the preference to Axminster; Reginald approved the choice, and his sovereign Henry III. on July 14, 1246, gave the necessary licence. (Post Appendix, Num. II.) Accordingly the fee simple of the manor was granted in frank almoign to the Cistercian monks, and the deed of gift was witnessed by Richard Blondy, the bishop of Exeter, by Richard earl of Cornwall the king's brother, by Simon, earl of Leicester, William Mohun, Henry Tracy and other distinguished persons. The grant was ratified by the king on August 8, 1247, and received the sanction of Pope Innocent IV. in the year following, who took the monastery de Novo Manso under his immediate protection.

In the meanwhile a selection was made from the members of Beaulieu to compose the colony: their names are preserved in the Newenham register ‡, viz.:—

John Goddard, who was appointed abbot.

Michael de Brythwalton, who for fifteen years had been sacristan of Beaulieu.

Geffry de Chypyngbourne.

Walter de Houespylle, elected to be the prior.

William, appointed subprior.

Henry de Persolte named to be cellarer.

Thomas de Botham to be porter.

Richard de Ildesbeye appointed to the office of precentor.

Adam de Esthoclio, who had the reputation of being a man of letters.

Nicholas de Cornwall.

Walter de Overtone.

Ralph de Oviton.

Ralph de Canterbury.

Four lay-brothers, "conversi," were deputed to accompany the above, viz.

Robert de Fernham,

Jordan de Toppefeld,

Henry de Cheseburne, and

Walter de Mellys.

This colony quitted Beaulieu, on January 2, 1246-7, and proceeded on the first day as far as Christchurch; the next day they passed at Bindon abbey; the third at Waddone, near Dorchester, and the fourth at Ford abbey. On January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, which fell on a Sunday that year, they entered the site of Newenham, chanting the "Salve Regina" in the presence of Reginald and William Mohun and a great concourse of people. The premises were in a very unfinished state, and a small building served for a temporary chapel. On July 11, in the preceding year, bishop Blondy consecrated the cemetery, and blest the site of the monastery. The ground for the conventual church was marked out on July 6, 1250, when prior Walter laid the foundation-stone. Sir William de Staunton, knight, gave the stone from his quarries at Staunton, adjoining a quarry belonging to Ford abbey. As soon as all the necessary preparations were completed for laying the corner-stone, a numerous body of gentry assembled to witness the ceremony. On September 13, 1254, the abbot and community set out in solemn procession from their little chapel, singing the psalms "Lætatus sum;" "Nisi Dominus ædificaverit;" "Quam dilecta;" "Fundamenta ejus;" and the Antiphon "Felix namque," with the verse, and the "Gloria Patri." On arriving at the spot, the founder Reginald laid the corner and two other stones, during which the choir sung "Te Deum" and "Salve Regina." His brother William Mohun and Sir Wymond de Ralegh each laid a stone, whilst the "Beata Dei Genetrix" was chanted. After this ceremony, the abbot, deacon, and subdeacon, clothed in their sacred vestments, and the rest of the community, fell upon their knees before the founder, and intreated him to adopt the new church for his place of burial. He replied, that such was his fixed purpose; and accordingly gave written instructions to this effect in a deed dated Dunster, June 29, 1255. To this noble fabric bishop Bronescombe presented six altars §, and more than 600 marks—a considerable

* Dugdale informs us, that the wardship of Reginald had been granted to lord Briwer in 1224. (See Baronage, p. 702.)

The founder, Reginald, gave for the last eleven years of his life 100 marks per annum to the fabric. At another time he gave 60 marks toward the purchase of Shapwick. Sir William Dugdale (Baronage, p. 497) says that he left 700 marks by his will to the abbey.

† The church and manor of Maryansleigh were afterwards given by Reginald de Mohun to the prior and convent of Berliz or Barlinch, for which the donor and his heirs were to receive the yearly sum of £9 and upwards; and the prior and convent bound themselves to maintain a perpetual light in their church, "ante altare Sancti Nicholai ibidem." (See Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 272.)

‡ The register referred to in this article is the one noticed under Axminster, except where the Arundel MS. is mentioned.

§ The three altars in the south aisle were dedicated to S. John, S. Anne, and S. Nicholas, and, with the high altar, were consecrated by bishop Bronescombe October 16, 1277. The three altars in the north aisle were consecrated by the same prelate July 7, 1270, by the titles of S. Gabriel, S. Thomas, and S. Catharine. From fol. 109 of the register, we learn that one altar in the church was called Altare Nigrum; perhaps it was appropriated to masses of requiem. William of Worcester says that the day of the church's dedication was kept April 18; that the church was 200 feet long and 152 broad in the transverse aisle, and that the choir was 80 feet in length. Mr. Davidson very probably conjectures from excavated bosses, shafts, and mouldings, that in its style of architecture it resembled Salisbury cathedral. Many illustrious families were buried here. Giles de Cancellis, the donor of Plenynt in Cornwall, lay on the right side of the high altar near the seats of the officiating ministers. William and Reginald Mohun, the founders, lay directly opposite. The hearts of John and William, the sons of Reginald, were deposited near their parent. The Bonvilles, benefactors to the abbey, were generally buried here. Nicholas de Bonville, at the foundation of the house, gave an annuity of 25*s.* 4*d.* for ever, chargeable on lands in Dalwood and Kilmington. Sir William Bonevill by his will, August 1407, bequeathed with his body £40 to the abbey. He was buried before the great cross in the church. His will in Stafford's reg. proves his wealth and charity. Amongst other bequests he gave £100 to clothe 500 poor, and £10 to be distributed at his funeral.

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sum in those days. Such an edifice must have been an imposing object to the surrounding country. Scarcely one stone is left standing upon another, yet it is not difficult to trace out its site, with that of the chapter-house and cloisters.

On Sunday, January 20, 1257–8, Reginald de Mohun lord of Dunster, entered the way of all flesh at Tor in Devonshire, and his remains were conveyed to Newenham for interment. The register of Newenham abbey (fol. 26 b.) relates the following circumstance:—When the pavement of the sanctuary of Newenham church was relaid in the year 1333, the body of this founder (seventy-five years after its interment) was discovered in the sarcophagus entire, perfectly incorrupt and uninjured, and exhaling a fragrant odour. For three days it lay exposed to public view; and the writer declares that he both saw and touched it, "quod quidem corpus vidi, palpavi, et per triduum puplice discoopertum jacuit, anno Domini M°CCC^mo°XXX°IIJ°."

William de Mohun, the founder's brother, died at Northam on the feast of S. Lambert, (September 17,) 1265.

The following is a list of the abbots of Newenham; in forming which the register of the abbey renders important assistance.

John Goddard, born at Canterbury, was elected at Beaulieu to the dignity of first abbot of Newenham, December 30, 1246. "He was a good man," says the Registrar, "of great credit, wise, eloquent, and versed in almost every branch of science: 'bonus et magne auctoritatis, sapiens, eloquens, et fere in omni sapientia peritissimus.'" On the Sunday following his election, he took possession of his abbey. To its library he presented a small but excellent copy of the Bible; the Moralia upon holy Job; the Etymologies of S. Isidore: the Sentences of William bishop of Auxerre, in two volumes; a Gloss or Commentary on S. Luke; another Gloss on the Old Testament; the works of S. John Damascene; Boetius de Consolatione Philosophiæ; Cicero's Treatises on Friendship and Old Age, and a few others. This enlightened superiour resigned his office August 16, 1248, and finished his days at York.

Henry de Spersholte, a native of Berkshire, from cellarer of the monastery, was preferred to the rank of abbot on September 6, 1248. During his government, the finances of the house were greatly improved by the acquisition of Plenynt (now Pelynt) in Cornwall, of an estate called Tuddesheye in Kilmington, near Axminster, of a part of Shapwick, of Cronmore, and of the church of Luppit. In consequence of declining health, Henry abdicated his dignity on May 3, 1250.

John de Ponte Roberti, Prior of Beaulieu, a man of devout demeanour, was elected Henry's successor. On July 6, 1250, bishop Blondy assisted at the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the noble conventual church. After presiding a short time, he resigned his office February 25, 1252-3. He gave a book to the library described as "unus de quatuor" (one of the Evangelists?).

Geffry de Blancheville succeeded March 29, 1253. By his industry, and with the powerful aid of William de Mohun, he succeeded in annexing to his abbey the manor of Northam in Launcells parish, in the county of Cornwall; also Wranghays and part of Stamerleigh, near the town of Axminster. In whose time, says the Registrar, Reginald de Mohun laid the first stone of the foundation of the church. In the new work, i. e. in the sacristy, the first mass was sung by brother Walter de Boreham, the custos operis. This abbot died, whilst absent from Newenham, early in June 1262.

Hugh de Cokeswell, the porter of Beaulieu, was elected abbot June 14, 1262, but never, it is said, received the episcopal benediction as prescribed in the pontifical. After presiding three years he clandestinely displaced the old members of Newenham with the artful advice and concurrence of Dionysius, abbot of Beaulieu; and, on July 5, 1265, he privately gave in his own resignation. Two days afterwards, an election took place of a new abbot and convent. The lot of election for an abbot fell upon John de Northampton; and on the same day the new members left Beaulieu. Their names were

Hugh de Cokeswell, who still publicly retained his character of abbot.
Richard de Chichester.
Thomas Godard.
Thomas Beere.
Richard de Hanton.
Walter de Farindon.
Adam de Chichester.
Robert de Nhifford.
John de Leminster.
William de Wobourne.
John Jones de Hildesleigh.
Robert de Alreton.
John de Northampton, the abbot elect.

It appears that the brethren at Newenham were kept in ignorance of the intrigue meditated against them by their unworthy superior. On the first night the colony reached S. Leonard's for embarkation. The next day brought them to Charmouth, whence they marched under the banner of the cross to the gates of Newenham. For greater expedition, Hugh had thought proper to travel by land, and, previously to the arrival of the strangers, had contrived, under various pretences, to send off the old members in different directions. "Thus," says the Registrar, "was the change effected; but it was not the change of the right hand of the Most High, but a fraudulent invention of Satan." What became of this abbot we have not been able to discover.

John de Northampton, elected, as we have said, in 1265, was in all respects qualified to do honour to his station. He was the particular friend of bishop Bronescombe, whose benefactions to the abbey have been already noticed. During John's government Hoddesclive mill was annexed to the monastery. He resigned his office September 11, 1272.

William de Cornubia, prior of Beaulieu, was elected the day after John's resignation. The purchase of Stedehays was completed by this abbot. Blindness induced him to abdicate in the autumn of 1288. He retired to Beaulieu, where he died in an honoured old age.

Richard de Chichester succeeded September 13, 1288. Personally summoned to Beaulieu to explain his conduct in cancelling the king's grant of the Axminster advowson, and surrendering it to the dean and chapter of York, his reasons appeared so unsatisfactory, that he was deprived of the seals of office and deposed from his rank, October 15, 1293. He is said to have left the monastery incumbered with debt.

Richard de Pedirton, subcellarer of Beaulieu, elected November 11, 1293. The Registrar blames him for confirming the alienation of the above advowson to the dean and chapter of York, for which confirmation he received 200 marks, and lived sumptuously on the money as long as it lasted. Probably his deed of confirmation could not be refused after the cancelling of the royal grant by his predecessor*. He resigned April 13, 1297. Much to his honour he liquidated the debt contracted by the late abbot, "sine distractione mobilium et terrarum ac onerosis corodiis." (Reg. fol. 118.)

William de Frid, elected April 14, 1297, sustained the reputation of a discreet and peaceful superior. For several years he had presided over the monks at Ford. Infirmities and age admonished him to retire to a private station, which he was enabled to do, February 4, 1303. He died at Newenham, but was buried at Ford.

Richard de Pedirton was immediately re-elected, but died on returning from the general chapter, November 5, 1304, and was buried at Waverley.

Ralph de Shapwick, of Somerset, the prior of Newenham, and a good religious man, succeeded to the rank of abbot December 6, 1304. He procured for his monastery fourteen acres of arable land in Coteheie, and built the calefactory and the arch in the cloisters from the church door to the door of the calefactory. He had a suit with William Martyn concerning the common pasture at Kyngside and the assize of bread, ale, and the right of a tumbril at Kilmeton, but was unsuccessful. On August

* The history of the transactions respecting Axminster has been already given under the title "Axminster."

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13, 1314, he resigned his office; and on his death was interred before the door of his conventual church.

Robert de Pupplisbury, of Somersetshire, cellarer of Beaulieu, succeeded in September, 1314, but his solemn benediction by bishop Stapeldon was delayed until the 15th January ensuing, and was given in Axminster parish church. During his superiority, famine and pestilence raged throughout the country: a bushel of wheat sold for from 3*s.* 4*d.* to 4*s.*; a quarter of beans for 24*s.*; a bushel of coarse salt was valued at 4*s.* 8*d.* The poor especially were swept away by pestilence, and the mortality amongst the beasts and cattle was very great. About 164 of the stock on the convent farm perished. War and intestine discord added to the misery. The abbot threw off the burthen of dignity May 12, 1321, and retired to Beaulieu to prepare for his dissolution.

John de Cokiswell, prior of Beaulieu, was appointed the next abbot, and was blest at Chudleigh by bishop Stapeldon, February 2 following. He was a wise and prudent man. By his good management he extricated his convent from all pecuniary difficulties. After a severe and long illness, he terminated his days December 26, 1324, and was buried in front of the chapter-house.

John de Getyngton, a native of the county of Northampton, succeeded. Before embracing the monastic state, he was archdeacon of Lewes and canon of Chichester cathedral. From being porter of Beaulieu, he was raised, on January 18 next after the death of the last-mentioned abbot, to preside at Newenham, and received the "munus benedictionis" from bishop Stapeldon in his chapel at Temple-Bar, London, March 17. During the fourteen years of his superiority, he increased the property of the convent by the purchase of lands at Shapwick and Tuddesheie, and of some houses belonging to David Anselm, near the Westgate, Exeter. He added three arches in the cloisters towards the south; he began a new refectory and kitchen; vaulted the calefactory; built granges at Bever and Brewheighes; and obtained letters from the king to purchase lands of ten pounds value. He strenuously asserted the right of his abbey to the advowson of Axminster, and proceeded to present Adam de Tuteburne to that living in August, 1331. The unfortunate result is already explained under the head of "Axminster." Blindness and declining years caused him to surrender office on Sunday, May 11, 1338; and on January 18 ensuing he closed his active life, leaving behind him a character very popular with the historians of his house. He was buried in the first arch of the cloister where his building commenced *.

Walter Howe, a Devonian, and porter of Newenham, was elected its abbot May 13, 1338. The register (which finishes with his time) proves him to have been a man of business. His predecessor employed him in obtaining the confirmation of the abbey charters from king Edward III. He completed the buildings which had been left unfinished by the late abbot, purchased a house near the Southgate, Exeter, of one Robert de Leu, another of John de Ralegh opposite the Dominican convent in the same city, and another house of Robert de Leu, near the barbican of Exeter castle, afterwards used as the abbot's town house. He also provided a large bell, called "the Grandisson †" in compliment to the bishop of Exeter at that time, who had contributed to it the sum of ten marks. During his government the great mortality in 1348, which for two years spread desolation in England, visited the convent, and carried off twenty-three of its members; and no fewer than eighty-eight secular persons, who lived within the abbey gates, were its victims. This abbot, in July, 1344, granted a perpetual rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* to the new college of S. Mary of Ottery. He had a troublesome altercation with the Carewes, respecting the right to Luppit church ‡. The church was granted to the abbey as early as 1248 by the founder, and his grant was confirmed by pope Alexander IV. October 28, 1257; but as John Carew had married Eleanor, the elder daughter of Sir William Mohun, second son of Lord Reginald de Mohun, the abbot, to prevent litigation, paid £100 to procure a disclaimer on the part of that family.

Richard Branscombe was admitted on Lætare Jerusalem sunday, March 7, 1361, at the palace at Chudleigh.

John Legga, instituted September 24, 1391, on which occasion he subscribed his profession of obedience to bishop Brantyngham, "hoc signum faciendo," i. e. with a cross.

Leonard Houndaller, whose date of election and confirmation we have not yet discovered. In page 15 of Madox's "Formulare Anglicanum," is this abbot's certificate of the pedigree of John Shapwick, clerk, late prior of S. John's hospital at Bridport. It is dated February 2, 12 Henry IV. (1411.)

Nicholas Wysbech, confirmed October 29, 1413.

Trystram Crukerne was blest at Crediton by bishop Lacy, July 27, 1432.

William Hunteford admitted September 12, 1456, in Axminster church, during high mass, by Broderick, suffragan bishop to bishop Nevyll. (Nevyll's register, fol. 3.)

John occurs in a deed of January, 1496: he hospitably entertained king Henry VII. for nearly a week, from November 4 to 10, 1497.

John Ellys was blest by bishop Oldham's suffragan, "in capella infra domum sive monasterium de Newenham," July 8, 1512. His lease of an estate in Luppit to John Symes, for three lives, reserving rent and suit at Spernebarne court twice in the year, is still extant.

John Ilminster, alias *Cabell*, was blest abbot in his church, August 3, 1525. We have seen two leases of his, both dated April 19, 18 Henry VIII. (1528): by one he demises to Thomas and Margery Hore and their son John a tenement, "apud le Wylle," and another at "Notisplace," with the estate of "Overland," just west by the water, within the tything of Clayhill, as also Stritcham close there, at the yearly rent of 50*s.* 2*d.* By the other he leases to John and Alice Lang, and their daughter Alice, for their several lives, the office of bailiff of Axminster market, always excepting the profits of the fair on the eve of the Nativity of S. John the Baptist, and of the bell-ringing, and proclamation, and weighing of bread. The rent is fixed at 60*s.* with the charge of repairing the butchers' stalls and keeping them covered, and of cleaning the shambles, when necessary, at the proper cost of the lessees.

Richard Gyll, confirmed in his dignity by bishop Veysey, February 3, 1530, was the last abbot. He was gratified with an annuity of £44 at the dissolution. Amongst the pensioners of this abbot we have met with Sir Thomas Denys and his eldest son Robert, John Drake, of Musbury, gent.; Anthony, Harry, and Philip Furse, gents.; Alexander Everett, John Morys, Robert Hamlyn, and William Achym. To the above Achym he leased, August 20,

* [Like many other religious prelates (as the year-books attest), he seems to have been much engaged in lawsuits; and, as the object of the suits was the extension of the corporate property, he has secured the praises of the author of the register. For reasons given under the head of "Axminster," these praises must be received with some distrust. At all events, he is not entitled to the applause which the writer bestows on Willielmus de Fria: "qui custodivit domum, intra et extra, sine lite et placito sumptuosis."

The same author testifies a strong prejudice against Cornish men, apparently because some vicar of Pelynt had excited his displeasure, "de qua natione" (viz. natives of Cornwall) "caveant posteri." The character of Cornish men given still earlier by Richard of Devizes, is also rather ambiguous: "Omni insuper tempore pro talibus Cornubienses habeto, quales in Francia nostros Flandrenses haberi. Ceterum regio ipsa generaliter in rore celi et pinguedine terre tota beatissima est; in singulis etiam locis aliqui boni sunt, sed multo minus in omnibus quam in una Wintonia." (Chronicon Ric. Div. ed. 1838.) Perhaps an impartial judge would think that Richard has overrated the fatness of the land as much as he has underrated its inhabitants.—S.]

† This bishop, in answer to king Edward III.'s writ, September 8, anno regni 13 (1339), certified in his return, that the abbot of Newenham paid for tenths for the manor of Axminster 24*s.* 10½*d.* per annum; and for the manor of Plenynt, and of Northam (in Launcells parish), in Cornwall, 27*s.* 2½*d.* (Grandisson's register, vol. i. fol. 19.)

‡ The taxation of this church by bishop Grandisson, July 11, 1344, may be seen in his register, vol. iii. fol. 52. (Post, Num. XVI.) For the endowment of S. Nicholas's chantry in the south aisle of its church, February 8, 1451, see Lacy's register, vol. iii. fol. 490. The foundress, Elizabeth Carew, relict of Thomas Carew, baron Carew, knight, vested certain land in the hands of trustees for this purpose, which were situated in South Town, Dartmouth; in Greneway, within the manor of Ottery Mohun; and in Golehayes, Golehurste, and Sykenheys, "infra dominium de Ottery Mohun," from which the chantry priest was to receive a yearly salary of eight marks, besides 6*s.* 8*d.* in die obitus, and wine, bread, and wax to be found for the altar. On her anniversary day 6*s.* 8*d.* also were to be given to the poor.

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28 Henry VIII. (1536), in consideration of a fine of twenty marks "in opus et usum monasterii" and the yearly rent of £14, the tithes of sheaf and corn growing in Plenynt parish for a term of ninety-nine years. On March 15, 29 Henry VIII. (1538), he granted to Sir George Carew, knight, and his assigns, the rectorial tithes of Luppit from the ensuing Easter for a term of five years, renewable during the life of the said Sir George, at the fixed rent of £12 13*s.* 4*d.*

The yearly revenues of the abbey were valued at £231 14*s.* 4*d.*

We have lately met with a receipt of the abbot and convent, dated from the chapter-house, Sunday next before the feast of S. Lawrence, 1323, to Philip de Okebear and Adam Young, executors of the will of William de Coldecote, prior, who died at Newenham, and was buried in the conventual cemetery. He bequeathed a moiety of his personal property to the abbey. The common seal impressed is nearly effaced.

The site of the abbey and a considerable portion of its estates were first leased to Henry Grey, marquess of Dorset, afterwards created duke of Suffolk, on whose attainder in 1553 the property reverted to the crown. Queen Elizabeth, February 12, 1563, granted the same to Thomas duke of Norfolk, whose youngest son, lord William Howard, disposed of it to John, the first lord Petre, June 7, 1605, for £7200. His descendant, the present lord Petre, sold the same on September 30, 1824, to James Alexander Frampton, esq. A moiety of the estate became the property of William Knight, esq., of Axminster.

To James Davidson, esq., the author of the "History of Newenham Abbey," we stand indebted for many particulars, and have much pleasure in referring our readers to his work for some further details.

Num. I.

Carta regis Johannis ut Axeministre sit liber burgus et sit ibi liberum mercatum et feria *.

(Rot. Cart. 11 Joh. et Registr. de Niweham.)

Johannes Dei gratia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie, dux Normannie et Acquitanie, comes, etc. salutem. Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Willielmo Briwer, quod Axeminister sit liber burgus et ibi sit liberum mercatum singulis septimanis per diem dominicam et una feria singulis annis per octo dies duratura cum theloneo, pavagio, pontagio, passagio, lastagio, stallagio, et cum omnibus aliis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad liberum burgum et ad mercatum et ad feriam pertinentibus. Concessimus etiam predicto Willielmo quod burgenses sui de predicto burgo sint liberi burgenses et sint quieti de theloneo, pavagio, pontagio, passagio, lastagio, stallagio, et habeant omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines et quietancias que ad nos pertinent per totam terram nostram et per omnes portus terre nostre, excepta civitate London. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predictus Willielmus et heredes sui post ipsum habeant et teneant omnia predicta bene et in pace, libere et quiete, integre, plenarie et honorifice cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, sicut predictum est. Testibus, domino Petro Wynton episcopo; domino Hugone Lincoln electo; G. Hill; Petro comite Essex; Alberto de Vere, com. Oxon; Hugone de Nevill; Willielmo de Cantilu; Johanne Maresc.; Galfrido Liccéfell. Datum per manum Hugonis de Well apud Dorecestr. xxv. die Maii, anno regni nostri xi.

* This charter, though antecedent to the foundation of the abbey, was in strictness one of its title-deeds; for under this grant to the ancestor of Mohun the abbey claimed the market (subsequently held on another day) and the fair. In a lease, 18 Henry VIII., seen by the writer, the profits of the fair were reserved, and the market tolls let for 60*s.* per annum. The grant of this manor itself to Briwere will be found under "Axminster."

Num. II.

Carta Reginaldi de Moun de manerio de Axeminstre.

(Ex eodem registro, fol. 19, 20.)

Universis Christi fidelibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Reginaldus de Moun salutem eternam in Domino. Noveritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse totum manerium meum de Axeminstre cum omnibus pertinentiis suis Deo et beate Marie Virgini et monachis Cisterciensis ordinis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris pro salute animarum Willielmi Brewer senioris, et Willielmi Brewer junioris, et uxorum suarum, et pro salute anime mee, et patris mei, et matris mee, et Hawisie de Moun et Isabelle Basset uxorum mearum, et Willielmi de Moun fratris mei, et heredum meorum et omnium antecessorum et successorum meorum, habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis predictis monachis totum predictum manerium de Axeminstr cum hundredo forinseco pertinente ad dictum manerium cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis, et cum sectis Mathei de Baunthon et heredum suorum, et Philippi de Greneweie et heredum suorum, et Andree de Lovepite et heredum suorum, et Willielmi de Hanvile et heredum suorum, tantummodo ad dictum hundredum forinsecum faciendis, de jure ibidem spectantibus, aliis serviciis et omnimodis exactionibus eorundem mihi et heredibus meis in perpetuum retentis et cum aliis pertinentiis suis absque ullo retenemento dicti manerii ad opus meum et heredum meorum exceptis sectis de me et heredibus meis, et exceptis sectis et consuetudinibus et exactionibus et omnibus demandis omnium aliorum hominum meorum de Otry et de Holdych, que omnia mihi et heredibus meis quiete et integre retinui imperpetuum, ad fundandum ibi et construendum abbathiam Cisterciensis ordinis in honore Dei et Beate Marie Virginis in predicto manerio de Axeminstr per abbatem Belli Loci Regis, de cujus domo ad dictam abbathiam sumatur conventus. Volo igitur et concedo pro me et heredibus meis, ut monachi ibidem Deo servientes et servituri habeant et teneant dictum manerium cum omnibus pertinentiis suis de me et heredibus meis in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosynam libere, quiete et solute ab omni terreno servicio, consuetudine, et demanda et exactione seculari et ab omnibus sectis, placitis, causis, cancellationibus et querelis que ad me vel heredes meos de dicto manerio aliquatenus possent pertinere. Concedo etiam ut ipsi monachi ibidem Deo servientes et servituri dictum manerium habeant et teneant et plenarie possideant integre, bene et in pace, in villa et extra villam, in terris, redditibus, escaetis, in wardis et releviis et in omnibus rebus et locis cum omnibus libertatibus et pertinentiis ad dictum manerium spectantibus, ut predictum est, adeo libere, quiete, bene et honorifice sicut aliqua elemosina in mundo liberius, quiecius et honorificencius ab aliquo homine dari poterit vel teneri. Omnia vero servicia et exactiones, que de dicto manerio regie potestati debentur vel deberi poterint, ego Reginaldus de Moun et heredes mei de aliis terris nostris plenarie acquietabimus et dictos monachos ibidem Deo servientes et servituros contra omnes mortales warrantizabimus imperpetuum. Ut hec autem mea donacio, concessio, warrantizatio et presentis carte mee confirmacio ratam et perpetuam stabilitatem optineant, presens scriptum sigilli mei impressione roboravi. Hiis testibus; ven. domino Ricardo Albo episcopo Exon, Ricardo fratre domini regis comite Cornubie, domino Symone comite Leycestre, domino Willielmo de Cantelou seniore, domino Johanne filio Gaufridi, domino Radulpho filio Nicholai, domino Willielmo de Kantelou juniore, domino Henrico de Tracy, domino Hugone de Peverel, ... de Ermyngton, domino Willielmo de Raligh, domino Willielmo de Moun, domino Hamelino de Audun, domino Willielmo Mallerbe, et multis aliis.

[Confirmed on Inspeximus Cart. 31 Hen. III. m. 2.]

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Num. III.

Confirmatio regis Henrici tercii pro fundandâ abbatiâ apud Axeministre *.

(Ex registro de Newenham, fol. 19.)

Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie dux Normannie Acquietannie et comes Andegavie dilectis sibi in Christo abbati et conventui de Bello Loco Regis, salutem. Bene volumus et concessimus dilecto et fideli nostro Reginaldo de Moun ut construi faciat abbathiam quandam ordinis Cisterciensis apud Axeministre, laudabile propositum suum in hac parte ad effectum optatum producenti. Quod quidem nos, gratum habentes plurimum et acceptum, vobis mandamus voluntati nostre admodum convenire ut de domo nostra conventum illuc mittatis, domum illam de novo plantatam domui vestre filiam facientes. Teste Me ipso apud Sandelforde xiiij die Julii anno regni nostri tricesimo.

Num. IV.

Placitum de advocatione ecclesiæ de Loveputte.

(Abbreviatio Placitorum, Hen. III. pag. 161.)

Devon.—Assisa ultime presentacionis venit recognoscere quis advocatus presentavit ultimam personam ad ecclesiam de Loveputte que vacat et cujus advocacionem Willielmus de Mohun clamat versus abbatem de Newenham et unde idem Willielmus dicit quod ad ipsum pertinet presentare, quia Reginaldus de Mohun pater ipsius Willielmi feofavit ipsum Willielmum de manerio de Loveputte simul cum advocacione predicte ecclesie. Et abbas non venit. Juratores dicunt quod predictus Reginaldus fuit advocatus predicte ecclesie de Loveputte, et ultimo presentavit tempore pacis ad eandem ecclesiam quendam Baldewynum clericum suum qui fuit admissus et obiit persona in eadem. Et quia convictum est per assisam istam quod predictus Reginaldus fuit advocatus predicte ecclesie, consideratum est quod predictus Willielmus recuperet presentacionem suam ad predictam ecclesiam, et abbas in misericordia †. (Rot. 5 in dorso.)

Num. V.

Carta regis Edwardi tertii, donatorum concessiones recitans et confirmans.

(Pat. 4 Edw. III. part 1, m. 31.)

Rex omnibus ad quos, &c. salutem. Donationem, concessionem, et confirmacionem quas Reginaldus de Moun fecit per cartam suam Deo et beate Marie Virgini et monachis Cisterciensis ordinis de toto manerio suo de Axeministre ad fundandum abbaciam ordinis predicti in honore Dei et beate Marie Virginis in manerio predicto, que quidem abbacia nunc Neweham nuncupatur, una cum hundredo forinseco pertinente ad dictum manerium, ac libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus, et sectis Mathei de Maunthon et heredum suorum, Philippi de Greneweye et heredum suorum, Andree de Luuepitte et heredum suorum, et Willielmi de Hauvill et heredum suorum, tantummodo ad dictum hundredum faciendum de jure ibidem spectantibus; necnon placitis, causis, querelis, serviciis, redditibus, escaetis, wardis, releviis, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis, exceptis sectis, consuetudinibus, exactionibus, et omnimodis demandis omnium aliorum hominum ipsius Reginaldi, de Ottri, et Holedich; remissionem eciam, etc. quas Ricardus filius Willielmi de Aleth fecit per scriptum suum abbati et conventui dicti loci de Newenham de toto jure quod habuit vel habere potuit in manerio de Plenynt et advocatione ecclesie ejusdem loci, cum redditibus, homagiis, sectis, wardis, escaetis, fidelitatibus, releviis, herietis, scutagiis, tallagiis, auxiliis, et aliis pertinentiis suis; remissionem insuper et quietam clamanciam quas Walterus de Aleth filius et heres Johannis de Aleth fecit per scriptum suum prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis de toto jure quod habuit vel habere potuit in manerio de Plenynt, et advocatione ecclesie ejusdem loci cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; donationem etc. quas Johannes de Cancellis filius et heres Egidii de Cancellis fecit per scriptum suum eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus de manerio de Plenynt in Cornubia et advocatione ecclesie ejusdem manerii cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; remissionem insuper et quietam clamantiam quas Johannes de Calvo-monte, filius et heres Bartholomei de Calvo-monte et Isabelle uxoris ejus, fecit per scriptum suum prefatis abbati et conventui et successoribus suis de manerio de Plenynt et advocatione ecclesie ejusdem loci cum omnibus pertinentiis suis; donationem, etc. quas Ricardus Wranghe fecit, etc. de toto tenemento suo de Wrangahegh, cum pratis, pascuis, pasturis, aquis, redditibus, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis; donationem, etc. quas Thomas Stede filius et heres Radulfi Stede fecit, etc. de tota terra sua quam habuit in manerio de Axeministre cum edificiis, curtillis, etc.; donationem, etc. quas Henricus de Burton et Mabilla uxor ejus fecerunt per cartam suam eisdem abbati et conventui de toto tenemento suo cum pratis, etc. quod habuerunt apud Sapwike in manerio de Axeministre de dono Ricardi de Burton; donationem, etc. quas Alicia de Tynten Caleweheigh fecit per cartam suam eisdem abbati, etc. de toto illo tenemento et terra que Philippus Rogerus de Schapewyk quondam tenuit apud Schapewyk in manerio de Axeministre, et eciam de tota terra et prato que eadem Alicia habuit de dono Johannis de Schapewyk ibidem cum curtillis, etc.; relaxationem eciam, etc. quas Johannes de Tynten miles filius et heres Alicie de Tynten fecit etc. de toto jure et clameo que habuit, etc. in toto illo tenemento et terra que Philippus Rogerus de Schapewyk quondam tenuit apud Schapewyk etc.; donationem insuper, etc. quas Nicholaus de Bolevill fecit per cartam suam eisdem abbati, etc. de viginti et quinque solidatis et quatuor denariatis annui redditus quas Alexander de Chelesham et heredes sui aliquando eidem Nicholao reddere consueverunt de terris quas de ipso tenuerunt in Kelmeton in comitatu Devonie, et Dalwud in comitatu Dorschet cum wardis etc.; donationem, etc. quas Robertus nuper abbas monasterii beate Marie de Gresten et ejusdem loci conventus fecerunt per scriptum suum eisdem abbati et conventui de Neweham de sexaginta solidatis annui redditus quas aliquando predicti abbas et conventus de Gresten percipere consueverunt de quodam manerio quod vocatur Northon in Cornubia; et de toto jure et clameo que predicti abbas et conventus de Gresten unquam habuerunt vel habere potuerunt in predicto manerio de Northon cum omnibus pertinentiis suis,—ratas habentes et gratas, eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est, etc. confirmamus, etc. In cujus, etc. T. R. apud Wodestok primo die Aprilis.

Num. VI.

Carta regis Edwardi tertii donationes Reginaldi de Moun confirmans.

(Lansdowne MSS. No. 447. fol. 10.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam Reginaldus de Moun quondam comes Somerset et dominus de Dunsterre scripsit in hec verba.—Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Reginaldus de Moun comes Somerset et dominus de Dunsterre dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Deo et beate Marie Virgini et monachis Cisterciensis ordinis Deo servientibus et servituris totum manerium meum de Axaministre cum omnibus membris et pertinenciis suis ad fundandam abbathiam ibidem in honorem Sancte Trinitatis et Sancte Marie Virginis in

* This charter is not the original licence to Mohun, but is rather a notification of the royal will that the new abbey should be affiliated to the royal foundation of Beaulieu.—S.

† Why the abbot let judgment go by default, or whether this action preceded the gift of the advowson to the abbey, is not clear. The writer of the register cited post. Num. VIII. states Reginald, brother of William, to be the donor of Lovepitt.—S.

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loco qui Neweham vocatur in eodem manerio cum toto jure quod ad franciplegium pertinet in dicto manerio et membris cum hundredo forinseco et intrinseco cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis et cum omnibus sectis presentacionibus apparicionibus et proclamacionibus suis que ad libera hundreda pertinere dinoscuntur cum toto horderisgildo de Roverege * cum omnibus pertinenciis suis cum omnibus animalibus que vocantur wayfs et strayes cum omnibus pertinenciis et cum turno vicecomitis in eodem hundredo cum omnibus pertinenciis suis cum omnibus sectis presentacionibus indictamentis amerciamentis et cum omnibus auxiliis ad eundem turnum spectantibus; que quidem auxilia Combe, Bampton, Yertecombe, Estmembiri, Wicroft, Smalregge, annuatim solvere debent, sicut ab antiquo solvere solebant cum dictum manerium in manibus regum fuit, et cum feria et mercata hactenus ibidem usitatis cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis et cum tota piscaria in riparia de Axe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus in supradictis manerio et membris, franciplegio hundredo horderisgilde animalibus turno vicecomitis auxilia et piscaria cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis, sive assignatis predictis monachis, et eorum successoribus, predictum manerium membrum franciplegia hundreda horderisgild animalia turnum vicecomitis auxilia feriam mercatam et piscariam cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam in villis et extra villas in terris redditibus escaetis in wardis releviis homagiis sectis et summonicionibus feodis auxiliis gildis aquis molendinis nemoribus pascuis pratis warenis antiquis dominicis et in omnibus rebus et locis in omnibus libertatibus et pertinenciis ad dictum manerium spectantibus, ut predictum est, adeo libere quiete bene et pacifice et honorifice sicut aliqua elemosina in mundo liberius quietius et honorificentius ab aliquo homine mortali dari poterit vel teneri. Omnia vero terena servicia et exacciones de dicto manerio et membris supranumeratis regie potestati debentur vel deberi poterunt in futurum alicui hominum mortali, ego Reginaldus de Moun heredes mei et assignati de omnibus aliis terris nostris ubicunque jacentibus plenarie acquietabimus et dictos monachos indempnes conservabimus imperpetuum. Et ego Reginaldus de Moun et heredes mei et assignati predictum manerium membra franciplegium hundredum horderisgild animalia turnum vicecomitis auxilia feriam mercatum et piscariam predictis monachis et eorum successoribus contra omnes mortales warrantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus per universos dies seculi. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum aposui: Hiis testibus; venerabilibus dominis Richardo Exoniensi, Willielmo Bathoniensi et Wellensi, episcopis; domino Richardo fratre domini regis comite Cornubie; dominis S. comite Lecestrie; W. comite Oxonie; Johanne filio Galfridi; Radulfo filio Nicholai; Hugone Tracy; Hugone Peverell de Ermyngton; Hugone de Andover; Willielmo de Malherbe; militibus, et multis aliis.—Nos autem donacionem concessionem et confirmacionem predictas ratas habentes et gratas eas pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui dicti loci de Nywehame et successoribus suis tenore presencium concedimus et confirmamus prout carta predicta racionabiliter testatur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri facimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium sexto die Marcii anno regni nostri Anglie quarto decimo regni vero nostri Francie primo.

Num. VII.

Progenies Aliciæ quartæ filiarum et hæredum Willielmi Brewer.

(Ex regist. de Niweham †. Arundel MS. fol. 37 b.)

Alicia de Mohun, quarta filia Willielmi Bruer, ad cujus participationem, inter quinque filias heredes dicti Willielmi Bruer, cecidit manerium de Axeminster cum pertinentiis. Que Alicia predicta nupta fuit domino Reginaldo de Mohun, domino de Dunsterre, de qua procreavit Reginaldum de Mohun heredem ipsorum Reginaldi et Alicie; et ille Reginaldus filius Reginaldi predicti fundavit abbatiam de Nyweham in manerio de Axeminster anno gratie MCC.xlvj. octavo idus Januarii die dominica, luna xv., epacta prima, concurrente prima, sub papa Innocentio quarto, regnante in Anglia Henrico christianissimo rege, filio Johannis regis; regnante in Francia Lodovico filio Lodovici filii regis Philippi; vacante imperio Romano, Frederico deposito; gubernante ecclesiam Cantuariensem Bonifacio, ecclesiam vero Exoniensem magistro Richardo Albo, de eadem civitate Exoniensi nato; abbatizante apud Bellum Locum dompno Acio de Gysortis, cum dicta domus Belli Loci esset quadraginta duorum annorum et dimidii; abbatizante apud Furdam domino Adamo. Qui supradictus Reginaldus de Mohun habuit duas uxores; scilicet, Hawysiam de Mohun et Isabellam Basset, et in dicta Hawysia procreavit unum filium nomine Johannem, heredem ipsius. Qui Johannes predictus in Gasconia moriebatur; cujus cor jacet coram magno altare inter sepulcrum Reginaldi de Mohun, et Willielmi de Mohun, domini de Moun-Otery, et de Niweham; corpus vero apud Brewiton. Qui Johannes de Mohun secundus habuit unum filium heredem nomine Johannem. Qui Johannes, modo tertius, fuit in custodia domini regis in tempore quo justiciarii domini regis itinerantes in Devonia sederunt. Qui Johannes de Mohun tertius sumpsit uxorem Audam Typetoft, in qua procreavit de se septem filios et unam filiam, quorum nomina patent. Idem Johannes de Mohun tertius mutavit arma antiqua eorum qui solebant portare manicam ermiatam. Iste Johannes tertius portavit scutum aureum, cum nigra cruce engrellata.

Filii Johannis de Mohun tertii.	Johannes heres ipsius. Robertus, dominus de Purbec. Baldewynus, rector de Bycheford. Paganus. Reginaldus miles. Patricius. Hervicus et Laurentius.

Filia supradicti Johannis de Mohun tertii Elianora nupta Radulfo de Wyleton. Johannes de Mohun quartus habuit unum filium heredem ejus, et duas filias procreatas. Filius dicti Johannis quarti Johannes, heres ejusdem. Filie dicti Johannis quarti Margareta, nupta Johanni de Carru; Elizabetha, que moriebatur sine exitu. Dominus Johannes de Mohun quartus moriebatur in Scocia per plurimos annos ante Johannem tertium patrem suum, et filius ejus et heres, Johannes modo quintus, post mortem avi sui fuit in custodia domini Henrici de Burghwash Lincolniensis episcopi. Qui Johannes quintus sumpsit in uxorem Joannam filiam domini Bartholomei de Burghwasch, fratris dicti episcopi Lincolniensis.

Num. VIII.

De fundatoribus de Niweham.

(Ex regist. de Niweham, Arundel MS. fol. 50.)

Primus fundator est dominus Henricus rex Anglie filius regis Johannis, qui anno regni sui 30. dedit licentiam suam construendi abbathiam hoc loco, vocatam Niweham. Secundus fundator erat Reginaldus de Moun, qui dedit manerium de Axminster, cum hundredo, huic monasterio, et anno quolibet vite sue centum marchas assignavit argenti ad constructionem ejusdem, et in testamento suo septingentas marcas argenti legavit, ut in cronicis de Forda plenius apparet; item dedit advocationem ecclesie de Lovepitte. . . . . .

Willielmus de Moun, frater ejusdem Reginaldi, dedit fratri suo predicto omnes terras et tenementa pro manerio de Axminster, ad sustentandum ibidem dictum monasterium, qui dedit supradicto fratri nomen fundatoris, eo quod ipse erat totalis causa fundationis. Idem perquisivit totum manerium de Nortone cum hundredo et balliva de

* Called also Gildum hordagii, and Horderisgeve. See post. Num. XVII. Num. XX. fol. 40.

† Erroneously printed in Dugdale "Registr. abbatiæ de Sibeton."

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Strattone *, et multa alia bona innumerabilia huic loco procuravit, et fecit.

Dominus Egidius de Cancellis habuit manerium de Plenint in Cornubia in feodi firma, pro cujus anima ejus executores dictum manerium huic monasterio assignaverunt, cum advocatione ecclesie. Et Willielmus filius Richardi Alet eundem dicto monasterio relaxavit et quietum clamavit, et Bartholomeus de Chamond similiter, et Johannes de Ancell similiter relaxavit.

Dominus Nicholaus de Bolevile dedit nobis viginti sex solidos annui redditus in Tuddeshee, cum corpore suo.

Richardus de Stamerlegh dedit nobis terram suam in Stamerlegh.

Radulfus Stede dedit nobis omnes terras suas in Stedeheis.

Richardus de Wranga dedit nobis omnes terras suas in Wrangch'.

Robertus de Bacalre dedit nobis terram suam in Bacalre †.

Johannes de Burton dedit terram suam de Shapwike.

Dominus Johannes miles de Tinten dedit quadraginta acras terre in Shapwike.

Johannes de Shapewike dedit nobis omnes terras suas in Shapewike.

Adam le Cran dedit terram suam in Coroumor.

Hillarius Borda molendinum dedit nobis de Hoddesclyve.

Dominus David Anselm, cantor Crydionensis, dedit nobis domos in civitate Exon.

Richardus de Coteheie dedit xiiij. acras terre in Coteheie.

Robertus de Lou dedit nobis domos juxta barbicanum in civitate Exon. [This last gift is in a later hand.]

Num. IX.

De anniversariis fundatorum hujus monasterii.

(Ibid. 58 b.)

1257. Tertio kal. Februarii, obiit dominus Reginaldus de Mohun fundator.

1260. Obiit Isabella Basset uxor Reginaldi predicti.

1265. Obiit Willielmus de Moun, fundator hujus monasterii, et frater germanus supradicti Reginaldi, qui apud Nortun in Cornubia, in manerio hujus domus moriebatur.

1248. Obiit dominus Egidius de Cancellis, dator de Plennynt.

1264. Obiit Johannes de Bolevile, qui contulit huic domui octoginta solidos annui redditus in Kilmeton, et Bleccheshere.

1280. Obiit dominus Willielmus de Mohun, filius domini Reginaldi, qui quidem Willielmus fuit dominus de Oteri-Moun; et jacet sepultus coram magno altari de Nyweham, et reliquit hereditatem duabus filiabus.

1258. Obiit Wymundus de Raleghe in vigilia Sancti Nicolai.

1258. Obiit dominus Richardus abbas.

1291. Obiit Petrus Quivel episcopus Exon.

1307. Obiit dominus Thomas de Buttone, episcopus Exonie.

1326. Obiit dominus Walterus de Stapleton, episcopus Exonie.

1326. Obiit dominus Jacobus de Berkeley, episcopus Exonie.

* The abbot of Newenham continued to be bailiff of Stratton Hundred till the dissolution of monasteries, as lord of the manor of Norton, and there is a minister's account of the profits, &c. in the Augmentation Office; but he did not possess the hundred.—S.

† *Alre*, or *aller*, is an alder plantation (alnetum), and is an affix to many names of places; as Houndaller, Prestaller, &c. Mr. Davidson, in his account of the abbey above referred to, erroneously supposes the word to imply *entirety*.—S.

Num. X.

Corpora istorum qui jacent humata coram magno altare de Nyweham.

(Ibid.)

Egidius de Chanceaux, dator de Plenent, jacet in dextra presbyterii prope sedes ministrorum.

Item juxta illum, in sinistra parte, jacet Willielmus de Moun, frater Reginaldi, et alter fundator dicte abbathie.

Item juxta illum, in sinistra parte, ultra stationem diaconi, jacet Reginaldus de Moun, principalis fundator.

Item juxta illum, in sinistra parte, sub parva petra, jacet cor Johannis de Moun, filii et heredis dicti Reginaldi, et ejus corpus jacet apud Bruweton. Et juxta illud cor, in sinistra parte, jacet dominus Willielmus de Mohun, dominus de Oteri-Moun, filius dicti Reginaldi, de Isabella secunda uxore sua procreatus. Item in sinistro muro presbyterii, jacet Nicholaus de Bolevilla, qui dedit nobis xxvj*s.* iiij*d.* annui redditus.

Omnes supradicti milites fuerunt.

Num. XI. ‡

Nomina abbatum de Neweham.

(Ibid. 52 b.)

Johannes Godard, natus in Cantuaria, primus abbas hujus monasterii, vir nobilis scientia et mirabilis eloquentie, qui octavo idus Januarii, die videlicet dominica, in festo Epiphanie domini, dictam domum cepit regendam anno ejusdem millesimo ducentesimo quadragesimo sexto, et anno regis Henrici filii regis Johannes xxxj., et anno Domini m.cc.xlviij. quarto die mensis Aprilis cessavit. Apud Clivam in comitatu Somerset per annos plurimos postmodum abbatizavit.

Cui successit Henricus de Spersolte in Barkscire natus, primus cellerarius ejusdem domus in abbatem creatus, sexto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini m.cc.xlvij., qui adquisivit manerium de Plenint in Cornubia cum advocatione ecclesie ejusdem manerii, tenementa de Tuddesheie, manerium de Shapewike in una parte, Bacalre, Cromor juxta Furshagh, et ecclesiam de Lovepitte, et primam petram posuit pro fundamento hujus ecclesie. Idem relaxavit abbati et conventui de Glastonbiri sectas ad hundredum de Axeminster et ad turnum vicecomitis, cum sexdecim solidis et octo denariis, qui solebant solvi in auxilium ad turnum et ad hundredum pro Hordrisgeve, compulsus per placitum. Et anno Domini m.cc.liij. tertio die mensis Maii, cessit propter quandam infirmitatem intervenientem.

Cui successit Johannes de Ponte Roberti, prior Belli Loci, vir valde religiosus, ad cujus rogatum Richardus Blund, qui abbas dicebatur, situm hujus abbatie dedicavit, et, pro signo dedicationis, poni fecit cruces ligneas ad sancta loca et benedicta discernenda, donec circumdata extitit curia sive abbatia opere fossario. Idem episcopus sententiam dedit tunc super omnes, qui aliquam violentiam fecerunt in locis supradictis. Idem abbas contulit huic ecclesie librum unum, videlicet, ex quatuor evangelistis. Anno Domini m.cc.lij. vicesimo quinto die Februarii cessit.

Cui successit Galfridus de Blancheveile, placitator Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus vicesimo nono die mensis Martii anno Domini m.cc.lij. qui perquisivit omnia privilegia hujus domus, et appropriavit, per curiam Romanam, ecclesias de Plenynt et Lovepitte, et primo presentavit ad ecclesiam de Plenynt quendam Robertum Everard, ... Idem Galfridus adquisivit manerium de Norton in comitatu Cornubie per consilium et auxilium Willielmi de Moun fundatoris, pro quo quidem manerio idem Willielmus de bonis suis pro nobis satisfecit usque ad magnam summam pecunie. Idem Galfridus adquisivit Wrangeheis et Stamerligh in parte. Idem Galfridus incepit edificare super fundamentum ecclesie et in tantum expedivit in

‡ The following is reprinted, with a few corrections, and an addition at the end, from the last edition of Dugdale's Monasticon. It is only a partial copy of the original. The omissions are here indicated by dots.

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edificatione predicta, quod missam primam celebrari fecit in eadem ecclesia; et post multos labores, huic ecclesie valde fructuosos, moriebatur extra abbatiam predictam anno Domini M.CC.LXIJ.

Cui successit Hugo de Cokeswill, portarius Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus quarto decimo die mensis Junii anno Domini M.CC.LXIJ. qui benedictionem episcopalem nunquam recepit. Idem callidis machinationibus suis mutavit conventum hujus domus, et anno Domini M.CC.LXV. tertio nonas Julii, apud Bellum Locum secrete cessit, et ibidem in crastino alium abbatem et conventum elegerunt ad Nyweham transmissuros, unde sors electionis cecidit super Johannem de Northampton, custodem de Faringdone, et super duodecim monachos pro conventu suo computandos, ... Et anno Domini M.CC.LXXIJ., tertio idus Septembris, cessit.

Cui successit Willielmus de Cornubia prior Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus duodecimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini M.CC.LXXIJ. . . . . et post multos labores cecus factus est et decrepitus. Et anno Domini M.CC.LXXXVIIJ. apud Bellum Locum cessavit, et ibidem vitam finivit.

Cui successit Richardus de Chichestre monachus Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus tertio decimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini quo supra; qui propriis manibus cartam domini regis de advocatione ecclesie de Axeminstre in curia regis cancellavit et adnullavit et detruncavit: pro qua quidem cancellatione a canonicis Eboraci recepit argentum multum, qui, per Bellum Locum regrediens, ibidem legitime fuit depositus de suo regimine, et sigilla hujus domus ablata ab eo; et anno Domini M.CC.LXXXX. IIJ. idus Octobris, hec omnia ab ipso sunt facta vel orta.

Cui successit Richardus de Pedirton, subcellarius Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus tertio idus Novembris anno Domini M.CC.LXXXXIIJ., qui quietam clamavit advocationem dicte ecclesie canonicis Eboraci, et sic erat novus error pejor priore, pro una quidem quieta clamancia pecuniam recepit, de qua fecit convivia, et lete et laute vixit, dum duravit. Et anno M.CC.XC. VIJ. idus Aprilis cessavit.

Cui successit Willielmus le Fria in abbatem creatus decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis, anno quo supra, qui custodivit domum intra et extra, sine lite et placito sumptuosis. Et anno Domini M.CCC.IIJ. cessit, et in domo ista vitam finivit, et apud Fordam jacet humatus. . . . . .

Cui successit Richardus de Pedirtone, alia vice in eodem anno creatus in abbatem, secundo nonas Februarii. In cujus tempore justiciarii itinerantes sederunt in Cornubia; qui anno Domini M.CCC.IIIJ. nonas Novembris, in redeundo de capitulo generali, moriebatur; cujus corpus jacebat humatum apud Waverligh.

Cui successit Radulfus de Shapewike, prior hujus domus, in Summersetia natus, in abbatem creatus octavo idus Decembris anno quo supra; qui perquisivit quatuordecim acras terre arabilis in Coteheie, etc. Et anno Domini M.CCC.XIIIJ. idus Augusti, apud Bellum Locum cessit et apud Nyweham vitam finivit; cujus corpus jacet humatum ante ostium ecclesie in panello in claustrali quod ipse fecit.

Cui successit Robertus de Pupplysbiry, in Sommersetia natus, cellerarius Belli Loci, in abbatem creatus tricesimo die mensis Septembris anno quo supra, et anno Domini M.CCC.XXJ. quarto idus Maii apud Nyweham cessavit et apud Bellum Locum finivit.

Cui successit Johannes de Cokyswill, prior Belli Loci . . . . . et post diuturnam infirmitatem, die Sancti Stephani, hora tertia, moriebatur; cujus corpus jacet humatum in fronte capituli hujus domus, anno Domini M.CCC.XXIIIJ.

Cui successit Johannes de Geytyngtona, natus in comitatu Northamptoniæ, portarius Belli Loci, et prius archidiaconus de Lewes ac canonicus Chycestre, in abbatem postulatus die Lunæ in festo cathedræ Sancti Petri, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo vigesimo quarto; qui novam fecit introductionem in ecclesiam de Lovepitte, et, pacifica possessione nacta, expulsi fuerunt ejus procuratores a possessione ejusdem ecclesie . . . . . Idem abbas portavit breve de ingressu super Johannem de Meleplas, pro manerio de Bremelham recuperando. Idem abbas adquisivit terram Johannis de Shapewike, et terram Willielmi Tunde, ac domos juxta Crikenepitte in civitate Exonie. Fecit etiam tria panella in claustro per auxilium, et adjuvamen domini Walteri de Stapildone, Exoniensis episcopi, secundi, qui semper amicus hujus domus extitit et multa bona domui contulit. Fecit etiam claustrum versus infirmariam monachorum, lavatorium, et incepit novum refectorium, quod ejus successor complevit. Idem fecit voltam calefactorii, grangias de Bewer, et Breweshegge, et columbare de Fursligh, et fecit confirmari cartas hujus domus confirmatione regia, et licentiam obtinuit a rege decem libratas terre vel redditus perquirendi; et post multos labores lumen oculorum amisit, et anno Domini M.CCC.XXXVIIJ. die dominica in vigilia Prancratii, cessavit, et die Sancti Petri in cathedra moriebatur in eodem anno; cujus corpus jacet sepultum in prima archa in claustro, ubi illud incepit edificare. In cujus tempore fuerunt anni fertiles in blado et vino et racionabiles in regni pace.

Cui successit Walterus de la Houe, hujus domus portarius, in Devonia natus, in abbatem creatus tertio decimo die mensis Maii, anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octavo decimo; qui fecit novam coquinam novo refectorio contiguam. [Then follows in a different hand.]—Magnam campanam ecclesie que Grantson vocatur et tenementum in Exon juxta barbicanum castri ad portam orientalem, perquisivit de Roberto de Low, et inclusit terram de Shapwike opere fossario juxta altam stratam. Ecclesiam de Lovepitte univit huic ecclesie et terram de la Geate emit, ac tenementum ex preposito fratrum predicatorum perquisivit. In cujus tempore mortalitas hominum sive pestilencia in hac terra Anglicana seviebat, in qua pestilencia in ista domo xx^ti. monachi et tres conversi moriebantur, et idem Walterus abbas cum duobus monachis in ibi permanserunt viventes per morinam. Et per totum tempus regiminis istius abbatis vehemens guerra fuit inter reges Anglie et Francie et Scocie, in perturbacione tocius Christianitatis.

Num. XII.

Ordinacio inter abbatem de Newenham et rectorem de Axeminstre, A.D. 1264.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 32.)

Universis presentes literas inspecturis Walterus, miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis quod cum inter viros religiosos abbatem et conventum de Nywenham ex una parte et Nicholaum de Honeton, rectorem ecclesie de Axeminstre, ex altera super diversis contencionibus, querelis, et actionibus pluribus orta esset materia questionis, tandem de bonorum consilio super omnibus premissis ordinacioni nostre alte et basse per juramenta sua dicte partes se supposuerunt, Nos autem, auditis et plenius intellectis hinc inde propositis super premissis, ordinamus in hunc modum: Cum abbas et conventus de Nywenham ex una parte et Nicholaus de Honeton, rector ecclesie de Axeminstre, ex altera super omnibus controversiis et contencionibus personalibus inter eos usque in hodiernum diem exortis nostre se submiserunt ordinacioni, ipsam se fideliter observaturos, corporali hinc inde prestito juramento, promittentes, nos autem, auditis et intellectis hinc inde propositis, tranquillitati et paci utriusque partis prospicere cupientes, in nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen, pronunciamus et ordinamus, quod hinc inde omnis rancor et omnis injuria remittatur, et quod nullus eorum alii occasione preteritarum personalium actionum molestiam inferre presumat in futurum vel jacturam; et ut idem Nicholaus in posterum eisdem abbati et conventui de Nywenham fidelis et amicus existat et amiciciam versus eosdem teneat et continuet in perpetuum. Et ordinamus quod iidem abbas et conventus dent eidem Nicholao et clerico suo quatuor marcas solummodo, quas sibi circa proximum festum Sancti Michaelis, terminis communibus equis porcionibus, persolvant. Si vero contingat de cetero quod inter eosdem aliqua contencionis materia realis vel personalis, quod absit, oriatur, nullus eorum contra alium questionem movebit, donec nobis vel officiali nostro osten-

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datur, ut per nos, vel officialem nostrum, qui pacem inter eos desideramus, si commode fieri possit, pacificetur: alioquin ex tunc adeat quilibet eorundem judicem competentem qui subortam inter eos dirimat questionem. Datum apud Exon die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti Martini anno Domini M.CC.LX. quarto et consecracionis nostre septimo.

[From this register, fol. 9, (Nov. 1259,) it appears that the canons of York were intitled only to 24 marks from the vicar of Axminster "salvis canonicis predictis duntaxat xxiiij. marcis annuis per manus ejusdem vicarii de bonis ecclesie supradicte juxta predecessorum nostrorum ordinacionem percipiendis, nisi canonicis ipsis et Eboracensi ecclesie ex privilegio sedis apostolice vel alio jure speciali amplius debeatur."]

Num. XIII.

Carta Adæ Boce, Bremelham aliaque tenementa confirmans abbatiæ.

(Registr. Arund. fol. 26.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris vel audituris Adam Boce, clericus, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis me pro salute anime mee et pro animabus patris mei et matris mee omniumque fidelium defunctorum concessisse, dedisse, quietam clamasse et presenti carta mea confirmasse pro me et heredibus meis in perpetuum, Deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Nyweham in Devonia et abbati et monachis Deo ibidem servientibus et in perpetuum servituris in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam totum tenementum meum de Bremelham et totum tenementum meum de Mortesthorne et totum tenementum meum de Waddechete et totum tenementum meum de Denebergh cum omnibus eorum pertinenciis in viis semitis boscis planis pratis pascuis et pasturis, molendinis et stagnis, et omnibus aliis rebus et possessionibus ad dicta tenementa pertinentibus tam de propriis pertinenciis dictorum tenementorum quam de aliis meis perquisitis de terris aliquorum in predictis locis adjacentibus per diversas cartas quas dictis abbati et conventui de N. una cum presenti carta mea liberavi, Habenda et tenenda dicta tenementa cum omnibus, etc. dictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus libere quiete pacifice et integre in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam in perpetuum, faciendo inde dominis feodorum illorum servicia que in cartis eorum continentur. Ita quod ego A. Boce, clericus, vel aliquis per me vel pro me in eisdem tenementis cum pertinenciis, etc. nichil juris vel clamei preter orationum suffragia et participacionem bonorum spiritualium, que in dicta domo de N. fiunt, poterimus exigere in perpetuum vel quomodolibet vendicare. Ut autem hec mea concessio, etc. Hiis testibus: dominis Radulpho Daubenay, Hugone de Ralegha, militibus. Radulpho de Rocheforde, Nicholao de Frye, Elya Golde, Stephano Gaypm̃, Johanne filio prepositi, Willielmo Peytevin, Willielmo de 'Dybrychurch, Willielmo de Opehaye, Radulpho de Opehaye, Roberto Mamel, Willielmo le Gardiner et aliis. Datum apud Bremelham, 6 Aprilis anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici quarto.

[The subsequent reluctance of the donor to part with the property, and the law-suits which it occasioned, are recorded in the register, fol. 26—31.]

Num. XIV.

Placita de libertatibus abbatiæ de Newenham.

(Placita de quo waranto, Edw. I.)

[Fol. 110.] Abbas de Newenham summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere hundredum et ballivam de feodo, sine aliquo dando, de hundredo de Stratton.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt predictas libertates et eis usi fuerunt hucusque absque interupcione. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam. Et Johannes de Mutford similiter. In hundredo nichil clamat *. Ideo remanet regi.

Juratores quoad ballivam predictam dicunt super sacramentum suum, quod predictus abbas et omnes antecessores sui a tempore fundacionis abbathie sue predicte et omnes alii qui manerium de Nortone tenuerunt ante fundacionem predictam habuerunt ballivam predictam, etc. Ideo predictus abbas inde sine die salvo, etc.

[Fol. 166.] Felicia de Cheny summonita fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii furcas, emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in Rouerigg sine licencia, etc.

Et Felicia per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod manerium suum de Rouerigg est infra precinctum hundredi abbatis de Newenham de Axemenistre. Et dicit quod predictus abbas seisitus est de predictis libertatibus. Ideo predicta Felicia inde sine die.—Rot. 35, L.

[Fol. 167.] Willielmus de Mohun summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franciplegii, emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in Ottery Flemeng sine licencia, etc.

Et Willielmus venit et dicit quod Ottery Flemeng est infra precinctum hundredi abbatis de Newenham de Axministre, ubi nichil potest acrescere domino regi. Et petit judicium si dominus rex accionem ..... que sunt in alieno hundredo ..... Rot. 35, L.

[Fol. 170.] Abbas de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto subtraxit domino regi de se et tenentibus suis de Yartecombe decem solidos annui redditus debitos ad hundredum domini regis de Axeministr', etc. Et abbas venit et dicit quod hundredum de Axeministre est hundredum abbatis de Newenham et non hundredum domini regis. Et petit judicium si dominus rex accionem habeat ad petendum redditum predictum qui est in alieno hundredo. Et quia placitum inter dominum regem et predictum abbatem de Newenham de eodem hundredo pendet coram ipso domino rege, dies datus est predicto abbati de Monte Sancti Michaelis in Periculo Maris coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem apud Westmonasterium, ut tunc procedatur in placito isto prout de jure fuerit procedendum, etc.—Rot. 38. L.

[Fol. 171.] Abbas de Nywenham summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi quo waranto tenet turnum vicecomitis domini regis in hundredo de Axemenistre, quod ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis pertinet, sine licencia et voluntate domini regis vel predecessorum suorum regum Anglie, &c.

Et abbas venit et vocat inde ad warantiam Johannem filium Johannis de Mohun, qui est infra etatem et in custodia domini regis, per cartam Reginaldi de Mohun proavi predicti Johannis, cujus heres ipse est, quam profert, et que testatur quod predictus Reginaldus dedit et concessit predecessoribus predicti abbatis manerium de Axemenistre cum hundredo predicto cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus suis et obligavit se et heredes suos ad warantiam.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege dicit quod predictus abbas non potest vocare predictum Johannem inde ad warantiam, quia dicit quod in predicta carta predicti Reginaldi, quam profert, etc., nichil continetur de turno vicecomitis †. Dicit eciam quod turnus vicecomitis non est libertas annexa manerio neque hundredo, set specialiter pertinet ad coronam et dignitatem domini regis quam quidem libertatem nullus habere potest sine speciali waranto domini regis unde petit judicium. Dies datus est ei a die pasche in unum mensem coram

* See ante Num. VIII. note ibid.

† One of the charters of Reginald does refer to the sheriff's tourn (Num. VI.); but it does not appear whether that charter had been confirmed by the crown before Edw. III.—The import of the replication of the attorney-general is, that he had a double answer to the abbot's plea; viz.—1. that Reginald's grant set out by him (probably Num. II. ante) did not purport to convey a tourn:—2. That no sufficient title to one is shown even in Reginald himself, the doctrine of that time being that a franchise of this nature could be claimed only by a special warrant, i. e. by an actual charter of the crown, or by an allowance of the franchise recorded by the justices in Eyre.—S.

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domino rege ubicumque, etc. de audiendo judicio suo, etc. —Rot. 39.

Num. XV.

Placitum de advocatione de Axeministre.

(Ibid. fol. 173.)

Dominus rex per Willielmum de Giselham qui sequitur etc. petit versus abbatem de Niwenham advocacionem ecclesie de Axemenistre, quam domino regi injuste deforciavit etc. et unde Willielmus de Giselham qui sequitur etc. dicit quod dominus Henricus, pater domini regis nunc, fuit seisitus ut de feodo et jure tempore pacis ad presentandum ad predictam ecclesiam quemdam Johannem clericum suum, qui ad presentacionem suam fuit admissus et institutus etc.; et de ipso domino Henrico rege descendit jus etc. domino regi, qui nunc petit, ut filio et heredi. Et quod tale sit jus domini regis inde producit sectam. Et abbas venit et defendit jus domini regis quando, etc., et bene cognoscit seisinam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc de predicta advocacione, set dicit quod dominus rex nunc dedit, concessit, et carta sua confirmavit Deo et beate Marie et abbati et conventui de Newenham in comitatu Devonie ordinis Cisterciensis, quantum in eo est, advocacionem ecclesie de Axemenistre per cartam suam, quam profert in hec verba: "Edwardus Dei gracia etc. Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse Deo et beate Marie et abbati et conventui de Neuwenham in comitatu Devonie ordinis Cisterciensis quantum in nobis est advocacionem ecclesie de Axemenistre cum pertinenciis habendam et tenendam predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum*." Et petit judicium si dominus rex accionem habeat contra factum proprium. Ideo dictum est dicto abbati quod eat inde sine die etc. (Rot. 40. L.)

Num. XVI.

Ordinatio vicariæ ecclesiæ de Lovepitte.

(Regist. Grandisson, vol. iii. fol. 52.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis Johannes miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes, quod nos volentes ex officii nostri debito vicariam in ecclesia parochiali de Lovepitte nostre diocesis quam dilecti filii abbas et conventus monasterii de Nyweham ordinis Cisterciensis ejusdem diocesis tenent et possident eis et eorum monasterio appropriatam canonice et unitam ordinare, ponere et taxare, vocatis eisdem abbate et conventu et aliis in hac parte vocandis, de facultatibus et oneribus dicte ecclesie informationem solertem recepimus et fidelem. Et demum de eorundem abbatis et conventus consensu, valore annuo dicte ecclesie et ejus facultatibus ac oneribus matura deliberatione pensatis, vicariam in ipsa ecclesia ordinamus, ponimus et taxamus, et imperpetuum consistere volumus in porcionibus infrascriptis, videlicet, in toto altilagio ejusdem ecclesie, scilicet, in oblacionibus, obvencionibus, funeralibus, anniversariis, purificacionibus, decimis de proventibus molendinorum, de pomis, feno, agnis, vitulis et edis, aucis, porcis, columbis, caseo, butiro, et lacte, lino, canabo, porris et lana provenientibus, et generaliter in omnibus decimis minoribus et minutis ad eandem ecclesiam pertinentibus, exceptis tantummodo mortuariis et decima de feno dominici de Otery et terrarum de Greneweye, de la Putte, et de la Stone provenientibus, que ad abbatem et conventum pertineant antedictos. Item volumus et ordinamus quod vicarius, qui ibidem pro tempore fuerit, habeat pro manso suo aulam quondam rectoris ejusdem ecclesie cum cameris et ceteris domibus eidem aule contiguis et grangia juxta cimiterium predicte ecclesie situata, necnon unum hortum eisdem domibus contiguum cum columbario in eodem existente. Habeat eciam tres acras terre arabilis juxta Ryngburgh et unum claustrum pasture cum alnetis ibidem crescentibus, quod Mersbeare vulgariter nuncupatur, pro focalibus et pastura; decimas vero majores omnimodas de garbis et bladis necnon de falne (*sic*) et pisis quibuslibet et ubilibet infra parochiam dicte ecclesie excultis, necnon fructus, redditus, proventus et jura quecumque ejusdem ecclesie porcioni vicarie per nos superius non astricta ad dictos abbatem et conventum volumus in solidum pertinere. Ipsos eciam abbatem et conventum a prestacione decimarum de incrementis animalium suorum et fratris ac terris quondam rectori dicte ecclesie, quas jam teneat, omnibusque fructibus crescentibus in eisdem, ceterisque bonis aliis decimalibus in eisdem existentibus, quomodocunque provenientibus seu etiam proventuris, dicto vicario, qui pro tempore fuerit, facienda, liberos esse volumus et immunes. Item volumus et ordinamus quod vicarius predictus, qui fuerit pro tempore, onera solucionis procurationis debite archidiacono Exonie cum visitaverit, necnon synodatici et cathedratici, construccionis et reparacionis cancelli, atque librorum matutinalium, ac decime, cum currerit, et generaliter omnia et singula ordinaria et extraordinaria eandem ecclesiam quomodolibet contingencia, in solidum agnoscat et imperpetuum supportet. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum apud Clyst xi die Julii anno Domini mcccxl°. quarto, et consecracionis nostre xviii°.

[The abbot and convent of Newenham ratified this endowment in their chapter-house, July 13, and the dean and chapter of Exeter, July 17, in the year aforesaid.]

Num. XVII.

Confirmatio cartarum abbatiæ per regem Henricum octavum.

(Rot. Pat. 2 Hen. VIII.)

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes domini Henrici nuper regis Anglie septimi patris nostri precharissimi de confirmacione facta in hec verba:—Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus literas patentes domini Edwardi quarti nuper regis Anglie de confirmacione factas in hec verba:—Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere perveniunt salutem. Inspeximus cartam confirmacionis domini Richardi nuper regis Anglie progenitoris nostri factam in hec verba:—Richardus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Inspeximus cartam domini Henrici quondam regis Anglie progenitoris nostri in hec verba: —

"Henricus Dei gracia rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Acquitanie et comes Andegavie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus ministris et omnibus fidelibus suis salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse et in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam confirmasse abbati et monachis de Nyweham et eorum successoribus totum manerium de Axmynster cum pertinenciis et membris suis, videlicet, Bewer, Stedeheygh, Wrangeheygh, Stamerleggh, Furseleygh, Shapewyk, Bruweheygh, Tuddeheygh, et Bachalre cum omnibus dictis membris et pertinenciis sicut Reginaldus de Moun et alii multi donatores dicta maneria et membra eis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam dederunt, et cum hundredo forinseco de Axemynster et omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum novem solidis et decem denariis de gildo Hordagii per annum apud Roverigg cum omnibus et catallis que vocantur weyfs et strays in dictis manerio et hundredo cum omnibus membris et locis eorundem arriven' unacum omnibus bonis et catallis fugitivorum waviatorum utlagatorum latronum et dampnatorum cum soca et saca tol et theam infangenethef et unfangenethef et omnibus aliis libertatibus aliquo modo spectantibus; et eciam cum turno vicecomitum in toto hundredo predicto cum auxiliis sectis et ceteris omnibus ad eundem turnum pertinentibus, et tota piscaria in riparia de Axe et aqua de Yerty cum

* This grant, afterwards revoked and cancelled under the circumstances mentioned at the end of the article on Axminster (ante, p. 320), has been already explained.

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omnibus pertinenciis suis et cum sufficienti itinere pro se et piscatoribus suis in terra cujuscumque ex utraque parte aque et riparie predictarum. Concessimus eciam et confirmavimus dictis abbati et monachis et successoribus suis maneria de Plynent cum advocacione ecclesie de Norton cum Westorchard in Cornubia cum omnibus membris et pertinenciis suis. Volumus insuper et concedimus quod omnes homines et femine dictorum abbatis et monachorum cujuscunque fuerint condicionis quiete sint per totum regnum nostrum Anglie Hibernie et Wallie de omnimodis theolonio tallagio passagio pedagio lastagio stallagio hidagio wardagio et de omnibus aliis operibus et auxiliis quibuscunque. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti abbas et monachi et successores sui habeant et teneant omnia predicta bene et in pace libere et quiete et honorifice sine aliquo retenemento servicio et seculari demanda. Testibus domino Petro Wintoniensi episcopo; H. Lincolnensi electo; E. filio Petri comite Essex; Albredo de Veer, comite Oxon.; H. Nevill. Datum per manum nostram in Burdegala in obsidione anno regni nostri tricesimo primo."

Nos autem cartam predictam et omnia et singula in ea contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris ratificamus et approbamus, ac dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci predicti et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmavimus sicut carta predicta racionabiliter testatur et prout iidem abbas et conventus et predecessores sui predicta manerium membra hundredum redditus et piscariam cum pertinenciis ac advocacionem predictam racionabiliter habuerunt et tenuerunt ac libertatibus et quietanciis predictis racionabiliter usi sunt et gavisi. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium decimo octavo die Octobris anno regni nostri decimo septimo.—Nos autem cartam predictam ac omnia et singula contenta in eadem rata ea habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus et dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci predicti et successoribus suis ratificamus et confirmavimus prout carta predicta racionabiliter testatur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium vicesimo quarto die Julii anno regni nostri secundo.—Nos autem cartas ac literas predictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus approbamus ac dilectis nobis in Christo nunc abbati et conventui loci predicti et successoribus suis tenore presencium ratificamus et confirmavimus prout carte et litere predicte racionabiliter testantur. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium duodecimo die Junii anno regni nostri primo.—Nos autem cartas et literas predictas omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata habentes et grata ea pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilectis nobis in Christo Johanni nunc abbati et conventui loci predicti et successoribus suis tenore presencium ratificamus et confirmavimus, prout carte et litere supradicte racionabiliter testantur. In cujus rei etc. Teste rege apud Westmonasterium vij° die Maii anno regni regis Henrici Octavi secundo. Pro quadraginta solidis solutis in hanaperio.

Num. XVIII.

Consuetudinarium manerii de Axeminstre, A.D. 1260.

(Bibl. Arundel. 17. Registrum Abbatiæ de Nyweham, fol. 33.)

Custumarium manerii de Axeminstre factum anno Domini m.cc.lx. per seneschallum dicti manerii et duodecim de valencioribus dicti manerii ad hoc juratis, qui dixerunt quod filie Laurentii de la Gate tenent terram de la Gate. Debent reddere per annum xxviij*s*. Et debent arare et semen in granario querere seminare circulare metere et cassare unam acram ad frumentum et unam acram ad avenas, et debent falcare spargere et levare unam acram prati, et preterea debent venire ad purgandum stagnum molendini de Axeminstre, sicut alii de dominico antiquo, domini regis.

Hertunpound.

Robertus Squirrell tenet unum messuagium et iij. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo ij*s*. et veniet ad metendum frumentum per unum diem et avenas per alium diem, et erit ad poturam domini. Item debet venire ad mullonem feni per unum diem ad poturam domini. Et debet venire ad sarclandum per dimidium diem. Et ad levandum pratum per dimidium diem. Et debet venire ad curandum pontem molendini per dimidium diem.

Sampson Lide tenet unum messuagium et unam acram terre reddendo xij*d*. et faciet eadem servicia sicut predictus Robertus.

Henricus de Whittanere tenet unum messuagium cum curtillagio reddendo ij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Dyonis relicta Boye tenet j. messuagium j. curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. et faciet eadem servicia et preterea veniet per unum diem ad spargendum pratum domini et nichil percipiet nisi poturam.

Egidius juxta crucem tenet j. messuagium et j. curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. veniet ad unam precariam messionis frumenti.

Nicholaus Swete tenet j. messuagium et v. acras cum dimidio terre reddendo iij*s*. et faciet eadem servicia sicut predictus Squirrell et preterea debet tenere carucam domini si dominus voluerit et debet falcare per unum diem et percipiet j*d*.

Cristina relicta molendinarii tenet j. messuagium et vj. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo iij*s*. vj*d*. et faciet eadem servicia que et Robertus Squirel.

Daniel Longus tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. et debet metere per unum diem ad frumentum et veniet per dimidium diem ad stagnum molendini et veniet per dimidium diem ad pratum levandum.

Thomas Malme tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo ij*s*. et debet metere per unum diem ad poturam domini.

Ricardus Callys tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. Et faciet sicut Squirel.

Thomas Cregge et Dionis Boye tenent Mangodesitte reddendo ij*s*. Et facient eadem servicia que facit predictus Thomas Malme.

Willielmus Aylward tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. et faciet eadem servicia.

Ricardus de Stamerleghe tenet libere unum messuagium et curtillagium reddendo iij. solidos.

Osbertus Triturator tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*.

Summa xxiiij*s*. vj*d*.

Retepound.

Osmundus tenet j. messuagium et ix. acras terre reddendo iiij*s*. Et debet metere per duos dies ad poturam domini et per unum diem a[d] mullonem feni ad poturam domini et per dimidium diem ad pratum levandum et per dimidium diem ad stagnum molendini.

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Luena Lowys tenet j. messuagium et . . . . reddendo ij*s*. vj*d*. et faciet eadem servicia que Osmundus facit. Et preterea veniet ad spargendum pratum domini per unum diem et percipiet obolum pro potura.

Occilia Bisouthetun tenet j. messuagium et curtilagium reddendo xij*d*. Et debet metere per unum diem de gratia.

Walterus Leleche tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. et faciet sicut Cecilia.

Mirable Ouk tenet j. messuagium et vj. acras terre reddendo ij*s*. et faciet eadem servicia que predictus Osmundus facit.

Ricardus de Leggere tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo ij*s*.

Ricardus Halewey tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo ij*s*.

Agnes Holme tenet j. messuagium et vj. acras terre reddendo xx*d*. et faciet eadem servicia que facit Osmundus.

Johannes Lelegerre tenet j. messuagium et curtillagium reddendo xvj*d*. Et debet metere per unum diem de gratia.

Gervasius Berwadel tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*.

Matillda filia Rogeri Daniel tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. et veniet ad mullonem domini.

Susanna relicta Mercatoris tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo iij*s*.

Alicia de Roubrok tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo xviij*d*.

Adam le Tannere tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo xx*d*. et debet metere per unum diem.

Gilbertus Hulenent tenet j. domum et curtillagium reddendo ij*s*. vj*d*. et debet metere per duos dies ad poturam domini. Et ad mullonem feni per j. diem.

Walterus de Hayward tenet libere j. messuagium et vj. acras terre j. acram prati reddendo iij*s*.

Summa xxix*s*.

Puespound.

Michael Piw tenet j. messuagium et xvj. acras terre et ij. acras prati reddendo iiij*s*. et debet arare unam perticam ad frumentum et debet falcare unam prati, et levare, et debet metere unam perticam prati, et debet invenire unum hominem ad precariam messionis frumenti et alium hominem ad avenas ad poturam domini et debet invenire unum plaustrum, duos homines ad cariandum bladum domini per unum diem, et ad cariandum fenum per alterum diem si habeat plaustrum, et debet percipere poturam bis in die. Et per dimidium diem ad stagnum molendini et per dimidium diem ad pratum levandum. Et inveniet unum hominem per unum diem ad falcandum et percipiet j*d*. Et debet esse prepositus si dominus voluerit et tenere carucam. Et debet circulare j. perticam et debet circulare per j. dimidium diem.

Relicta Pope tenet unum messuagium et x. acras terre et iiij. acras prati reddendo iiij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Thomas Caylas tenet j. messuagium xviij. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo iij*s*. Et faciet medietatem servicii quod facit Michael Piw.

Thomas Dare tenet domum et curtillagium reddendo xij*d*. Et veniet ad metendum per unum diem.

Rogerus Colier tenet j. messuagium et ij. acras terre et particulam bosci reddendo ij*s*.

Ricardus Faber tenet j. fabricam reddendo xij*d*.

Gilbertus Piw tenet j. domum et curtillagium et dimidiam acram terre reddendo ij*s*.

Henricus de Furste tenet j. messuagium et . . . . reddendo xxiij*d*.

Summa xviij*s*. vj*d*.

Cleyhulle.

Ricardus le Pottere tenet j. messuagium et xij. acras terre et j. acram prati et dimidium reddendo iij*s*. Et debet sextam partem ad frumentum et tantum ad avenas et debet falcare sextam partem unius acre prati, et debet sarclare sextam partem duarum acrarum predictarum et debet invenire unum plaustrum per unum diem et duos homines ad cariandum bladum domini si habeat plaustrum, et percipiet bis poturam. Et ad fenum per alium diem, et veniet ad metendum bladum per duos dies, et per dimidium diem ad levandum pratum, et per dimidium diem ad stagnum molendini, et per dimidium diem ad sarclandum. Et inveniet unum hominem ad falcandum per j. diem, et percipiet j*d*. Et debet esse prepositus si dominus voluerit.

Willielmus Kene tenet j. messuagium et iiij. acras terre reddendo xij*d*. et debet auxiliare ad omnia predicta pro portione sua.

Item idem W. Kene tenet ix. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iiij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia sicut dictus Ricardus.

Ricardus Swen tenet xx. acras terre et iij. acras prati reddendo iiij*s*. et faciet eadem servicia que predictus Ricardus.

Matilda filia Faber tenet xviij. acras terre et ij. acras prati reddendo iiij*s*. et faciet eadem servicia.

Thomas Upechyhille tenet xx. acras terre et ij. acras prati reddendo iiij*s*. et faciet eadem servicia.

Rogerus Choc tenet xij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo ij*s*. vj*d*. Et faciet medietatem dictorum serviciorum.

Willielmus de Cleyhulle tenet xij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo ij*s*. vj*d*. et faciet sicut dictus Rogerus Choc.

Summa xxvj*s*. vj*d*.

Tolrepound.

Willielmus Tolre tenet unum domum et curtillagium reddendo ij*d*. ad festum Sancti Michaelis.

Limelote vidua tenet x. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iij*s*. et debet arare octavam decimam partem unius acre ad frumentum et unius acre ad avenas et sarclare et metere easdem partes et falcare octavam decimam partem unius acre prati et spargere et levare ad proprium custum. Et inveniet unum hominem ad falcandum per unum diem et percipiet j*d*. et debet levare pratum per dimidium diem et sarclare per dimidium diem. Et inveniet unum hominem ad mullonem domini per unum diem adire ad poturam domini. Et inveniet unam carucam si habeat vel dimidium si habeat per unum diem ad frumentum et per unum diem ad avenas ad poturam domini, vel j*d*. percipiet et inveniet unum hominem ad metendum per unum diem ad frumentum et per unum diem ad avenas ad poturam domini. Et debet facere ij. clayas ad faldum domini de bosco domini ad Hockeday.

Robertus Bacalre tenet xiij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iiij*s*. ij*d*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Johannes Tolre tenet xiiij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iiij*s*. ij*d*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Gilda de Asse tenet xvj. acras terre et ij. acras et dimidium prati reddendo iiij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Rogerus de Valdeweye tenet x. acras terre et j. acram et dimidium. Reddendo iij*s*. et eadem servicia.

Cristina Wynterding tenet xv. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Walterus de Via tenet xij. acras terre et ij. acras prati reddendo iij*s*. et eadem servicia.

Walterus de Somerton tenet xiiij. acras terre et j. acram et dimidium prati reddendo iij*s*. Et faciet eadem servicia.

Martinus Brew tenet xij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo iij*s*. et eadem servicia.

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Thomas Fait tenet vj. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo iij*s.* et eadem servicia.

Robertus de Mulehegh tenet x. acras terre et unam acram et dimidium prati reddendo ij*s.* ij*d.* et faciet eadem servicia.

Sampson Frere tenet viij. acras terre et j. acram prati reddendo ij*s.* et eadem servicia.

Rogerus Copener tenet viij. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo ij*s.* et eadem servicia.

Lucas Helenende tenet vij. acras terre et dimidiam acram prati reddendo xvj*d.* et eadem servicia.

Item Limelote tenet vij. acras terre et j. acram et dimidium prati reddendo ij*s.* vj*d.*

Gilbertus Wranger tenet j. domum et curtillagium et j. croftam reddendo xviij*d.* et veniet ad metendum per unum diem.

Quilibet istorum dat xij*d.* pro operibus autumpnalibus eorum remittendis.

Num. XIX.

Valor ecclesiasticus, Hen. VIII.

De abbathia de Newham in predicto decanatu de Honyton et archidiaconatu et diocesi Exonie.

Abbathia de Newham.

Valor annuus omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium Ricardi abbatis monasterii beate Marie de Newham predicta in jure ejusdem monasterii examinatus et probatus per commissionarios.

Devon.

Possessiones temporales dicti abbatis in predicto comitatu et diocesi Exonie.

Axmyster manerium.

	£	s.	d.
Valet in omnibus redditibus ibidem per annum, ultra £1 18*s.* 2*d.* inde annuatim solutos priori Sancti Johannis Exonie et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu ibidem per annum 1*s.* 6*d.* et Roberto Hamlyn ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	68	–	1½
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus £6 2*s.* 6*d.* cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis £8.	14	2	6
£82 2*s.* 7½*d.*			

Axmyster hundredum.

Valet in perquisitis curie et diversis aliis casualibus ibidem per annum, ultra £1 3*s.* 4*d.* solutos annuatim Thome Veyse ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	2	6	6

Exon et Westwater.

Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum, ultra 2*s.* resolutos annuatim decano et capitulo Exonie predicte et successoribus suis pro capitali reditu dictorum tenementorum in Exonia per annum .	8	17	11

Newham grangia et alia ut infra.

Valet per annum de exitu de Newham graunge £30., Shapwyke £20., Bover 20 marcas, et Fursselegh 10 marcas; remanent in tenura propria dicti abbatis	70	–	–
£81 4*s.* 5*d.*			

Cornubia in diocesi Exonie.

Pleynynt.

Valet per annum in omnibus redditibus ibidem, ultra 1*s.* 6*d.* resolutos heredibus de Kylgarth et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu ibidem per annum 6*d.*, et Johanni Chamond militi senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1, et Willielmo Achym ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum £1. 10*s.*	20	13	5½
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus 6*s.* cum finibus terre ibidem communibus annis 10*s.* . .	–	16	–
£21. 9*s.* 5½.			

Norton.

Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum, ultra £1. 9*s.* 4*d.* resolutos Ricardo Greynfyld militi senescallo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 13*s.* 4*d.*, et Degori Greynfyld ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum 16*s.*	17	12	8
Summa	202	9	9

Possessiones spirituales.

Devon in diocesi Exonie.

Rectoria de Lovepit.

Valet in redditu assise de le glebelond £3. 15*s.* 2*d.* et decima garbe ibidem per annum £12. 13*s.* 4*d.* ultra 13*s.* 4*d.* inde resolutos annuatim custodi collegii de Otery Saynt Mary et successoribus suis in predictis comitatu et diocesi de quadam pencione per annum	15	5	2

Cornubia.

Pleynynt in comitatu Cornubie Exoniensis diocesis rectoria ibidem valet per annum in decima garbe communibus annis	14	–	–
£29 5*s.* 2*d.*			

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	£	s.	d.
Summa totalis temporalium £202 9*s.* 2*d.* spiritualium £29 5*s.* 2*d.* dicti abbatis ultra reprisas per annum	231	14	–

De quibus

Feoda.

Solutum annuatim Thome Denys militi senescallo omnium premissorum pro feodo suo per annum £2., et Johanni Drake ac Johanni Haydon auditoribus omnium premissorum pro eorum feodo per annum £2 6*s.* 8*d.*	4	6	8

Remanet.

Et remanet de claro omnibus deductis per annum	227	7	8
Inde pro decima	22	14	9½

Num. XX.

List of instruments in the Newenham register*.

(Arundel. MS. Brit. Mus.)

Folio
1. De dedicationibus omnium altarium hujus ecclesie.
2. Transcriptum carte et confirmationis ecclesie Eboracensis.
   [This and the next entry evidently relate to the claim of York to the church of Axminster.]
5 b. Confirmatio regis super cartas Ebor.
6. Quante presentationes facte fuerint per diversos patronos ad ecclesiam de Axemynstre. Ipsi canonici [i. e. the canons of York] semper extra possessionem.
   [The entry records presentments beginning with that of king John to Matthew de Apulea; a lease "ad firmam septennalem" by one of the vicars to two canons of York, Hameldon, and Craucumbe; a grant by Richard, ex-abbot of Newnham, to the canons, and the continuance of the patronage in them from 1293 to 1334, "in quo anno scriptus fuit iste liber."]
7. Recordum antiquum super advocatione de Axminstre.
   [Placita coram rege 4 Edw. I. respecting the advowson. See ante, tit. Axminster.]
8 et seq. Quomodo lis quievit inter regem et abbatem de advocatione supradicta.
   Nova presentatio ad ecclesiam predictam per predictos religiosos.
   Carta regis exemplificata.
   [These entries contain the proceedings temp. Edw. III. set forth in this work under Axminster.]
15. Disputatio narratorum in breve deceptionis.
   [This is a note of the argument of counsel on the writ of deceit against the abbot for procuring an exemplification of the charter 5 Edw. I. The exceptions are chiefly of a technical and formal nature.]
16. Consilium bonum ad lucrandum ecclesiam de Axeminstre.
   [It shows the recovery against the abbot and the writ of deceit; the fine and seisure of the house by the crown for the contempt, the mitigation of the fine by the king's justiciary Geoffry de Scrop in the absence of the king, and the private advice given by Geoffry to the house as to their remedy by legal proceedings. See ante, tit. Axminster.]
Folio
17. Axeministre cum membris.
   [A short list of the lands, &c. there.]
17 b. Rotulus redditus assise et consuetudinis tenentium de Plenynt etc. 30 Edw. I.
20—25. Record of the suit and proceedings 7 Edw. III. respecting Axminster.
26—32. Carta abbatis de Nyweham quam habuit de donatione et commissione Adami de Boce, clerici, 4 Edw. I. de manerio de Bremelham. [Ante Num. XIII.]
   [It is followed by a record of the suits arising out of this grant, which was disputed by the family of the donor.]
32. Consuetudinarium manerii de Axemister.
   [See ante, Num. XVIII.]
34. Aliud consuetudinarium factum per Johannem de Carsewille seneschallum de Axeminster et alios piratos (peritos?).
36. Decenta [*i. e.* pedigree] heredum de Courteneys.
37. Quot vicarii fuerunt apud Axeminstre per totum tempus predictum. [*i. e.* from 1328 to 1343.]
   Decenta heredum Alicie quarte filie Willielmi Brewere.
   [Printed 5 Dugd. Monast. fol. 692, and ante, Num. VII.]
38 b. Corpora humata coram magno altari de Nyweham.
   [Printed 5 Dugd. Monast. fol. 693, and ante, Num. X.]
   Qualia arma portaverunt fundatores.
39. Mirabilia [*i. e.* memorabilia] facta tempore regis Edwardi secundi in Anglia.
40. De dono quod vocatur *Horderisgeve* de Roverigge ad curiam de Axeminster.
   [This customary payment consisted of 23½*d.* paid at each quarter by the tithing man of Roveridge to the court of Axminster.]
   De pontibus infra manerium de Axminster.
40 b. Nomina archiepiscoporum Cantuar. etc.
41 b. Nomina regum Anglie. [Alfred to Edw. III.]
43 b. Rectores ecclesie de Plenynt per abbates de Nyweham presentati.
   Rectores ecclesie de Loveputte, etc.
44. Nomina episcoporum Exonie post translationem sedis episcopalis.
   Nomina abbatum Belli Loci Regis.
44 b. Nomina abbatum de Nyweham.
46. Redditarius de Axeminster, 9 Edw. II.
47 b. Ditto, tempore Johannis de Geytington, 8 Edw. III.
50. De fundatoribus de Nyweham.
   [See ante, Num. VIII.]

* This register, from which several extracts have already been made in this appendix, is, for the most part, of the date of the fourteenth century; but some later entries also occur in it. The manor and church of Axminster are the prevailing topics. The parts of the list in Latin are from the original rubric titles.

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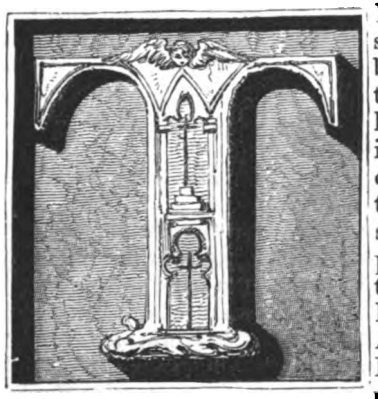
Folio
51 b. Description of various closes and fields.
52. De nominibus abbatum Belli Loci.
De nominibus abbatum hujus domus etc.
[See ante, Num. XI.]
56 b. Petition of the abbot to the crown temp. Edw. III. for a charter of confirmation of liberties cum clausula "licet" [*i. e.* the clause confirming liberties "although heretofore disused," &c.]
57 b. A receipt for payment temp. Hen. IV.
Rents of Plenynt 17 Edw. II.
58. De anniversariis fundatorum hujus monasterii.
[Ante, Num. IX.]
58 b. Notes on the family of Redvers.

Buckfastleigh Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF TOTNES.



THE abbey is beautifully situated in a valley watered by the River Dart and protected towards the west by lofty hills. A monastery existed here before the Conquest, and Canute is said to have been the donor of some of its property (see post, Num. V.). The Exeter Domesday (post, Num. I.) proves that the abbot Alwine had a manor called Bulfestre, which was "caput abbatie; et ista nunquam reddidit gildum;" that the same abbot had also the manors of Petrocestoua, two Aissas, Lime, Dona, Trisma, Haiserstona, Hetfelt, Notona, Chereforda, and two Brents, probably * North and South Brent. The abbey has been variously called in records Bulfestre, Bugfasta, Bocfasta, Bufestre, Bussestre, Bucfestria, &c. &c. Buckfast is in fact in Buckfastleigh parish, and the former in strictness gave the name to the abbey.

How this community (probably Benedictine) was dissolved, we have no means of discovering; but that the site was, in 1137, granted to a colony of Cistercian monks from Waverly (a daughter of St. Mary's abbey at Savigny in the diocese of Avranches in Normandy) by Ethelwerd, the son of William de Pomerey, is certain; that it was endowed with most, if not all, the property of the original foundation, is also manifest. It is well-known, that the whole order of Savigny, consisting of thirty monasteries, passed into that of Citeaux, and the abbey of Buckfast therefore became a Cistercian house.

In the patent rolls of 1215 we meet with an order of king John to the abbots of Buckfastleigh and Ford in Devon, and also to some other religious houses dispersed throughout England, to forward to him without delay, by two of their monks or other confidential members of their communities, whatsoever vessels, jewels, gold, and silver the crown had intrusted to their safe keeping. The great religious houses were, in fact, the habitual depositaries of the treasure, as well as of important charters, of the crown.

King Edward I. visited the abbey of Buckfastleigh April 8, 1297.

The following is the succession, though imperfect, of abbots:—

Eustachius occurs as witness to a deed relating to St. James' Priory near Exeter, dated October 18, 1143.

William witnessed the foundation deed of Tor abbey in 1196. We believe this abbot agreed with his convent to pay to the master and brethren of St. Alexius's hospital, Exeter, the yearly rent of thirty shillings at Michaelmas from the estates called Lamenecote and Emilde. (See cartulary of St. John's hospital, fol. 1 b.)

Howel occurs as abbot in 1247, as we find by a deed dated Exeter in that year.

Durandus was probably the successor of Howel.

Simon was blest by bishop Bronescombe June 24, 1272. In his time, Richard Bauzan conveyed to this abbot and convent his estate in Holne parish.

Robert was confirmed abbot, July 7, 1280.

Peter occurs in 1306.

Robert was blest by bishop Stapeldon August 1, 1316.

Stephen succeeded June 24, 1330.

John de Churstowe followed, November 1, 1332.

William Giffard was confirmed June 6, 1333. It was in his time that a suit arose between the abbey and the lord of Ermington hundred: See Year Book, 21 Edw. III. fol. 3, 4.

Philip, admitted May 21, 1349.

Robert Simons: this abbot succeeded in the valuable cause of the fishery of the river Dart at Buckfastleigh, against the dean and chapter of Exeter. Some of the points arising in this suit are reported in the Year Book, 46 Edw. III. fol. 23; 50 Edw. III. fol. 11, and Liber Assisarum, fol. 306. It was probably in his time that the armorial bearings of James Audeley and Thomas Audeley, benefactors to the abbey, were placed in the window at the west end of the conventual church, and in the window at the gable end of Our Lady's chapel there. (See the writ of king Richard II. dated June 28, seventh year of his reign, 1383.)

William Paderston, confirmed abbot in September, 1395.

William Slade. "He was born in Devon and brought up at the school in Exon, and from thence sent to Oxford, where he became very well learned, especially in Aristotle, whose works he did read openly in the schools to his great commendation. When made abbot of Buckfastleigh, he furnished the house with fair buildings, and adorned the commonwealth with his learning, leaving behind him XIII. books of his own penning." (Hoker's manuscript, page 287.) During his time, viz. August 26, 1414, bishop Stafford dedicated the chapel of St. Edmund king and martyr, a daughter chapel of Churchstow, and on the next day blest its cemetery. The whole ordination or endowment may be seen in vol. ii. of his register, fol. 291 †.

William Beaghe, confirmed abbot September 8, 1415.

Thomas Rogger, admitted April 13, 1432. During this abbot's superiority, bishop Lacy, September 11, 1436, reconciled the church of St. Petroc, South Brent, which had been profaned by the barbarous murder of its vicar John Hay in the preceding June; and dedicated its three altars; the principal one in honour of St. Petroc and our Lady; one in the north aisle in honour of our Lady, and one in the south aisle in honour of Saints Catharine and Margaret. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 134.) The chapel of St. Lambert at Hurburneford in South Brent parish occurs in bishop Lacy's register, September 14, 1438.

John Ffychet succeeded, October 16, 1440 ‡.

* Not Brent Tor, which was the property of Tavistock abbey, and whose parish church was dedicated in honour of St. Michael by bishop Stapeldon December 4, 1319. See ante, under Tavistock.

† See also Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 50.
Roger Bacheler, the then rector of Churstow, made his will August 30, 1427, and desired to be buried "in cancello de Kyngston," and left to its store 10 marks. To the store of St. Mary de Churstow he gives twelve sheep and one cow, and also two marks "ad pingendum ymaginem beate Marie de Churstow, videlicet, in cancello."

‡ This abbot seems to have been brother to Edmund Fychet, vicar of Brent, who made his will September 12, 1427, desiring to be buried in the abbey church, and leaving to the monastery "unum librum diversorum sermonum in Gallia scriptum, et alium parvum librum Gallicum cum paucis sermonibus in fine illius."

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John Matthu was confirmed his successor October 3, 1449. In his time the dedication of the parish church of Buckfastleigh was transferred by bishop Lacy, May 20, 1451, from May 23 to Monday after Trinity Sunday.

Scipio Squier, the herald, asserts, that John Bothe was abbot here, before his promotion to the see of Exeter, in 1465; but this wants confirmation.

John Rede occurs as abbot November 24, 1498.

Alfridus Gille succeeded on Palm Sunday, April 20, 1512.

John Rede, perhaps nephew to the above-mentioned abbot Rede, was confirmed in office by bishop Vesey, April 13, 1525. We meet with his name in a lease, July 10, 1536. This abbot, as impropriator of Churchstow and its dependent chapel of Kingsbridge, agreed on July 6, 1533, to a new taxation of the church, as proposed by Thomas Brerewode, archdeacon of Totnes, by which it was to pay to the perpetual vicar of Churchstow £16 13*s.* 4*d.* per annum, by quarterly payments, to allow the vicar the profits of the bead-roll in both places of worship, to provide a manse in proper repair, which should afterwards be kept in good condition by the incumbent, and to grant three acres of glebe, and a quarter of an acre for a garden. With these resources the vicar was bound to find a curate with a salary of six pounds, to repair the chancel of Churchstow, and to meet the ordinary burdens. The abbot further agreed to pay one mark yearly at Easter to the bishop for the time being.

We may here notice, that queen Elizabeth, March 23, 1584, leased to Edward, John, and Otho Southcot, sons of Thomas Southcot, esq., the above rectory, with the glebe, tithes of sheaf, grain, and hay, and all other tithes, great and small, for their three lives, at the yearly rent of £15 7*s.* 10*d.* and the best beast by way of heriot on the dropping in of a life. The lessees were bound to the payments fixed by archdeacon Brerewode's taxation, and to keep the chancel in good repair. The Southcots sold the residue of their term, October 6, 1602, to Sir William Strode, knight. King James I., on May 19, 1610, granted the fee of the church, with the advowson, to Francis Morice, esq., and Francis Philips, gent., who sold the same for £461 15*s.* to Sir William, who, on November 1, 1615, conveyed it to Sir John Acland, knight, for £1650. This worthy knight granted it on January 20 following, to the corporation of Exeter, for charitable purposes.

Gabriel Donne or *Dunne,* the last abbot, had hardly been installed, when he surrendered his convent into the hands of king Henry VIII., February 25, 1538. He had leased on March 1, 28 Henry VIII., to Anthony Burleigh and Leonard Clynch, "the tythynge sheffe of the parish of Bucfastleighe," for a term of sixty years, at the yearly rent of £11 13*s.* 4*d.* On the 20th of the preceding September, he granted the lease for a similar term to John Southcote of Bovey Tracy, of the rectory of Churchstow, with its dependent chapel at Kingsbridge; "et omnes et omnimodas decimas tam prediales quam personales, majores et minores, oblaciones, obvenciones quascumque," for which the lessee was to pay to the abbey £15 7*s.* 10*d.*, to the vicar of Churchstow £16 13*s.* 4*d.*, and to the bishop of Exeter 13*s.* 4*d.* On November 11, in the following year, he leased to the said Southcote and to Anthony Burleigh the tithes of sheaf and hay of Brent, for sixty years, at the yearly rent of £20.

On April 26, 1539, he was gratified with a pension from the crown of £120. Nine other of his religious had grants of the following annuities:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
John Dogge	6	13	4
John Cowle	6	–	–
Matthew Preston	5	6	8
Richard Splate	5	6	8
William Shapter	5	6	8
John Watts	5	6	8
William Avery	5	6	8
Richard Taylor	5	6	8
Thomas Gylle	5	–	–

In 1553, the ex-abbot was still in the enjoyment of his pension. Most of the other annuitants were also living, and in the receipt of their pensions. (Willis's Hist. of Abbeys, vol. ii. p. 60.)

The site of the abbey was granted by king Henry VIII. to Sir Thomas Dennis of Holcombe Burnell, knight, who had been a pensioner on the abbey with several of his family. "The ruins," says Risdon, "may move the beholders both to wonder and pity." These interesting remains have been replaced by a modern house and a woollen manufactory.

The town house of the abbot in Exeter, situate in the close, was granted by Henry VIII., September 28, 1545, to George Rolle, in whose family it continued nearly two centuries, when it passed into the possession of the Rev. Thomas Heskett, who bought it on March 25, 1737, for £450. From him it descended to James Rodd, esq. who conveyed it to the late Harry James, esq., February 2, 1822. It was occasionally leased by the abbots, as appears by the will of J. Cokworthy, clerk, Oct. 27, 1431.

On June 11, 1544, Henry VIII. sold to Sir John Fulford, knight, and to Humphry Coles, esq. (who was also an abbey pensioner of 40*s.*) the manor of Donne, with the water-mill in Donne parish, and the estate of Barton there; also the advowson of Donne church, with its rectory; also Donne wood of eight acres, and Clyffe wood of three acres, both in Donne parish, all of which belonged to the late abbey of Buckfastleigh.

The conveyance of the manor of Maynbow will be found in the appendix, No. IX.

Besides the manors above mentioned, the abbot and convent had the capital messuage of "Batokysburg" in Holberton parish, Englebourne in Harberton parish, Bigaton in Broadhempston parish, and several tenements in Totnes.

Pope Paul IV., November 28, 1555, confirmed to Sir William Petre, knight, the grant that he had received from king Henry VIII. of the manor of Brent, alias South Brent; the manor of Churchstow; and the rectory of the parish church of Brent.

In bishop Turberville's register, fol. 58, is a copy of the release of a certain yearly payment of 4*s.* issuing from the church of Brent, made by Sir William Petre, knight, principal secretary of state to king Philip and queen Mary, unto Philip Phrear, then vicar of Brent, and to his successors. This Phrear had been admitted to the vicarage on July 25, 1550, and on his death was succeeded by Richard Fountain on May 8, 1561.

The common seal, impressed on red wax and appended to the surrender in the Augmentation office, is circular, and represents the Virgin Mary crowned, with the infant Jesus on her left arm, under a pointed elaborate canopy. The legend is

S · CONVENTVS · BVCFESTRIE.

Num. I.

Possessiones abbatiæ Bulfestrensis tempore Willielmi Conquestoris.

(Exon Domesday, fol. 182, 183.)

Terre abbatis Bulfestrensis ecclesie in Devenescira.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Petrocestona* quam tenuit Alcuinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et reddidit gildum pro i virga et dimidia. has possunt arare v carruce. Inde habet abbas in dominio dimidium virge et i carrucatam et villani i virgam et ii carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas vi villanos et i bordarium et ii servos et iiii animalia et xx oves et iii quadragenas nemoris in longitudine et i quadragenam et dimidiam in latitudine et vi agros prati et viii quadragenas pascue in longitudine et v quadragenas in latitudine et valet per annum xv solidos et quando eam recepit valebat tantundem.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Aissa†, que reddidit gildum pro i virga et dimidia ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. has possunt arare iii carruce. Inde habet abbas in dominio dimidium virge et i carrucatam et villani i virgam et ii carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas v villanos, et iii bordarios, et iii servos, et x animalia, et xl oves,

* The Exchequer Domesday has Petrocheston.
† Aisse. Exch. Dom.

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et vi agros nemoris, et vi agros prati, et iii quadragenas pascue in longitudine et latitudine et valet per annum xx solidos et quando ea recepit valebat x solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Lime *, et reddidit gildum ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus pro una hida. hanc possunt arare vii carruce. Inde habet abbas i virgam et i carrucatam in dominio, et villani habent iii virgas et vi carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas x villanos et xiiii bordarios et iiii servos et ix animalia, et iiii porcos, et lxxii oves, et iiii agros nemusculi, et iii agros prati, et valet per annum l solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Dona † que reddidit gildum pro ii hydis ea die qua Edwardus rex fuit vivus et mortuus. hanc possunt arare x carruce. Inde habet abbas in dominio dimidium hide et i carrucatam, et villani i hidam et dimidiam et v carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas xii villanos et ix bordarios et vii servos et vi animalia, et iiii porcos, et lxvi oves, et viii quadragenas nemusculi, et viii agros prati, et xii agros pascue, et valet per annum iii libras.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Trisma que reddidit gildum pro i hida ea die qua Edwardus rex fuit vivus et mortuus. hanc possunt arare iiii carruce. Inde habet abbas in dominio i virgam et i carrucatam, et villani iii virgas et iii carrucatas. Inde habet abbas iiii villanos, et ix bordarios et x servos et vi animalia et ix porcos et ciii oves, et xxii capras et xvi agros nemoris et iii agros prati et x pascue et valet per annum xxx solidos, et quando recepit valebat xxv.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Haiserstona ‡ que reddidit gildum pro i ferlingo et dimidio, et iii agris ea die qua Edwardus rex fuit vivus et mortuus. Ibi habet abbas i villanum qui reddit xl denarios per annum.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Aissa § quam tenuit Aluuinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddidit gildum pro hida et dimidia. hanc possunt arare x carruce. Inde habet abbas virgam et dimidiam in dominio et i carrucatam et villani habent hidam et dimidiam virgam et v carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas viii villanos et viiii bordarios et vi servos, et ix animalia, et lxviii oves, et xi capras, et iii quadragenarias in longitudine nemoris et i in latitudine et iiii agros prati, et i leugam pascue in longitudine et dimidium in latitudine, et valet per annum xxx solidos, et quando abbas recepit valebat tantundem.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Hetfelt ||, quam tenuit Aluuinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et reddidit gildum pro ii hidis. has possunt arare xii carruce. Inde habet abbas in dominio dimidium hide et i carrucatam et villani habent i hidam et dimidiam et v carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas x villanos, et ix bordarios, et vi servos, et xi animalia, et v porcos et lx oves, et xvi capras, et ii agros nemusculi, et xl agros pascue, et valet per annum xl solidos, et quando abbas recepit valebat xxx solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Bulfestra ¶ et est caput abbatie, et ista nunquam reddidit gildum. Ibi habet abbas i fabrum, et x servos qui habent ii carrucatas et ibi habet abbas iii porcos et i leugam nemoris in longitudine et dimidium in latitudine.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Notona **, quam tenuit Alwinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddidit gildum pro ii hidis. has possunt arare x carruce. Inde habet dimidiam hidam et i carrucatam in dominio et villani i hidam et dimidiam et v carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas ix villanos et xii bordarios et vi servos et iiii animalia et iii porcos et lxx oves et ii quadragenas nemoris in longitudine et i in latitudine et ii agros prati et xx agros pascue, hec valet xl solidos et quando abbas recepit xxx solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Chereforda †† quam tenuit Alwinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et reddidit gildum pro i hida. hanc possunt arare viii carruce. Inde habet abbas i virgam et i carrucatam in dominio, et villani iii virgas et iii carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas vii villanos et vi bordarios et iiii servos et vi animalia et xliiii oves et ii agros prati et xx agros pascue hec valet xxx solidos et quando abbas recepit xx solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Brenta quam tenuit Alwinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et reddidit gildum pro ii hidis. Has possunt arare x carruce. Inde habet abbas dimidiam hidam et i carrucatam in dominio, et villani i hidam et dimidiam et v carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas x villanos et viii bordarios, et v servos, et xiiii animalia, et lv oves, et iiiii agros nemoris, et iiii agros prati, et xxx agros pascue, hec valet xl solidos et quando abbas recepit xxx solidos.

Abbas habet i mansionem que vocatur Brenta ‡‡ quam tenuit Alwinus abbas ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et reddidit gildum pro ii hidis. Has possunt arare vi carruce. Inde habet abbas dimidiam hidam et i dimidium carrucate in dominio et villani i hidam et dimidiam et iii carrucatas. Ibi habet abbas viii villanos et vi bordarios et iiii servos et xi animalia et lxx oves et xxx capras et i leugam nemoris in longitudine et i quadragenam in latitudine et ii agros et i leugam pascue in longitudine et dimidium in latitudine. Hec valet xxx solidos et quando abbas recepit xx solidos.

Num. II.

Carta regis Ricardi primi pro monachis de Bocfasta.

(Cartæ antiquæ S. No. 19.)

Ricardus Dei gratia rex Anglie, dux Normannie et Aquitanie, comes Andegavie, archiepiscopis etc. salutem. Sciatis nos pro Dei amore et pro salute anime nostre et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum concessisse et presenti carta confirmasse Deo et ecclesie beate Marie de Bocfasta et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes donationes que eis rationabiliter facte sunt in terris et tenuris et tenementis in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod predicti monachi habeant et teneant omnes terras et tenuras et tenementa eis rationabiliter data in bosco et plano, in viis et semitis, in aquis et molendinis, in vivariis et stagnis, in pratis et pascuis, in homagiis et serviciis et releviis, in grangiis et virgultis, infra burgum et extra, cum soch et sach et thol et theam et infangenethef. Concedimus etiam eis et hominibus suis quietanciam de theloneo et passagio et pontagio et de schiris et hundredis et de omnibus placitis et querelis et de murdro et de pecunia que ad murdrum et latrocinium pertinet. Preterea concedimus eis et hominibus suis quietanciam de heingwita et de flemeniswita et de blodwita et de firthwita et de hidagio et scutagio et geldis et danegeldis et de operacionibus castellorum et de essart et de wasto foreste et de rewardo et placitis foreste et de auxiliis vicecomitum et de misericordia comitatus et de omnibus auxiliis et de clifwardis §§ et de consuetudinibus et de moris et de omni seculari servicio et exactione. Concedimus etiam eis pasturam in moris per totum annum ad omne genus pecudum suorum. Prohibemus etiam ne quis predictos monachos gravet vel eis aliquam injuriam aut molestiam aut gravamen faciat, nec eos in placitum ponet de aliquo tenemento nisi coram nobis vel capitali justiciario nostro. Testibus, Hugone Duñ, Johanne Norwic, Huberto Sarum, episcopis; Rogero Le Bigot, Waltero filio Roberti, Galfrido filio Petri. Dat. apud S. Eadmundum, Nov. 18, per manum Willielmi Elien. electi, cancellarii nostri, A. R. primo.

Num. III.

Carta regis Henrici Secundi.

(Pat. 1 Edw. IV. p. 2, m. 4, per Inspex.)

H. rex Anglie, et dux Norman. et Aquit. et comes Andeg. archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Sciatis me concessisse in perpetuam elemosinam monachis de Bugfasta, qui sunt de ordine de Savineio, ecclesiam et abbatiam de Bug-

* Limet, E. D.
‡ Riserstone, E. D.
‖ Hetfeld, E. D.
** Notone, E. D.
† Done, E. D.
§ Aisse, E. D.
¶ Bucfestre, E. D.
†† Chereforde, E. D.
‡‡ Brente, E. D.
§§ See the Launceston charters under Launceston Priory.

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fasta cum omnibus terris, et tenementis, et ecclesiis, et aliis possessionibus predicte ecclesie pertinentibus, ita bene et in pace, etc. sicut predicta abbatia unquam melius, etc. tenuit tempore regis H. avi mei, etc. Testibus, Teobaldo Cantuar. archiepiscopo, Thoma cancellario, Unfrido de Bohun dapifero, Rogero de Novant, Warino filio Geroldi camerario, et Willielmo filio Hamonis. Apud Wigorniam *.

Num. IV.

Carta Ricardi Bauzan.

(Cart. 43 Hen. III. m. 1, per Inspex.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Ricardus Bausan dedi, concessi, et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi abbati et conventui de Bufestre, Deo et beate Marie servientibus, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro animabus patris mei et matris mee et fratris mei Stephani Bauzan, totam terram meam de Holna cum omnibus pertinentiis suis ut in dominicis, villenagiis, boscis, turbariis, homagiis, et serviciis liberorum, videlicet, Stephani Mugge, Michaelis Mugge, Wimundi Sele, Osberti Corbyn, et Warini de Budditone, et omnibus aliis pertinentiis, tenendam et habendam dictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus vel cui eam assignare voluerint, de me et heredibus meis, libere, quiete, integre, et pacifice jure hereditario imperpetuum, in viis, semitis, etc. faciendo inde mihi et heredibus meis, ipsi, et successores sui vel eorum assignati, tricessimam partem feodi unius militis pro omni servicio, querela, demanda, secta, et exactione, etc. Hiis testibus, Gileberto de Umfranvill, Hugone de Cardinan, Martino de Fisacre, Gilberto filio Stephani, Philippo de Bodrigan, Waltero Bernas, Nicholao de Fereriis, et aliis.

Num. V.

Inquisitiones de libertatibus abbatie Bucfestrensis.

(Rotuli hundredorum. Edw. I.)

Veredictum hundredi de Nortaueton.

Dicunt quod abbas Bucffestrie tenet quoddam manerium quod vocatur Sele monachorum in perpetuam elemosinam de dono regis Cnud.

Veredictum hundredi de Schefbeare.

Dicunt quod abbas de Bufestia habet apud Patrichstowe furcas, assisam cervisie, et alias libertates regias et habet warantum, sed de quo rege ignorant.

Veredictum xij juratorum de hundredo de Stanburg.

Dicunt quod abbas de Buffestr clamat habere libertatem quod quieti sint de hidis, murdris, et aliis communibus guldis, quo waranto ignorant.

Hundred de Stanburg.

Dicunt quod Rogerus Mirabel tenuit terram de domino rege in capite per serjanciam trium sagittarum quando dominus rex curreret in foresta de Dertemore; qui fecit feloniam pro qua utlagatus fuit, et tunc predicta terra accidit in manum domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc, qui dedit illam magistro Waltero medico; et modo tenet Johannes de Boyvilla et Dionisia uxor sua filia et heres predicti Walteri; et preterea duo ferlingos terre in Kingdon pertinente predicte serjancie de Sciredon: alienata est de novo tempore istius regis per Nicholaum de Kingdon libere tenentem predicte terre in Kingdon, qui dedit illam abbati et conventui de Buffestie, et valet per annum decem solidos.

Num. VI.

Placita de libertatibus ejusdem abbatie.

(Placita de Quo waranto, Edw. I.)

Abbas de Bussestre summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii, emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte, et furcas in Bussestre, Thurescowe †, Hetfeld et Batteburg, et liberam warennam in dominicis suis ibidem sine licencia, etc.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit et, quoad liberam warennam, dicit, quod ipse nullam warennam clamat in predictis villis. Et quoad furcas dicit quod dominus Ricardus rex concessit ei infangangthef in omnibus predictis villis per cartam suam quam profert et hoc idem testatur. Ideo inde sine die. Et quoad visum franci plegii et emendas assise panis et cervisie in Bussestre et Thurescowe dicit quod sunt infra procinctum hundredi Rogeri de Moles de Stanbergh. Et quoad Hetfeld et Batteburg dicit quod sunt infra procinctum hundredi Ricardi filii Stephani de Ermington in quibus hundredis nichil accrescere potest domino regi. Et petit judicium si dominus rex accionem habeat ad predictas libertates petendas que sunt in alienis hundredis.

Et Willielmus de Giselham, etc. dicit quod hujusmodi libertates specialiter pertinent ad coronam domini regis, et, desicut nullum warantum inde ostendit de domino rege, petit judicium. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die Pasche in unum mensem ubicumque, etc. de audiendo judicio suo, etc. Et abbas ponit loco suo Walterum de Fyrsedon.—Rot. 37.

Num. VII.

Computus ministrorum temp. Hen. VIII.

(Abstract of Roll 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation office.)

Nuper monasterium de Buckfasteleigh.

Com' Devon'	£	s.	d.	
Buckfastleigh—Scitus cum terris pratis pascuis et pasturis	11	3	6	
Redditus liberorum tenentium . . .	0	4	6	
Redditus custumariorum tenentium .	30	1	7	
Firma duorum molendinorum aquat' granat'	4	0	1	
Kenynton, alias Lowertowne—Redditus custumariorum tenentium . .	20	8	11	ob.
Buckfasteleigh—Perquisita curie . .	6	6	8	
Kylbury—Redditus liberorum tenentium	0	0	1	ob.
Redditus custumariorum tenentium .	20	12	0	
Brente—Redditus liberorum tenentium manerii	8	17	3	
Redditus custumariorum et conventionariorum tenentium	102	15	7	q.
Redditus terrarum dominicalium vocat' Palston	3	0	0	
Churstowe—Redditus tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenentium .	3	3	2	q.
Kyngesbrigge—Redditus custumariorum tenentium	9	1	8	
Exitus mercat' sive nundinarum . .	5	6	8	
Redditus liberorum tenentium . .	4	4	8	ob.
Perquisita curie	0	18	6	
Engleburne—Redditus liberorum tenentium	0	12	1	
Redditus tam custumariorum quam conventionariorum tenentium . .	11	0	6	

* See another charter of Henry to the monks of "Bugfasta," in cart. Antiq. Y. No. 38.

† Churstow.

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Com' Devon'	£	s.	d.
Firma manerij	5	13	4
Maynbow—Redditus liberorum tenentium	1	4	0
Redditus custumariorum tenentium	0	18	4
Perquisita curie	0	2	4
Sele et Downe—Redditus liberorum tenentium	0	17	3 ob.
Sele—Redditus custumariorum tenentium	4	17	4 ob.
Downe—Redditus custumariorum tenentium	12	12	4 ob.q.
Sele et Downe—Firma certe terre vocate le barton ground	11	17	9
Perquisita curie	0	8	9
Bromston—Redditus assise	5	0	10 ob.
Hethfylde—Redditus liberorum tenentium	4	18	11
Venditio operum cum auxilio tenentium	2	17	7 ob.
Redditus custumariorum tenentium	7	12	8
Redditus terr' berton'	18	18	10
Perquisita curie	0	1	1
Petrockystowe—Redditus tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenentium	7	4	6
Firma manerii	3	1	8

Com' Devon'	£	s.	d.
Perquisita curie	0	3	9
Bottoxburgh—Redditus liberorum tenentium	1	15	5 ob.
Redditus conventionariorum tenentium	7	9	0
Firma capitalis mesuagii	13	3	0
Perquisita curie	0	4	8
Trisme—Redditus liberorum tenentium	0	7	2
Redditus custumariorum tenentium	10	14	10 ob.
Dene prior et Spychewyke—Redditus terrarum et tenementorum	1	14	8
North Bovey, Hoo, et Plympton—Redditus	1	3	0
Exon—Redditus unius domus focal'	0	0	1
Stafarton—Redditus molendini	10	0	0
Brent—Porcio de vicarie	0	4	0
Buckfasteleigh—Porcio	0	16	8
Sele et Downe—Porcio de rectorie	2	13	4
Patrickystowe—Porcio	1	6	8
Trisme—Porcio	1 lib' cere		
Brent—Firma rectorie	18	2	10
Buckfasteleigh—Firma rectorie	11	13	4
Churstowe cum capella de Kingsbridge—Firma rectorie	32	14	6

Num. VIII.

Valor ecclesiasticus tempore Hen. VIII.

Abbathia monasterii Beate Marie de Buckfast in decanatu Tottonie in Exoniensi diocesi in comitatu Devonie.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum tenementorum rectoriarum vicariarum pencionum decimarum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes abbas monasterii Beate Marie de Buckfast predicta infra aliquem archidiaconatum aliqualiter in jure monasterii predicti modo seseitus existit prout postea patebit ex fundacione.

Manerium de Bucfastleigh cum Kelbury.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise tam terrarum dominicalium cum pastura bosci circa mancionem dicti monasterii	8	–	–			
Ac piscaria de Dert	1	–	–			
Quam liberorum tenencium	–	4	6			
Ac custumariorum tenencium	50	–	11	71	12	5
Firma molendini	4	–	–			
Incrementum redditus	2	7	4			
Finis terre	4	1	–½			
Ac perquisita curie per annum communibus annis	1	18	7½			

Manerium de Kylbury.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum cum molendino ibidem valet per annum	18	15	9½	18	15	9½

Manerium de Brent.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	8	6	7¾			
Et custumariorum tenencium	87	17	3			
Firma molendini	6	16	8			
Piscaria	–	3	4	121	6	7¾
Incrementum redditus	9	17	6½			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	11	5	2½			

Manerium de Churchstowe.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	2	14	8¼			
18 libre cere et dimidium						
Custumariorum tenencium	17	7	8	44	15	9¾
Terrarum dominicalium	21	–	–			
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	3	13	5½	18 libre cere et dimidium		

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Kyngesbrigg.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise liberorum tenencium et convencionariorum	8	8	–½			
Firma molendinorum	3	6	8			
Exitus mercatorum et nundinarum	5	–	–			
Ac perquisita curie per annum communibus annis	–	18	–	17	10	8½
Inde solutum Philippo Champernon militi et heredibus suis pro redditu gurgitis molendini fixati super terram suam apud Dodbrooke per annum	–	2	–			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Engleburne.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	–	9	–			
Custumariorum tenencium in Totnes, Aisheberyngton, Churston, quam Engleburne predicta	1 libra cere 10 et 1 libra cere	7	2	18	14	6¼
Ac terrarum bartone	5	13	4	2 libre cere		
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii communibus annis	2	5	–¼			

Maynebowe.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum tenencium	2	2	9			
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	1	14	3¼	3	17	–¼

Manerium de Sele et Donne.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	–	17	3½			
Custumariorum tenencium	15	19	8¼			
Terrarum bartone	11	17	9			
Firma molendini	1	10	–			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	6	4	5½	34	19	2¼
Inde solutum priori Sancti Johannis Exonie et successoribus suis de quodam annuali redditu per annum	1	10	–			
Et remanet clare						

Brounston.

Redditus assise custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	5	1	–½	5	1	–½
	1 par cirotecarum			1 par cirotecarum		

Manerium de Hethfyld.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum	17	16	7½			
Terrarum bartone	12	9	9			
Auxiliorum	1	6	8			
Operum custumariorum tenencium	1	10	1½	35	4	11
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	2	1	9			

Manerium de Patrikstowe.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium et custumariorum	5	6	11¼			
Terrarum bartone	3	1	8			
Auxiliorum	–	9	6¾	13	9	–½
Operum custumariorum	1	8	–			
De finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	3	2	10½			

Dene Prior.

Redditus unius parcelle terre vocate Chyscombe per annum	–	6	8	–	6	8

Bottokysburgh.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	1	15	5½			
Custumariorum tenencium	6	6	8			
Terrarum bartone	12	5	4	22	12	9
Firma molendini	2	–	–			
Ac perquisita curie per annum communibus annis	–	5	3½			

Trysme.

Redditus assise liberorum tenencium	–	7	2			
Custumariorum tenencium	5	9	–½			
Ac terrarum bartone	5	5	7	13	15	4½
De finibus terre cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	2	13	7			

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Spychewyke in parochia de Wedycomb.						
Redditus 2 tenementorum ibidem per annum	1	8	–	1	8	–
North Bovy.						
Redditus unius tenementi ibidem per annum	–	10	–	–	10	–
Hooe infra parochiam de Plympton.						
Redditus unius tenure ibidem per annum	–	8	–	–	8	–
Plympton.						
Redditus unius gardini ibidem per annum	–	5	–	–	5	–
Exon.						
Redditus ibidem per annum	–	–	1	–	–	1
Palston in Brent.						
Redditus bertone ibidem per annum	3	–	–	3	–	–
Staverton.						
Molendinum ibidem valet per annum ultra	6	13	4	–	–	–
Solutum decano et capitulo Exonie et successoribus suis per annum	–	–	–	3	6	8
Summa totalis omnium temporalium ejusdem monasterii	–	–	–	430	19	7¾
				19 libre cere et 1 par cirotecarum		
Inde solutum Henrico marchioni Exonie capitali senescallo ibidem per annum pro feodo suo	–	–	–	2	–	–
Et Johanni Southecote subsenescallo et auditori ibidem per annum pro feodo suo	–	–	–	2	13	4
Et Jacobo Knottysford pro corrodio suo ex assignacione domini regis per annum	–	–	–	3	–	–
Et Johanni Vele ballivo manerii de Kylbury pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	2	–	–
Et Leonardo Clynche ballivo manerii de Brent pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	2	–	–
Et Willielmo Putt ballivo manerii de Churchstowe pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	–	16	–
Et Leonardo Clynche ballivo burgi de Kynesbrigge pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	1	6	8
Et Henrico Screch ballivo manerii de Engleburne pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	–	6	8
Et Willielmo Edwarde ballivo manerii de Hethfyld pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	1	6	8
Et Waltero Warwyke ballivo manerii de Battisburgh pro feodo suo per annum	–	–	–	–	6	8
Summa allocationum	–	–	–	15	16	–
Et remanet clare	–	–	–	415	3	7¾
				19 libre cere et 1 par cirotecarum		

Spirituales possessiones monasterii predicti in comitatu predicto.

Brent.						
Firma decime garbarum ibidem per annum communibus annis	17	15	1	17	15	1
Et decima feni ibidem per annum communibus annis	–	7	8	–	7	8
Buckfastleigh.						
Et pro firma decime garbarum ibidem per annum communibus annis	11	13	4	11	13	4
Churchstowe.						
Et pro rectoria ibidem appropriata monasterio predicto per annum communibus annis	32	13	6	32	13	6

Annuales penciones.

Et de una annuali pencione recepta de vicario de Brent per annum	–	–	–	–	4	–
Et de una annuali pencione recepta de vicario de Buckefastlegh per annum	–	–	–	–	16	8
Et de una annuali pencione recepta de rectore de Sele per annum	–	–	–	2	13	4
Et de una annuali pencione recepta de rectore de Donne per annum	–	–	–	1	4	–
Et de una annuali pencione recepta de rectore de Patrokstowe per annum	–	–	–	1	6	8
Et de una annuali pencione recepta de rectore de Trysme per annum	–	–	–	1 libra cere		
Summa omnium spiritualium monasterii predicti	–	–	–	68	14	3
				1 libra cere		
Inde solutum Johanni episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione exeunte de rectoria de Churchstowe per annum	–	13	4	–	13	4

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	£.	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Et Henrico Fawell vicario de Churchstowe et successoribus suis pro pencione sua pro cura animarum ibidem annuatim conservanda per annum	16	13	4	16	13	4
Summa allocationum spiritualium	–	–	–	17	6	8
Et remanet clare	–	–	–	51	7	7
Summa omnium possessionum tam spiritualium quam temporalium monasterii predicti clare	–	–	–	466	11	2¾
				20 libre cere et 1 par cirotecarum		
Inde pro decima	–	–	–	46	13	1½
				20 libre cere et 1 par cirotecarum		

Num. IX.

Extracta de concessione manerii de Maynbowe.

(Lit. pat. 38 Hen. VIII.)

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. Sciatis quod nos pro summa quadringentarum quinquaginta sex librarum septem solidorum et unius denarii legalis monete Anglie ad manus thesaurarii nostri curie nostre augmentationum etc. per dilectum nobis Johannem Frye de Gray's Inn in comitatu Middlesexiæ generosum persoluta etc. dedimus et concessimus etc. prefato Johanni Frye totum illud manerium nostrum de Maynbowe in comitatu nostro Devonie cum suis juribus, membris et pertinentiis universis nuper monasterio de Buckfast in eodem comitatu modo dissoluto dudum spectantibus et pertinentiis, necnon totum illud manerium nostrum de Seaton in dicto comitatu nostro Devonie cum suis juribus etc. nuper monasterio de Shirburne in comitatu nostro Dorset modo dissoluto etc. ac etiam totam illam rectoriam et ecclesiam de Seaton alias dictam rectoriam de Beare in dicto comitatu Devonie etc. quod quidem manerium de Maynbowe etc. premissa dicto monasterio etc. Buckfast dudum spectantia et pertinentia modo extenduntur ad clarum annuum valorem quadraginta quinque solidorum et unius denarii, ac dictum manerium de Seaton et predicta rectoria de Seaton etc. dicto nuper monasterio de Sherborne etc. ad clarum annuum valorem viginti trium librarum duorum solidorum et unius quadrantis, Habenda, tenenda, etc. prefato Johanni in perpetuum, tenenda de nobis etc. in capite per servicium quadragesime partis unius feodi militis ac reddendo annuatim nobis etc. pro manerio de Maynbowe quatuor solidos, sex denarios, et unum obolum, ac de manerio de Seaton etc. triginta duos solidos, duos denarios, et unum obolum, ac de rectoria de Seaton quatuordecim solidos etc. singulis annis solvendum nomine decime et decime partis inde pro omnibus aliis redditibus etc. etc. In cujus rei etc. Teste rege apud Westm. decimo die Augusti anno R. R. Henrici Octavi tricessimo octavo.

Num. X.

Inquisitio capta 4 et 5 Phil. et Mar. A. D. 1557, de metis inter Dartmore et Brentmore *.

Qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod bonde, mete, et divise inter forestam dictorum domini regis et domine regine vocatam Dertmore in comitatu predicto et in commissione predicta specificatam ac moram illam seu vastum illud vocatum Brentmore in comitatu predicto et in commissione predicta similiter specificatam et expressam jacentem situatam et existentem hiis ordine et serie sequentibus, videlicet, predicta mora seu vastum de Brentmore se extendit ascendendo a quadam valle seu loco quodam ubi et in quo due aque vocate Lez Glasez simul concurrunt in unum et ab eo loco se extendit versus boream usque ad caput de Glase et a capite de Glase ulterius se extendit ascendendo versus boream per quandam longam congeriem lapidum vocatam Le Rowe Rewe usque ad quondam magnam congeriem lapidum nomine Tryberieboroughes alias Treboroughis † existentem mediam congeriem de tribus congeriebus lapidum ibidem; et a predicta media congerie lapidum predicta mora seu vastum vocatum Brentmore se extendit versus boream per vastum de Uggeboroughe, alias Uggeboroughe-more, contigue adjacens usque ad ulteriorem Whyteboroughe alias dictum Wester Whiteboroughe, ad quem quidem ulteriorem Whyteboroughe alias dictum Wester Whyteboroughe foresta de Dertmore predicta in boreali proxima adjacet et ab eodem ulteriori Whyteborowugh seu Wester Whitborough predicta mora de Brente, vocata Brentemore, se extendit versus orientem per forestam de Dertmore predicta usque ad vadum de Bucklonde, vocatum Bucklandforde, prope Byshoppes mede, alias Bushe mede; et a Buckland forde predicta predicta mora de Brentmore se extendit descendendo per forestam de Dertmore predictam ut aqua de Avenne currit usque ad Welbrokefoote, et a Welbrokfote predicta predicta mora sive vastum vocatum Dertmore se extendit versus orientem per Avenne predictum usque ad Smalbrokefote, ad quem locum vocatum Welbrokefote predicta mora de Brente, vocata Brentmore, et quedam alia mora vocata Buckfastleigh more circumjacet prefate foreste de Dertmore; que quidem mete bunde et divise superius ut prefertur nominate et expresse sunt et omnino et tempore cujus contraria memoria hominis non existit fuerunt vere limites mete bunde et divise inter forestam illam predictam domini regis et domine regine vocatam Dertmore ac moram seu vastum illud vocatum Brentmore et quoquo modo vastum illud seu mora vocata Brentmore se extendit. In cujus rei testimonium trium commissionarium predictorum, videlicet, prefati Johannes Predyaux Johannes Rudgeway et Thomas Williams, qui juratores predicti cuilibet parti predicte inquisitionis indentate sigilla sua apposuerunt die loco et annis supradictis scilicet--nos prefati commissionarii virtute commissionis predicte nobis directe super metas bundas et limites inter forestam de Dertmore et predictam moram vocatam Brentemore et super mediam congeriem lapidum vocatum Tryborough alias Triberieborough in inquisitione predicta interius specificatam erigi fecimus quasdam cruces lapideas, videlicet, super dictam mediam congeriem lapidum vocatam Tryborough alias Tryberyeboroughe una crux erigitur in qua insculpta sunt hec verba sequentia "bunda de Brentmore," et super predictum locum vocatum Whyteborough alias dictum Wester Whyteboroughe erigi fecimus unam aliam crucem in qua similiter insculpta sunt eadem verba precedencia—"bunda de Brentmore"—et ad predictum locum vocatum Bucklandforde erigitur tercia crux in qua insculpta sunt similiter eadem verba precedentia—"bunda de Brentmore"—ac etiam ad predictum locum vocatum Welbrokefote quarta crux erecta est in qua etiam eadem verba, videlicet, "bunda de Brentmore"—insculpta sunt; per quas quidem cruces, signa Christiano digna, credimus quod predicte mete et divise de Brentmore pariter imperpetuum cognoscerentur et sciantur ita quod in futurum oblivio, que veritati est inimica, nequaquam suas vires habeat ad cognicionem metarum limitum divisarum et bundarum predictarum tollendam et extirpandam.

* At this time Brent Moor belonged to Sir William Petre, knight.

† Now Three-barrow beacon?

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Num. XI.

Ordinatio vicariæ de Brent.

(Turbevill's register, fol. 48.)

Composicio unio et annexio rectorie ecclesie de Brent vicarie ibidem episcopo Exoniensi patrono vicarie et aliis jus in subscriptis habentibus consentientibus.

Universis Sancte Matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere pervenerint seu quos infra scripta tangunt seu tangere poterunt quomodolibet in futurum, Jacobus, permissione Divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem gratiam et benedictionem, fidemque indubiam presentibus adhibere. Exhibite siquidem nobis nuper pro parte discreti viri magistri Philippi Phrear vicarii perpetui vicarii perpetue ecclesie parochialis de Brent in comitatu Devonie nostre Exoniensis diocesis petitionis series continebat, quod dicta parochia de Brent fuit et est ampla atque copiosa multitudine parochianorum repleta, quodque vicaria perpetua ejusdem ecclesie fuit et est in suis fructibus redditibus et proventibus adeo tenuis et exilis, quod ad sustentacionem vicarii qui cure animarum eorundem parochianorum ibidem personaliter deservire tenetur haud commoda sufficiat adeo ut nisi de competenti augmentacione ejusdem vicarie quam primum prospiciatur de veresimili futurum est, ut dicta vicaria et cura animarum parochianorum ibidem congruo pastore destituatur, quare pro parte ipsius Philippi Phrear vicarii supradicti nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut attentis premissis sibi et successoribus suis de competenti augmentacione dicte vicarie ad uberiorem sustentacionem vicarii ibidem deservituri providere dignaremur, unde nos episcopus antedictus certam et indubitatam noticiam de veritate expositorum predictorum tam ex fama publica et fide dignorum relacionem quam eciam oculata fide percipientes et habentes atque propterea rationem augmentacionis hujusmodi fiendi excogitantes communicationem cum venerabilibus viris decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis Christi Oxoniensis ex fundacione regis Henrici Octavi rectoribus et proprietariis ipsius ecclesie parochialis de Brent inivimus et cum eisdem colloquium in ea parte habuimus et tractatum. Qui expositorum et supplicacionis predicte racionem prudenter expendentes tandem post varios mutuos tractatus et maturas deliberaciones in ea parte prehabitas pro bono pacis et amicicie in hac parte imperpetuum conservando maxime vero quo magis cure dicte vicarie ad honorem Dei et edificacionem parochianorum ibidem melius deserviatur mediantibus consiliariis et amicis communibus partium predictarum adhibito eciam concilio voluntate et expresso consensu honorandi viri domini Willielmi Petre militis ipsius vicarie veri et indubitati patroni de stando nostris decreto ordinacioni et auctoritati super augmentacione vicarie predicte et porcionis ejusdem assignacione in omnibus se sponte submiserunt et promiserunt. Nos igitur Jacobus episcopus antedictus submissiones et promissiones hujusmodi gratanter acceptantes partibus predictis per earum procuratores coram nobis legitime constitutis, seque nostris decreto et ordinacioni in hac parte ferendis expresse submittentibus atque decretum et ordinacionem nostram hujusmodi fieri et interponi instanter petentibus et postulantibus, auditis rimatis et intellectis primitus per nos partium predictarum juribus et racionibus ponderatis eciam de jure in hac parte ponderandis atque de et cum consilio jurisperitorum cum quibus eciam diligentem et maturam tractatum et deliberacionem habuimus in hac parte simul que considerantes et attendentes juxta dictum apostoli equum esse ut qui altari servit de altari vivere debeat ad ordinacionis et decreti nostri hujusmodi proclamacionem in hujusmodi negocio ferendam Christi nomine primitus invocato sic duximus procedendum fore et procedimus in hunc qui sequitur modum.

In primis, viz. nos episcopus antedictus rectoriam ecclesie parochialis de Brent predictam una cum omnibus et singulis decimis juribus et emolumentis tam spiritualibus quam temporalibus ad eam pertinentibus quibuscumque dicto magistro Philippo Phrear vicario ibidem moderno ejus que in eadem vicaria successoribus quibuscumque perpetuis futuris temporibus jure vicarie predicte ad instar et modum perpetue firme habende tenende et occupande concedimus atque in augmentacionem vicarie predicte annectimus et consolidamus; ita quod proxime et immediate post festum Sancti Michaelis archangeli quod erit in anno Domini millessimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo nono bene liceat et licebit eidem magistro Philippo Phrear vicario ibidem moderno si tunc in possessione ejusdem vicarie fuerit, sin minus, ejus futuro successori vicario tunc ibidem existenti quod eandem rectoriam cum decimis juribus et emolumentis ad eam spectantibus et pertinentibus quibuscumque ingredi atque realem et actualem possessionem eorundem recipere et adipisci atque in ejus et eorum usum commoditatem et proficuum convertere disponere eisdem que uti frui et gaudere imperpetuum, sub iis tamen condicionibus sequentibus et non aliter neque alio modo, hoc est, quod vicarius predictus et quicumque alius in futurum ejus successor vicarius ibidem intuitu augmentacionis et annexionis hujusmodi et ceterorum premissorum summam viginti librarum legalis monete Anglie pro annuali et perpetuo redditu eorundem eisdem decano et capitulo ecclesie cathedralis Christi Exoniensis ex fundacione regis Henrici octavi eorumque futuris successoribus decanis et capitulo ibidem singulis annis imperpetuum futuris bene et fideliter apud ipsam ecclesiam cathedralem ad duos anni terminos usuales, viz. ad festa annunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli per equales porciones ad usum ecclesie prefate persolvet aut persolvi faciet.

Item volumus ordinamus et decernimus quod predicti venerabiles viri decanus et capitulum ipsius ecclesie cathedralis moderni et eorum futuri successores quicumque prenominatum magistrum Philippum Phrear vicarium de Brent predictum modernum et ejus ad eadem vicaria futuros successores quoscumque in quieta et pacifica possessione rectorie decimarum jurium et emolumentorum predictorum de tempore in tempus ac quociens opus fuerit tuebuntur et defendent prout justum fuerit.

Item ordinamus et decernimus quod si imposterum quod absit contingat culpa remissione negligentiave vicarii hujusmodi redditum annualem viginti librarum sic ut prefertur limitatum et debitum in toto vel in parte aretro fore insolutum post aliquod festum festorum predictorum in quo ut prefertur solvi debeat tunc et, in eo casu, volumus et ordinamus quod elapsis sex septimanis a quolibet hujusmodi festo sive termino quo ut premittitur solvi debeat proxime insequenti vicarius qui tunc pro tempore in hujusmodi solucione remissus et negligens fuerit pro quolibet mense quo proxime post dictas sex septimanas effluxas hujusmodi solucionem distulerit viginti solidos legalis monete Anglie tociens quociens amittet perdet et foris faciet dictis decano et capitulo nomine pene effectualiter persolvendos dummodo non ultra tres menses in dilacione hujusmodi perstiterit. Quod si vicarius hujusmodi transactis eciam dictis tribus mensibus adhuc in hujusmodi sua negligencia, et solucionis predicte dilacione perseveraverit tunc vel alio quocunque tempore postea pro arbitrio dictorum decani et capituli et successorum suorum volumus et ordinamus quod bene liceat et licebit eisdem decano et capitulo eorumque successoribus et deputato sive deputatis in ea parte quibuscumque ipsam rectoriam cum suis decimis juribus et emolumentis predictis eciam inhorreatus ingredi et reintrare possessionemque eorundem penes se tantisper retinere donec et quousque tam de annuali redditu predicto quam de arreragiis ejusdem si que fuerint et penis predictis deque expensis quibuscumque racione et occasione hujusmodi dilacionis factis et effusis eisdem decano et capitulo competenter et plenarie persolutum et satisfactum fuerit. Quod si predictus vicarius aut ullus successorum suorum post hujusmodi ingressum factum et possessionem captam per predictos decanum et capitulum et successores suos vel eorum deputatum aut deputatos infra tempus unius anni integri proximi post talem ingressum sequentis tam redditus et arreragia quam penas pecuniarias et forisfacturas hujusmodi dictis decano et capitulo debitas non plene persolverit tunc volumus ordinamus et decernimus hanc nostram ordinacionem vacuam esse et pro nulla haberi; sed quod predicti decanus et capitulum et successores sui in hoc casu sint et remaneant

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in pristina sua possessione rectorie prefate cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis imperpetuum.

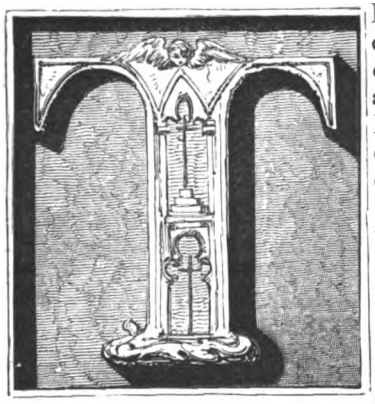
Volumus insuper et ordinamus quod vicarius perpetuus dicte vicarie perpetue qui ad eandem vicariam in proxima ejusdem vacacione quorumcumque modo contingente presentabitur et in eadem instituetur ejusque successores vicarii perpetui ibidem quicumque infra annum a tempore hujusmodi institucionis in et de eadem vicaria percepte collate aut adepte summam trium librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum legalis monete Anglie dictis decano et capitulo eorumque successoribus decanis et capitulo ibidem nomine agnicionis hujusmodi concessionis et firme perpetue persolvere et satisfacere tenebitur. Quod si imposterum defectus fiat seu dilacio in solucione dicte summe trium librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum sive eciam pene pecuniarie superius per nos propter non debitum solutum et plus justo detentum et dilatum redditum predictum contra formam presentis nostre ordinacionis, quod tociens quociens ita fieri contigerit, bene liceat et licebit predictis decano et capitulo eorumque successoribus et deputato aut deputatis predictis in ipsam rectoriam cum suis decimis juribus et emolumentis predictis eciam inhorreatis ingredi possessionemque eorundem penes se retinere quousque tam de predicta summa trium librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum et pena predicta quam de arreragiis ejusdem et eciam expensis quibuscumque occasione non debite solucionis hujusmodi factis decano et capitulo predictis plenarie satisfactum et persolutum fuerit. Et si infra tempus unius anni proximi post talem ingressum sequentis tam redditus et arreragia quam penas pecuniarias et forisfacturas ac debita premissa dictis decano et capitulo debite non plene persolverit, tunc volumus ordinamus et decernimus hanc nostram ordinacionem vacuam esse et pro nulla haberi: sed quod predicti decanus et capitulum et successores sui sint et remaneant in pristina sua possessione rectorie prefate cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis imperpetuum hujusmodi autem ordinacionem nostram pro competenti augmentacione porcionis vicarie predicti ad uberiorem vite sue sustentacionem et hospitalitatem in eadem sustentandam competentem et sufficientem ac talem ex qua vicarius quicumque pro tempore existens commode sustentari hospitalitatem tenere, decanum et capitulum predictum in rectoria predicta melius exonerari, aliaque sibi incumbencia onera commode supportare valeat, reputamus pronunciamus et decernimus.

Quod si circa hanc presentem nostram ordinacionem aliqua ambiguitas seu questionis materia infuturum emerserit potestatem et auctoritatem hujusmodi ambiguitatem et questionem explanandi et interpretandi domino cancellario Anglie pro tempore existenti reservamus per presentes. In quorum omnium et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum presentes literas testimoniales tripartitas superinde fieri easque tam sigilli nostri quam sigilli communis sive capitularis decani et capituli ecclesie cathedralis Oxoniensis predicte necnon sigillorum patroni et vicarii prenominatorum appensione communiri fecimus et curavimus. Datum quoad sigilli nostri hujusmodi appensionem quinto die mensis Maii anno Domini 1559 et nostre consecracionis anno quarto.

[The dean and chapter of Christchurch affixed their seal on the same day, with Sir William Petre and Philip Phrear.]

Buckland Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF TAMERTON.



HIS abbey of the Cistercian order, seated on the eastern bank of the Tavy about eight miles from Plymouth, was founded in 1278 by Amicia *, countess of Devon, and was endowed by her with the manors of Buckland †, Bickleigh, Walkhampton ‡, and Collumpton. She procured for her new foundation a colony of monks from the monastery of Quarrer §, or Quarr, in the Isle of Wight, an abbey founded by Baldwin, the second earl of Devon. These religious, without applying for permission to Walter Bronescombe, bishop of Exeter, presumed at once, on their arrival at Bucland, to celebrate mass and to exercise other spiritual functions. Such a trespass on ordinary jurisdiction entailed the displeasure of the diocesan, who proceeded to lay the community under suspension and interdict. At the intercession of queen Eleanor, he eventually relaxed the sentence until Pentecost, 1280, and again, by letters dated London, May 27, until Michaelmas in that year. In the interim he became satisfied with their submission, and on the day of his death at Bishop's Teignton, July 22, he finally authorised them to follow their rule without further interruption. (Reg. fol. 96, 97.) The endowment of the foundress was confirmed by her daughter Isabella, commonly called de Fortibus, and by the reigning sovereign king Edward I. In process of time several other estates accrued to the community by grant or purchase. The right of embattling the abbey was allowed by king Edward III. in 1328. (Rot. Lit. Pat. 2 Edw. III.)

* This lady, who died in 1282, was daughter of Gilbert Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, and married Baldwin de Redvers, the fourth of that name and the seventh earl of Devonshire. The issue of this union was a son, called Baldwin, who died twenty years before his mother; a daughter, Isabella, who became one of the greatest heiresses in the realm of England; and Margaret, who became a nun in Laycock abbey.

† Upon the word Buckland, or Boclond, Hearne, in a note to his Liber Niger, takes occasion to explain the distinction between bocland and folcland. Unfortunately, however, for this assumed derivation of the name, we meet with no corresponding term like Folcland to indicate that the tenure of the land gave rise to the local description of it. The local names of Buckland, Buckfast, Buckley, &c., rather lead us to look out for another origin than the one suggested by Hearne.—S.

‡ For the taxation of Walkhampton, see bishop Stapeldon's register, fol. 65, where he states that bishop Bitton had appropriated its church to the abbot and convent of Buckland.

§ Founded by the Baldwin de Redvers, the second earl of Devon.

We meet with the following abbots:—

Robert is believed to be the first abbot. His name appears in the pleadings, referred to in the Appendix.

Bishop Quivil, on the Feast of S. Peter in cathedra, 1284, confirmed the appropriation of Buckland church to the abbey, as did his successor bishop Bytton on September 19, 1305.

Galfridus was certainly abbot in 1304.

Thomas occurs on November 12, 1311, (Stapeldon's Reg. fol. 66,) but we find no account of his death.

William was probably the fourth abbot. In the Appendix will be found his agreement with Ralph de Belworthy, witnessed by Reginald de Ferrers, who died in 1333.

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Thomas Wappelegh. He must have been party to the endowment of Bickleigh vicarage made November 11, 1356. (See appendix, Num. XIII.)

John Bryton succeeded August 1, 1385.

Walter followed, and was a party to the composition of Bickleigh vicarage in October, 1392. (See appendix, Num. XIII.)

William Rolff was blest as abbot by bishop Lacy, May 27, 1442. He had a long suit with James Derneford, esq., who, in violation of the privileges of the abbot, as the lord of the hundred of Roborough, had ventured to erect a pillory and tumbril at East Stonehouse within the limits of the said hundred, as also to hold a court of frank pledge. The case was finally referred to William Hylle, prior of Plympton, and to James Chudlegh, esq., the parties consenting to abide by their award. On the Thursday after S. Barnaby's Feast, 1448, they awarded that the pillory and tumbril should be removed; that the court of frankpledge should cease to be holden there, and that by the ensuing Michaelmas James Derneford should pay to the abbot £20 by way of satisfaction. In the appendix will be found this abbot's agreement to bishop Lacy's taxation of Bampton vicarage.

John Spore was confirmed Rolff's successor on September 28, 1449; on whose resignation

John Hylle was admitted by bishop Lacy, October 21, 1454.

Thomas Olyver was blest in Exeter cathedral March 20, 1463, by John, bishop of Tyna and suffragan to Dr. George Nevyll, bishop of Exeter. He was still living in 1500. There are extant many leases of this abbot during the long period of his government. In Westcote's View of Devon, p. 85, we read that "Thomas Oliver, abbot of Buckland, did, upon the 4th day of October, 1478, intrude and make claim upon the lord the Prince's land in Dartmoor within the bounds and marks of the said forest, and thereof by a jury at Lidford was found culpable." According to Hoker, this abbot was proscribed by king Richard III. for declaring in favour of Henry, earl of Richmond, afterwards king Henry VII.

John Brundon was the next abbot, but retained office only for a short period.

Thomas Whyte succeeded, and was still living early in 1528. Among his leases there is one dated November 1, 1511, granting to William and Jane Dunter the reversion of an estate, "apud Lader Torre cum uno molendino pulsatili ad stannum pulsandum (i. e. a stamping mill) infra manerium nostrum de Walkhampton," for a term of seventy years, at the yearly rent of 9*s.* 8*d.* He leased also to Peter Edgecumb* all the liberties, franchises, assize of bread and beer, and all royalties belonging to the abbey within the town of East Stonehouse †, for the term of the said Peter's life, for the yearly rent of 5*s.* Among the monuments at Powderham we have seen an indenture between this abbot and Robert Derkeham, organist, dated May 28, 1522. The abbot engages to pay Robert an annuity of £2 13*s.* 4*d.*; to provide him a decent table; to allow a furnished room over the west gate of the monastery; and a gown every year, of the value of 12*s.* He further grants to Robert the reversion of a tenement at Milton, then occupied by John Brooke, and in the mean while covenants to provide a decent dwelling-house garden, the moiety of the rent to be paid by Robert Derkeham, who is also to have the feeding of two cows, until he obtains possession of John Brooke's tenement. Robert is also to be allowed five ounces of bread and a quart of beer every night throughout the year; a wax candle from November 1, until February 2; and thirty horse-loads of fagots for his fire. In consideration of all this, the said Robert is to assist in the choir every day during divine service, and to teach four boys of the convent, any one of whom he may choose to wait upon him as his servant. He further engages to instruct the boys, and those monks who may wish to learn, in the art of music and playing the organ.

This indenture was allowed by the Augmentation Court, 18th Dec. 1540.

John Toker or *Tucker*, a native of Moreton Hampstead and brother to Robert Tucker who filled the mayor's chair in Exeter in 1543, was the next and last abbot. He was blest as such June 7, 1528. With twelve monks, he surrendered his house to king Henry VIII., who granted him a pension of £60 per annum, and to each of his monks as follows:—

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Thomas Maynard	5	6	8
William Gye	5	–	–
Thomas Hooper	5	–	–
Robert Troope	5	6	–
John West	5	–	–
William Alford	5	–	–
Hugo Harvey	4	13	4
Benedict Lovedge	4	13	4
Simon Rugewaye	4	–	–
William Myllford	4	–	–
William Ebbesworth	3	6	8
John Jordan	3	6	8

This abbot and all the above monks, excepting Maynard, Harvey, Rugewaye, and Toope, were still living in the year 1553, and in the receipt of their pensions. He was, we believe, admitted to the vicarage of Bucland Monachorum on April 4, 1557, on the presentation of its new patron Richard Crymes; and he may have held it until his death. On April 8, 1564, William Vaughan is recorded, in bishop Alley's register, to have been admitted to the vicarage void by the death of the last incumbent.

On October 25, 27th of Henry VIII., abbot Toker leased for sixty years to his brother, Robert Toker, and his nephews, William and Hugh, the rectorial tithes of St. Andrew's Church, Buckland, for £18; and of Walkhampton, Bickleigh, and its dependent chapel of Shittlestorre, for £7 10*s.* On July 24 following, he leased to the same parties the tithes of Bampton for £14 12*s.* 7*d.* per annum.

In looking over several ancient leases granted by the abbots we meet with the following places within their manor of Bucland, viz. Horabrigge (where the abbot's court was holden, and where a chapel in honour of St. John the Baptist was licensed, Jan. 23, 1438), Milton, Downe, Dydysham, Hyer-axton, Southton, Heyer Heyle, Yeolond, Beryton, Penmark's Close, Beryton, Uphill, Jaggelond-hill, Bykecombe, Upton, Churcheton, Harebay, Lake, Abboteston, Boolhyll, Fareplace, and Elston. In Walkhampton manor, we find Forsetor, High Hestent, Crypton, Dyttesham, Middleworthy, Le Parke, Les Heyes, Stockynton, Stenelake, Hulkynctore, Pyke, and Dencombe. In Collumpton manor we meet with Strayers, Pirrewode, Broadpark, Middlepark, Biggelane, Ham near Columpbrig, Brodeplace, Chepyngplace, and Ayshlond, together with the watercourse and fishery in Columpton manor, which "cum omnibus retibus ac aliis ingeniis" was let for a term of eighty years at the yearly rent of £3 4*s.* 4*d.* In Bickleigh we meet with Le Torre. The abbey also had property in Shaugh.

The revenues of the abbey at the dissolution were valued at £241 17*s.* 9¼*d.* per annum. The site of the abbey, with its demesne lands, was granted by king Henry VIII., May 26, 1541, to sir Richard Greynfeld, of Bideford, knight, who seems to have demolished a considerable part of the conventual buildings. (See Num. XVI. post.) On December 1, 1580, queen Elizabeth licensed the said grantee, sir Richard Greynfeld and his wife Mary, to alienate the site of the abbey and the demesne lands to John Hele and Christopher Harrys, esquires; and, eighteen days later, the conveyance was made to them for the sum of £3400. On October 3, 1581, they sold the same to sir Francis Drake, knight, the celebrated navigator; but this alienation, having been

* It was to this knight's grandson, sir Pyers Edgecumbe, that king Henry VIII. granted a license to impark 300 acres of land, 50 acres of pasture, 60 acres of wood, and 100 acres of furze and heath in West Stonehouse and Cremill in Devon, and to have free warren in all his demesne lands in West Stonehouse, and his several fisheries in all his waters there: also to impark 100 acres of land, 200 acres of pasture, 160 acres of wood, and 40 acres of furze and heath in Cothele in Cornwall. The knight was further licensed to build turrets and to embattle his manor house in East Stonehouse.

† John Bothe, bishop of Exeter, by letters, which we have seen, dated "in domo mansionis nostre apud Cheyham," in the diocese of Winchester, June 30, 1472, licensed John Stubbs, perpetual vicar of St. Andrews' Church, Plymouth, to celebrate Divine service "in capella Sancti Laurentii apud Stonehouse infra parochiam de Plymouth."

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made without her majesty's license, of whom the estate was held in capite, was confirmed and pardoned, June 7, 1583, on the payment of a fine of £10. Sir Francis, by his will dated June 27, 1595, settled this and other property, in default of his own lawful issue, on his brother, Thomas Drake, of Plymouth, gentleman. The gallant admiral dying at sea, January 28, 1596, and leaving no issue by his wife, Elizabeth (Sydenham), Buckland abbey devolved on Thomas, who survived until April 4, 1606, and whose eldest son Francis, by his wife Elizabeth Moore (p. 337, sir William Pole's Devon), succeeded to the property. On September 22, 1602, he married Jane, daughter of Amias Bamfield, esq., and was created a baronet August 2, 1622.

The abbey now belongs to one of his descendants, the present sir Thomas Trayton Fuller Elliott Drake, of Nutwell Court, in the county of Devon, bart., to whom this work is under great obligations for allowing liberal access to his family documents.

Samuel and Nathaniel Buck, in 1734, published an engraving of the remains of the abbey, which they incorrectly called a priory. The ancient belfry still remains, with the noble barn 180 feet in length.

The parish of Buckland was early celebrated for its cider, and some writers contend that orchards were first planted here in England. But the celebrated Norman antiquary, monsieur De Gerville, of Valognes, has, we think, abundantly shown, that the abbots of Montburg had already introduced apple orchards into their manors of Lodres and Axmouth, and that cider, as early as 1286, was the ordinary drink of their labourers. Hence "colligere poma ad siseram faciendam" was an ordinary service.

The abbey, having been founded by Amicia, countess of Devon, inserted her name in its common seal. A drawing of it, taken from an impression attached to a deed dated in 1310, represents the Blessed Virgin and child; underneath is the word AMICIA, and a shield of arms bearing a lion rampant. The legend is,

SIGILLVM . ECCLESIE . LOCI . SCI . BENEDICTI . DE . BOCLAN.

We have seen another seal, bearing quarterly, argent and gules, a crosier in bend; or, these arms were formerly to be seen in Ottery church, and are mentioned by Scipio Squier, 1607.

The lordship or manor of Buckland, with its rectory and church, were purchased of the crown, April 12, 1546, by Richard Crymes of London, haberdasher, and his wife, for £1451 0*s.* 10*d.* By his will, dated September 12, 1565, and proved January 2 following, he left this property to his eldest son, Ellis Crymes, then aged twenty-four years or more. For some cause, queen Elizabeth presented William Vaughan Buckland to the vicarage April 8, 1564. Ellis Crymes presented Edmund Tyll at the next avoidance, June 27, 1573. William Crymes *, esq., died in 1621, seised of this manor. Thomas Drake, the second son of sir Francis Drake, the first baronet, by his second wife, Jane Strode, married in 1641 Susan, daughter of Elizeus Crymes, esq., who settled the manor, by deed, on his nephew sir Francis Drake, bart., but afterwards revoked it. The patronage of the vicarage continued in the Crymes family certainly down to 1710. The manor, in 1660, passed from the Crymes family to the Slannings. By the marriage of Elizabeth Slanning, it went to sir James Modiford, bart.; and by their daughter, Grace's, marriage it passed to the Heywoods. On the death of James Modiford Heywood in 1798, it was sold with other property by his four daughters and coheiresses to the late sir Manasseh Massch Lopez, bart., whose nephew, the present respected baronet, sir Ralph Franco Lopez, now enjoys it.

* Philip Crimes of Mevy, in Cornwall, made his will, dated June 14, 1595, proved October 8, that year. He mentions his loving brother, William Crimes of Lovecombe, in the county of Devon, esq., with whom he held in fee an estate in Islington, near London. He had a lease from his brother William of an estate in Buckland monachorum of Lower and Higher Elford, Shipter Wood, and Maber. He left a son, Philip, and four daughters, Agnes, Elizabeth, Mary, and Ursula, and appointed his wife Agnes sole executrix.

Num. I.

Carta fundationis per Amiciam comitissam Devoniæ.

(Cart. 8 Edw. I. n. 85.)

In nomine gloriosissime et individue Trinitatis, Patris et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen, ac intuitu beatissime Marie virginis, et beati Benedicti, nos, Amicia comitissa Devonie et domina de Insula, de summi rerum et bonorum Opificis bonitate confisa, ejusdem gratia, qui vota hominum et mulierum pro sua voluntate ad bonum disponit, et dirigit fidenter invise, animique revelatione spe sollicitet, si quid sui nominis honori ad perpetuam memoriam retribuamus, abbatiam quam locum sancti Benedicti de Bocland intitulari seu nuncupari volumus, et quam in manerio nostro de Bocland, ad perpetuam sustentationem abbatum et monachorum ordinis sancti Benedicti Cisterciensis ibidem degentium, pro salute animarum domini Henrici quondam regis Anglie, et nobilis regine domine Alianore uxoris sue et liberorum suorum, et domini Edwardi illustris regis Anglie, filii ejusdem Henrici et nobilis regine domine Alianore uxoris sue et liberorum eorundem; et pro salute animarum domini Gilberti de Clare quondam comitis de Glocestria, et Hertfordia, patris nostri, et Isabelle comitisse matris nostre, et animarum Baldwini comitis Devon. mariti nostri, et Issabelle filie nostre comitisse Devon. et Albemarlie, et Margarete filie nostre sanctimonialis de Lacock, et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum, et omnium quibus tenemur pro aliquo beneficio, fundamus, appropriamus, locumque eisdem abbatibus, et monachis, et abbatiam damus, concedimus, et assignavimus, atque in eadem abbatia abbates et monachos ordinis predicti esse decernimus perpetuo moraturos. Cui siquidem abbatie, fratri Roberto abbati, et monachis in eadem domo existentibus, de abbatia de Quarera per nos assumptis, et successoribus suis perpetuo sustinendis, in honore Dei, et beatissime Dei genetricis Marie, et beati Benedicti, ipsum manerium nostrum de Bocland, et maneria nostra de Columpton, Bykeley, et Walkhampton †, cum advocationibus ecclesiarum, et cum hundredo Rugheberewe cum tota secta tam liberorum, villanorum, quam aliorum, que ad predictum hundredum pertinent, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, ut in dominiis, dominicis, feodis militum, servitiis liberorum hominum, villanis, villenagiis, cum eorum catallis et sequelis, releviis, auxiliis, redditibus, herietis, escaetis quibuscunque, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, viis, semitis, boscis, planis, molendinis, aquis, piscariis, moris, brueriis, turbariis, una cum omnibus libertatibus, et liberis consuetudinibus eidem abbatie per nos adquisitis, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis nominatis et non nominatis, que ad predicta maneria, et predictum hundredum pertinent, vel aliquo modo pertinere poterunt, quocunque nomine censeantur, sine ullo retenemento nostri vel heredum nostrorum, damus, concedimus, et hac presenti carta confirmavimus in liberam et puram elemosinam imperpetuum habendum dictis abbati et conventui, et eorum successoribus, libere, quiete, bene, et in pace imperpetuum sine aliqua contradictione vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum. Et nos predicta Amicia et heredes nostri prefatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus predicta maneria cum advocationibus ecclesiarum et cum predicto hundredo, una cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et aliis pertinentiis nominatis et non nominatis que ad predicta maneria et hundredum predictum aliquo modo pertinent vel pertinere poterunt, in sanctam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, ut predictum est, contra omnes gentes Christianos et Judeos warrantizabimus ac acquietabimus et defendemus imperpetuum. Et ut hec mea donatio, concessio, et presentis carte mee confirmatio rata et stabilis permaneat, huic carte sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Hiis testibus, Hugone Peverell, Willielmo de Bikells, Thoma de Pyn, Warino de Secchevill, Regi-

† In fol. 6 of bishop Bronescombe's register we read that Elyas de Herteford was admitted to the church of Walkhampton on the presentation of William de Ripariis, earl of Devon, Aug. 1259.

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naldo de Ferrariis, militibus; Johanne de Vautort, Richardo Mewy, Radulpho de Lenham, Stephana de Stoyll, Baldwino le Bastard, Humphrido de Donesterre, et aliis.

Num. II.

Carta Walteri Exoniensis Episcopi.

(Reg. Bronescombe, fol. 96.)

Walterus Dei gratia Exon. episcopus dilecto filio officiali suo, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum ad instantiam et petitionem serenissime domine Alianore regine Anglie dudum vobis scripserimus, ut suspensionis seu interdicti sententias in monachos de Boclond Cysterciensis ordinis seu loca sua, pro eo quod iidem monachi in diocesi nostra absque auctoritate nostra seu licentia divina celebrare presumpserunt, latas seu promulgatas relaxaretis, permittentes eosdem divina celebrare usque ad festum Pentecostis, vel quousque cum dicta domina nostra regina colloquium haberemus personale; ejusdem domine nostre precibus iterum inclinati vobis mandamus, quatenus eosdem monachos usque ad quindenam Sancti Michaelis proxime venturi divina ibidem libere celebrare permittatis, ullam nemini eorum inferentes molestiam vel gravamen. Datum London. 6 kal. Junii, A. D. 1280.

Num. III.

Carta alia Walteri Episcopi.

(Reg. Bronescombe, fol. 97.)

Universis, etc. Walterus, etc. miseratione divina Exon. episcopus. Ad universitatis vestre notitiam volumus pervenire, quod nos interdictum factum in abbatia de Boclond nostre diocesis de novo fundata, tenore presentium relaxamus; et concedimus quod abbas et monachi Cisterciensis ordinis ibidem commorantes divina ibidem licite celebrare, et que ordinis Cisterciensis sunt, secundum regulam Sancti Benedicti libere exercere valeant, jure, honore, et dignitate episcopali et ecclesie Exon. in omnibus semper salvis. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus fecimus apponi. Datum apud Teynton episcopi in festo beate Marie Magdalene A. D. 1280, et consecrationis nostre xxiij°.

Num. IV.

Carta Isabellæ de Fortibus, cum metis et bundis.

(Pat. 9 Hen. IV. part 2, m. 18, per Inspex.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit, Isabella de Fortibus, comitissa Albemarlie et Devonie ac domina Insule, salutem in Domino. Noveritis nos concessisse, confirmasse, et presenti scripto quietas clamasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris, Deo et monasterio beate Marie et beati Benedicti de Boclond ac abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus Cisterciensis ordinis in ipso monasterio Deo servientibus et imperpetuum servituris omnes donationes et concessiones quas nobilis mulier mater nostra carissima domina Amicia quondam comitissa Devonie ac domina Insule adquisivit et dedit eisdem; videlicet, maneria de Boclond, Bykelie, et Walkampton secundum metas et divisas eorundem, scilicet, de la Lobbapilla ex occidentali parte de Boclond versus aquilonem et orientem per medium cursum aque de Tavie, et de Walkampton ad divisas de Dertemore ex parte boriali de Mistorr et inde versus austrum per metas regardorum de Dertemore, videlicet, per Mistorpanna et per Hysfochres et Crucem Siwardi et Gyllesburgh et Plymcrundla ad Plymma, et inde per Plymma versus occidentem ad Yaddabrok, et sic per bundas que cingunt Rydemore et Smalacumba, scilicet per fossam veterem ad angulum fosse de Yllalonda, et inde per Hurtwallen ad Smalacumbacrosse et Smalacumbalak, et per cursum aque de Mewy ad Olyaka, et per fossam ad viam que ducit de Plympton ad Schitestorr, et sic per divisas lapideas ad Biricombaforda et per Crewecumba, et Denebrok et cursum aque de Mewy ad Schollaforda, et sic per veteres metas ad Yanedonecrosse, et inde per bundas ad Stoford et Lak et Churcheford, et per divisas inter Elleford et Cropeton ad Ellefordlak et ad cursum aque de Mewy, et sic ad locum ubi Mewy cadit in Plymma, et per Plymma ad divisas de Hescumbe et ad divisionem itineris super Purpris, et inde pertranseundo viam que ducit de ponte de Cadaworth ad Plympton per terram de Schagh versus orientem usque ad Shitaburgh, et inde per veteres metas lapideas ad Haneketorr, et inde versus occidentem et aquilonem per terram de Farnhill ad Maynstonkvilla et Maynstoncrossa et Horingbrok, et ad Writewillelak, et inde per semitam quandam ad Pudehel includendo Southpoudehel, et sic per bundas versus orientem ad Horsford, et inde per metas veteres ad Writewille et ad Horyngbrok, et sic ad Plymma et ad Wolewillebroke et ad crucem de Wolewille, et inde per viam que ducit de Sutton ad Tavistok ad Copriscrosse, et inde versus boream per fossam veterem ad Bycacumbayoneda, et sic per veteres bundas ad Lobbapilla. Et terram et villanos de la Torr apud Shitestorr adjacentes manerio de Bykelie cum pertinentiis cum eorum villenagiis, catallis, et sequelis, et hundredis de Rugheburgh cum omnibus proficuis inde provenientibus cum tota secta liberorum hominum et villanorum et cum omnibus que ad hundredum pertinent vel pertinere poterunt. Et manerium de Culumpton secundum bundas ipsius; videlicet, de Culump per terram prioris Sancti Nicholai Exon. ad Smalabrok, et per exteriores metas terre de la Brok ad viam que ducit ad Padokbrok, et inde per Luttekeshel et Ponteford et per divisas de Hillesdon ad Burn, et per Linor et Sweton et Morston et Burn ad Culump, et sic per la Nywelond ad Rothnesfordbrigg et quandam peciam terre ex orientali parte ipsius aque apud Kyngesmill, et inde per Stonweya, Crundla, Waterleta, Halstrewa, Westeshayes, et Lathemere ad Clmfbrigg * cum terris de la Halsholte et pratis et boscis de Swenham cum pertinentiis. Et terram de Lygh cum pertinentiis in Samford-Spinee. Et advocationes ecclesiarum de Boclond, Walkampton, et Bykelie cum capella de Scitestorr. Et omnia que ad predicta maneria et terras et ad hundredum predictum pertinent ut in sectis curie, dominiis, dominicis, feodis militum, homagiis, scutagiis, serviciis liberorum hominum, villanis, villenagiis, cum eorum serviciis, catallis, et sequelis, cum wardis, maritagiis, releviis, auxiliis, redditibus, herietis, et quibuscumque escaetis, cum pratis, pascuis, pasturis, viis, semitis, boscis, planis, molendinis cum eorum bedis et multuris, columbariis, aquis, piscariis, vivariis, alnetis, moris, vastis, brueris, turbariis, strauris, et weyf, una cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus et omnibus aliis rebus et pertinentiis nominatis et non nominatis que ad predicta maneria et terram et ad hundredum predictum pertinent vel que de eis nobis aut heredibus nostris accidere vel descendere poterunt sine ullo retenemento nostri vel heredum nostrorum imperpetuum; Habendum et tenendum predicta, maneria, terras, hundreda, et advocationes ecclesiarum, et capelle predicte, cum omnibus eorum libertatibus, rebus, et pertinentiis quocumque nomine censeantur, de domino rege et heredibus suis prefatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus ordinis predicti libere, quiete, integre, bene et in pace sine ulla exactione vel demanda, calumpnia, vel impedimento nostri vel heredum nostrorum, in liberam et puram elemosinam imperpetuum. Et nos predicta Isabella et heredes nostri predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus predicta maneria et terras, advocationes ecclesiarum, et capelle predicte ac hundredum predictum, cum omnibus libertatibus, rebus, et pertinentiis suis nominatis et non nominatis, contra omnes gentes Christianos et Judeos warantizabimus, acquietabimus, et defendemus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Hiis testibus; fratre Ricardo priore Christi ecclesie de Twynham, fratre Thoma priore de Brommor, dominis Ricardo filio Johannis, Ricardo de Affeton, Hugone

* *Sic.* In another charter by the same Isabella, also inspected, this is called Clifbrigg. This last charter is witnessed by Edmund, the king's son, earl of Lancaster, Edmund, earl of Cornwall, and others, A.D. 1273. It is a grant or confirmation of the same lands to the donor's mother, Amicia.

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de Peverell, Gilberto de Knovile, Reginaldo de Ferariis, militibus; Radulfo de Lynham, Stephano Stoil, Willielmo de Stapeldon, Simone de Travailesworth, Willielmo de Budekeside, Roberto de Coleford, et aliis. Dat. apud Brommor die Sancti Edmundi regis et martiris anno Domini millesimo ducentesimo nonagesimo primo.

Num. V.

Carta Amiciæ Comitissæ Devoniæ, etc.

(Ibid.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod nos Amicia comitissa Devonie ac domina Insule, in ligia viduitate nostra, intuitu Dei et pro salute animarum domini Henrici quondam regis Anglie et nobilis regine domine Alianore uxoris sue et liberorum suorum, et domini Edwardi illustris regis Anglie, filii ejusdem regis Henrici, et nobilis regine domine Alianore uxoris sue, et liberorum eorundem, et pro salute animarum domini Gilberti de Clare quondam comitis Glouc. et Hertford patris nostri et Isabelle comitisse matris nostre et Baldewini comitis Devonie mariti nostri, et pro salute anime nostre et animarum Baldewini filii nostri quondam comitis Devonie et Isabelle filie nostre comitisse Devonie et Albemarlie et Margarete filie nostre sanctimonialis de Lacok, et omnium antecessorum et successorum nostrorum et omnium quibus tenemur pro aliquo beneficio, et ceterorum qui elemosinas vel aliquod beneficium conferunt vel collaturi sunt, dedimus et concessimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmavimus Deo et beate Marie et sancto Benedicto et fratri Roberto et ejus conventui de Quarrera assumpto et eorum successoribus ordinis Cisterc. in sanctam, liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam ad construendam abbatiam et perpetuo sustinendam in honore beatissime Dei genitricis Marie et beati Benedicti, maneria de Boclond, Bickely, et Walkampton secundum metas et divisas eorundem; videlicet de Lobbapilla, ex occidentali parte de Boclond, &c. (*as in the preceding charter.*) Dedimus etiam concessimus et confirmavimus predictis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus terras et villanos cum eorum catallis et sequelis de la Torr apud Schitestorr adjacentes manerio de Buckeleye. Dedimus etiam concessimus et confirmavimus eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus hundredum de Rugheburgh cum omnibus proficuis inde provenientibus et cum tota secta liberorum hominum et villanorum et cum omnibus libertatibus, liberis consuetudinibus, seu quibuscumque rebus que ad hundredum pertinent seu accidere vel pertinere poterunt quocumque modo. Dedimus etiam concessimus et confirmavimus eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus manerium de Colomptun secundum metas et bundas ipsius; videlicet (*then follow the metes and bounds of Columpton as before*) cum terris de la Halsholte, et pratis, et boscis de Swenham, et cum advocationibus ecclesiarum de Boclond, Walkampton, et Bykelie cum capella de Schitestorr cum omnibus que ad predicta maneria et terras et ad hundredum predictum pertinent, ut in sectis curie, dominiis, dominicis, feodis militum, homagiis, scutagiis servitiis liberorum hominum, &c. sine ullo retenemento nostro vel heredum nostrorum. Habenda et tenenda de domino rege et heredibus suis prefatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus predicta maneria et terras cum advocationibus ecclesiarum de Boclond, Walkampton, et Bykelie, et capelle de Schitestorr, et cum hundredo predicto, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis quibuscunque in sanctam, liberam, puram et perpetuam elemosinam libere, etc. Hiis testibus, dominis Henr. de Chaumbernon, Olivero de Denham, Hugone Peverell, etc.

Num. VI.

Carta regis Edwardi primi *.

(Ibid.)

Edwardus Dei gratia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie omnibus ad quos presentes litere pervenerint salutem. Noveritis nos concessisse et confirmasse Amicie de Redveriis comitisse Devonie manerium de Bocland cum hamelettis de Columpton, Walkampton, et Bykele, una cum omnibus et singulis eorum pertinentiis ubicumque existentibus, habendum et tenendum eidem Amicie secundum formam et tenorem cartarum quas inde habet de dono Isabelle de Fortibus comitisse Albemarlie filie sue. Et si contingat quod predicta Amicia dictum manerium et hameletta cum eorum pertinentiis quibuslibet viris religiosis dare velit et assignare, et inde novam domum religiosam construere, noveritis nos pro nobis et heredibus nostris dictum donum gratum habituros et acceptum; ita tamen quod dicta domus post decessum dicte Amicie de nobis et heredibus nostris teneatur in capite. Et bona fide promittimus ipsam, cum constructa fuerit aut ordinata, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam confirmare. In cujus, etc. T. me ipso apud Odiham viij. die Aug. anno regni nostri quarto.

* Called the charter of Edward II. by Dugdale.

Num. VII.

De libertatibus abbatis de Bocland.

(Placita de quo waranto Edw. I. pp. 170. 179.)

Abbas de Bocland summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto tenet hundredum de Harrig, quod ad coronam domini regis pertinet etc.

Et abbas venit et vocat inde ad warantiam Amiciam comitissam Devonie habeat eam coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem ubicumque etc. per auxilium curie. Et summonitus in comitatu Suthampton. (Rot. 38.)

Abbas de Bocland summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto tenet hundredum de Roubergg que ad coronam domini regis pertinet etc.

Et abbas venit et dicit quod Amicia comitissa Devonie dedit eidem abbati de Bocland predictum hundredum de Roubergg cum omnibus pertinenciis suis in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam, et profert cartam ipsius Amicie que hoc idem testatur. Et dicit quod dominus rex, qui nunc est, postea confirmavit predictas donacionem et concessionem quas predicta Amicia fecit predicto abbati de predicto hundredo pro ipso domino rege et heredibus suis quantum in ipso est, sicut carta predicta Amicie racionabiliter testatur; et profert cartam domini regis nunc que hoc idem testatur. Et quia predictus abbas nullum aliud warantum ostendit de domino rege de predicto hundredo nisi predictam cartam de confirmacione carte predicte Amicie, cum nulli liceat hundredum habere nisi specialiter de dono domini regis, ideo ad judicium. Et datus est eis dies coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem ubicumque etc. de audiendo judicio suo etc. * (Rot. 45.)

* [The abbey continued to possess the hundred till the dissolution; so that either judgment was eventually given in bank for the abbot, or the king may have granted a more effectual confirmation. The charter set forth (Num. VI.) certainly does not confirm the grant of this franchise; nor is it clear that a mere confirmation, pleaded as such, of a grant by a subject purporting to convey it, without showing that the grantor was legally entitled to it, would be any sufficient title as against the crown. This may have been the ground of the judgment.—S.]

The following abstract of pleadings respecting the abbot's weir on the Tavy may be interesting.

Thomas de Gyreband, forester of the abbot of Tavystock, appealed Robert, abbot of Bokeland, Roger de Leigh, and others, for that whereas, being appointed forester to keep the wood of the abbot his master of Blakemoresham, he had come into the said wood at a certain place called Ivyoak, and there found the abbot of Buckland and others felling and destroying the wood and oaks growing there, to the damage of the abbot of Tavistock; that according to law and custom he wished to prevent him; whereupon the abbot of Buckland and the others, with darts, hatchets, &c., assaulted, beat, and robbed him, and with a bow and an arrow made of ash, headed with iron and steel, wounded him in the right arm, and afterwards robbed him of an outer garment, against the peace, &c. And he offers to prove the same as the court shall adjudge, &c. And the abbot of Bokeland and the other defendants, his co-monks and brothers converse, plead in defence that they are clerks of his order, and ought not here to answer. And as to the rest of the defendants, they defend (i. e. *deny*) the robbery and whatsoever is against the peace, &c., and for good and evil put themselves upon the country. And because the aforesaid Thomas first appealed the abbot and others of the maiming and robbery jointly, and afterwards separately, and because it appears by the coroner's rolls that no mention was made of any robbery, it is

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Num. VIII.

De damno facto abbati de Bocland per minerarios et custodes mineræ regis.

(Inter record. Remem. Thesaur. Scacc. 1 et 2 Edw. II.)

Communia, Trin. (Rot. 71.)

Devon. De allocatione facienda Thome de Sweyneseie, custodi minere regis.

Memorandum, quod cum celebris memorie dominus Edwardus nuper rex Anglie, pater regis nunc, mandasset thesaurario et baronibus de scaccario suo per breve suum de magno sigillo adhuc inter communia de anno regni sui trigesimo primo quod ipsi thesaurarius et barones satisfieri facerent abbati de Boclond de dampnis eidem abbati illatis per minerarios minere ipsius regis Edwardi in comitatu Devonie, inspecta super hoc inquisicione inde capta per magistrum Ricardum de Abindon et Thomam de Ralegh; cumque per inquisitionem predictam compertum fuisset dictum abbatem sustinuisse dampna per dictos minerarios ad summam £642 13*s.* 4*d.*, quodque prefatos thesaurarium et barones tunc ordinasse quod pro omnibus dampnis predictis £400 dicto abbati solverentur, sicut in rotulo memorandorum alterius Rememoratoris inter recorda de termino Sancti Michaelis dicto anno xxxi°., ubi processus inde inseritur, plenius est contentum; ac etiam mandatum fuisset super hoc Thome de Sweyeneseie, tunc custodi minere regis predicte, quod de exitibus ejusdem minere dicto abbati liberaret £400 predictas; idemque Thomas modo super compotum suum de minera predicta asseruit se solvisse prefato abbati 400 libras predictas, brevia dicti regis Edwardi, patris regis nunc, sibi inde directa, et litteras predicti abbatis de recepcione dicte pecunie ostendendo allocationemque inde in compoto suo sibi fieri petierit. . . . . .

De Thoma de Sweyneseye custode minere regis in comitatu Devonie.

Rex mandavit thesaurario et baronibus hic breve suum quod est inter communia de hoc anno in hec verba: "Edwardus Dei gratia rex thesaurario et baronibus suis de Scaccario salutem. Cum dominus Edwardus quondam rex Anglie, pater noster, miserit sub pede sigilli sui thesaurario et baronibus suis de scaccario quandam inquisicionem quam per magistrum Ricardum de Abyndon et Thomam de Ralegh fieri fecerat de diversis dampnis que abbas de Boclaunde per minerarios minere in comitatu Devonie sustinuit, ac eciam quandam peticionem eidem patri nostro ad parliamentum suum per eundem abbatem super premissis exhibitam, eisque mandaverit per breve suum, quod, inspectis inquisicione et petitione predictis ac responsione ipsius patris nostri ad peticionem illam facta, prefato abbati de dampnis predictis juxta formam responsionis ejusdem satisfieri facerent indilate, cujus quidem brevis, quod penes vos residet in scaccario predicto, execucio adhuc restat, ut dicitur, facienda, volentes hujusmodi mandata dicti patris nostri execucioni debite demandari, vobis mandamus quod, inspectis inquisicione, peticione, responsione et mandato predictis, execucionem mandati ejusdem sine dilacione in forma debita fieri faciat. Teste me ipso apud Windesore xiiij die Julii anno regni nostri secundo."—Pretextu cujus brevis thesaurarius et barones inspexerunt modo inquisicionem et peticionem supradictas ac etiam responsionem ejusdem peticionis necnon mandatum regis, patris regis nunc, baronibus suis super hoc directum, ut superius continetur; que quidem inquisicio, peticio, et responsio, simul cum eodem mandato patris regis nunc, annotantur ad plenum in memorandis de anno regni dicti regis, patris regis nunc, xxxi°. inter recorda de termino Sancti Michaelis de eodem anno in rotulo memorandorum alterius rememoratoris; et invenerunt per processum inde ibidem quod thesaurarius et barones tunc ordinarunt quod prefatus abbas pro dampnis que sustinuerat tam per custodes quam per minerarios minere predicte, que per dictam inquisicionem estimata fuerunt ad 642 libras, 13*s.* iiii*d.*, haberet 400 libras per duos annos tunc proxime sequentes per manus custodis minere predicte; et quod super hoc mandatum fuit Thome de Sweyneseye tunc custodi predicte minere quod de exitibus ejusdem minere habere faceret predicto abbati 400 libras predictas. Et idem Thomas modo hic super compotum suum ostendit litteras dicti abbatis de recepcione dictarum quadringentarum librarum eidem abbati solutarum per ipsum Thomam de exitibus supradictis per brevia regis inde sibi directa, que emanarunt per processum predictum; et petit inde allocacionem sibi fieri. Et thesaurarius et barones pretextu dicti mandati regis qui nunc est eis directi quod superius annotatur, in quo continetur quod ipsi inspiciant inquisicionem, peticionem, responsionem et mandatum dicti patris regis nunc, predictam execucionem ejusdem mandati fieri faciant indilate, per quod quidem mandatum patris regis nunc fiebat processus supradictus, concordarunt quod dicte 400 libre allocentur predicto Thome in compoto suo supradicto. Quia tamen compertum est in inquisicione supradicta quod de dampnis dicto abbati illatis et per inquisicionem illam taxatis, ut predictum est, quedam dampna evenerunt et facta fuerunt per Lumbardos qui habuerunt custodiam minere predicte; set non fit mencio in inquisicione predicta qui fuerunt illi Lumbardi, nec ad quantum dampna illa attingebant, quesitum fuit a prefato Thoma qui fuerunt dicti Lumbardi, et ad quantum dampna per ipsos illata, ut premittitur, attingant. Dicit quod fuerunt mercatores de societate Friscobaldorum qui habuerunt dictam mineram ad firmam anno xxix. dicti patris regis nunc, et quod ipsi mercatores ceperunt de bosco dicti abbatis taxata infra dampna predicta ad valenciam 86 librarum, 12*s.* 8*d.*, de quibus iidem mercatores debent regi respondere. Et super hoc ostendit diversas litteras eorundem mercatorum illud idem testificantes, que sunt in bursa marescalli de hoc compoto, per quod concordatum est quod iidem mercatores de eadem pecunia versus onerentur. Preterea concordatum est per thesaurarium et barones quod ille 1026 libre, quas prefatus Thomas liberavit diversis hominibus pro constructione aditorum* ad mineras predictas per formam sibi liberatam sub privato sigillo regis, patris regis nunc, super custodia minerarum predictarum facienda et misis necessariis apponendis, eidem Thome in isto compoto plenarie allocentur, salva semper regi accione versus eum, si reperiri contingat ipsum Thomam aliquid computasse minus juste se apposuisse circa construccionem aditorum predictorum seu alias operaciones predicte minere.

adjudged that the appeal be quashed, and the defendants acquitted, and the aforesaid Thomas be committed to gaol for a false claim.

And for the keeping of the peace of the lord the king, the truth of the matter is to be inquired of by the country, &c. And the jury say upon their oaths that the abbot of Bokeland has a wear in the water of Tavy, and that he ought to have from the said wood of the abbot of Tavistock of Blakemoreham so much as should be necessary for him to repair the wear; that the abbot of B. sent to the wood a certain monk of his and the rest of the defendants to cut down branches in the wood to repair the wear, because the aforesaid men were bound to repair the wear at their own charges; and that when they came there, the plaintiff, Thomas, assaulted them and drew blood; upon which the men of the said abbot [of Buckland] defended themselves; and one of them, of whose name they are ignorant, shot Thomas with an arrow in the arm, &c.; that the same Thomas afterwards left there his coat and his bow and hatchet, and fled; and that two of the defendants, William le Pyl and another, carried away the coat, bow, and hatchet. And they say they did it not as a robbery, but that the same Thomas left them there in their custody for the trespass aforesaid. Moreover, they say that neither the said abbot nor the others committed any trespass thereupon. Therefore the defendants are acquitted.

Num. IX.

Compositio inter abbatem et conventum de Boclond et abbatem et conventum de Ford de sectâ hominum de Tale ad hundredum de Harige.

(Penes dominum Johannem Trevelyan de Nettlecombe, baronettum.)

Hec est convencio facta anno Domini m°cc° octogesimo nono, dominica proxima post festum Nativitatis beati Johannis Baptiste, inter Willielmum abbatem et conventum de Boclond ex parte una, et Nicholaum abbatem et conventum de Ford ex altera, videlicet, quod predicti abbas et conventus de Boclond post longam controversiam

* *Adits* or lateral galleries for drainage or search. The mines of Beer Alston are probably here referred to. The proceeding by petition against the crown for damages, and the right of the crown to recover over against his Lombard lessees, present some curious points for the legal antiquary.—S.

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inter dictos abbates de secta hominum de Tale abbatis de Ford, remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt, de se et successoribus suis, predictos homines de Tale presentes et futuros, a secta curie eorum de Harige, ita quod de cetero prefati abbas et conventus de Boclond vel successores eorum nullum jus vel clamium de predicta secta ad dictam curiam vel hundredum facienda poterint in posterum a dictis hominibus de Tale habere, exigere, vel extorquere. Et pro hac remissione et quieta clamancia dicti abbas et conventus de Ford et eorum successores solvent annuatim bona fide dictis abbati et conventui de Boclond et eorum successoribus duos solidos ad festum Sancti Michaelis apud Columpton per manum unius hominum suorum de Tale. Preterea prefati abbas et conventus de Ford promittunt bona fide, et presentium tenore se obligant pro se et successoribus suis, quod si prefati abbas et conventus de Boclond queque dampna, labores, vel expensas per curiam regiam seu quoscumque ministros regios occasione dicte secte remissionis et quiete clamancie incurrerint, eisdem religiosis plenarie et integraliter satisfacient et computent. Consimili etiam obligacione et fide obligant se abbas et conventus predicti de Boclond pro se et successoribus eorum, quod nunquam per se vel suos seu quoscumque alios abbatem et conventum de Ford impetent super premissis, seu ex conscientia sua impeti procurabunt. Quod si fecerint et super hoc legitime convinci poterint, ad restitucionem dictorum dampnorum laborum et expensarum dicti abbas et conventus de Ford in nullo tenebuntur eisdem. Si vero aliquod debitum per extractam scaccarii regii seu vicecomitis infra limites de Tale fuerit levandum, tunc ballivus de Harighe per ostensionem dictarum extractarum dictum debitum a custode grangie prefate debet exigere; et prefati abbas de Ford et custos grangie de Tale, si debitum fuerit de jure levandum, dictum abbatem de Boclond et ballivum suum de Harighe ad proximum sequentem comitatum post ostensionem dictarum extractarum adquietabunt. In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto in modum cirographi confecto partes alternatim sigilla sua cum sigillis dictorum judicum apposuerunt. Datum ut supra.

Num. X.

Indulgentia pro adjuvantibus ad fabricam ecclesiæ cathedralis Exoniæ consummandam.

(Penes decanum et capitulum cathedralis Exon.)

Universis Christi fidelibus presentes literas inspecturis abbas et conventus monasterii de Boclonde, Cistersiensis ordinis et Exoniensis diocesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Tanto fecundiora retributionum munera nobis reposita novimus apud Deum, quanto preter nostra devocionis studia ac pietatis opera mentes aliorum et animos ad elemosinarum largiciones spiritualiter attrahimus beneficiis allectivis; et eo magis basilicarum constructionem Christi fidelibus meritoriam arbitramur, quo, Rege celorum in eis per munera mistica complacato, peccatorum venia facilius impetratur. Cum igitur reverendus pater ac dominus noster dominus Walterus Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopus fabricam ecclesie sue cathedralis Exoniensis ante tempora sua ceptam ex suis et capituli sui facultatibus, absque alieno adminiculo, nequeat consummare, nos ejusdem operis prosperum progressum et felicem consummacionem corditer affectantes, omnes illos qui de bonis sibi a Deo collatis, dumtamen de peccatis suis vere penitentes fuerint et confessi, eidem fabrice manum porrexerint adjutricem, omnium missarum, oracionum, elemosynarum et ceterorum bonorum operum, que in monasterio nostro fuerint, de Dei misericordia confisi, tenore presencium volumus et concedimus fieri per omnia participes et consortes. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est appensum. Datum apud Boclond iii. kalendis Augusti, anno Domini M°CCC^mo. decimo.

[The seal presents a beautiful figure of St. Benedict, holding the crosier in his right hand and a book in his left. In the centre between the figure, the name of the foundress is thus divided, AMI — CIA. The legend is,

✠ S. ABBATIE BOCLOND SANCTI BENEDICTI.]

Num. XI.

Taxatio et ordinatio vicariæ de Walkhampton.

(Stapeldon Regist. fol. 65. 1311.)

Universis etc. Walterus, etc. salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod cum olim bone memorie dominus Thomas, Exoniensis episcopus, proximus predecessor noster, ecclesiam de Walkhampton nostre dyocesis cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis religiosis viris abbati et conventui de Boclaunde nostre dyocesis predicte, ordinis Cisterciensis, de consensu capituli sui Exoniensis appropriasset et concessisset eisdem in usus proprios possidendam, salva competenti vicaria per ipsum seu successores suos taxanda et ordinanda juxta juris exigenciam in eadem, Nos, eidem Thome postmodum succedentes in onere et honore, pensatis ejusdem ecclesie facultatibus habitaque super hoc cognicione debita que requiritur in hac parte, de expresso consensu dictorum religiosorum et domini Walteri nunc vicarii in eadem, cum res integra existat, ad taxationem et ordinacionem dicte vicarie in hunc modum duximus procedendum; videlicet, quod prefatus vicarius et successores sui vicarii qui pro tempore fuerint in eadem habeant, nomine dicte vicarie, totum sanctuarium dicte ecclesie cum manso et domibus in eodem sanctuario situatis, excepta quadam pecia terre clausa que jacet prope cemiterium in boreali parte ipsius ecclesie, quam quidem peciam prefatis religiosis ad construendum eis grangiam in eadem pro decimis majoribus parochie dicte ecclesie et aliis rebus suis inibi reponendis duximus assignandam. Habeant eciam et percipiant dictus vicarius et sui successores vicarii, nomine hujusmodi vicarie, totum altilagium et decimas minores tocius parochie dicte ecclesie, exceptis decimis minoribus dictorum religiosorum provenientibus de manerio eorundem de Gnatham in dicta parochia, et terris adjacentibus que fuerunt in manibus dictorum religiosorum in dominico tempore institucionis* nunc vicarii in eadem, sub quibus altilagio et decimis minoribus decimam feni tocius parochie, excepto manerio de Gnatham, ut premittitur, volumus comprehendi. Volumus eciam et ordinamus, quod iidem religiosi solvant dicto vicario et suis successoribus, ut premittitur, unam dimidiam marcam argenti singulis annis in festo nativitatis Domini, ad cujus solucionem sic, ut premittitur, faciendam, per sequestracionem omnium decimarum predictarum et aliis modis legitimis per nos et successores nostros si oporteat compellantur. Et solvant dictus vicarius et ejus successores procuracionem archidiaconi loci, cathedraticum, et synodaticum, et sustineant libros ad rectoriam dicte ecclesie pertinentes et vitrum fenestrarum cancelli ipsius ecclesie duntaxat suis sumptibus, postquam hec semel per prefatos religiosos sufficienter reparata fuerint et correcta. Dicti vero religiosi sustineant omnia et singula onera alia dicti cancelli, et cetera onera ipsius ecclesie imposita et imponenda. Predictam vicariam, sic, ut promittitur, ordinandam duximus et taxandam, salva nobis et successoribus nostris potestate ipsam augmentandi, minuendi, et predictam ordinacionem et taxationem mutandi, si viderimus aut viderint expedire. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum apud Tavistoke ultimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini M°CCC^mo. undecimo, et consecracionis nostre quarto.

Num. XII.

Conventio inter abbatem de Buclond et quendam Belworthi pro sectâ ad hundredum de Rowborough.

(Penes decanum et capitulum cathedralis Exon.)

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ita convenit inter Willielmum Dei permissione abbatem sancti Benedicti de

* This institution does not occur in the register: perhaps it was recorded in bishop Thomas Bitton's, which unfortunately has perished. The only other incumbent recorded as previously admitted, viz. December 1276, was John de Mohun "ad presentationem nobilis mulieris Domine Amicie comitisse Devon." Bronescombe's register, fol. 76.

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Boclande et ejusdem loci conventum ex parte una, et Ranulphum de Belleworthi ex altera, videlicet, quod cum quoddam placitum motum fuit inter eosdem de quadam secta per breve domini regis interrogata a predicto Ranulpho coram justiciariis domini regis apud Westmonasterium in hunc modum quievit, videlicet, quod predicti Willielmus abbas et conventus Sancti Benedicti de Boclande concesserunt pro se et successoribus suis quod predictus Ranulphus heredes vel assignati sui faciant unam sectam tantum bis per annum ad hundredum ipsorum forinsecum de Ruweburgh per se vel per eorum attornatum pro omnimodis sectis serviciis et consuetudinibus quocunque modo ad predictum Willielmum abbatem et conventum prenominatum et eorum successores sive ad aliquod hundredum in suis tenementis seu libertatibus pertinentibus inperpetuum; et hoc ad hundredum proximo sequens post quindecimum diem post pascha et ad proximum hundredum sequens post quindecimum diem post festum Sancti Michaelis per rationabilem summonicionem octo dierum absque omni alio clamio vel calumpnia quandocumque in regno evenerit. Et predicti Willielmus abbas et conventus pro se et successoribus suis remiserunt et quietum clamaverunt predictum Ranulphum et heredes et assignatos suos de omnibus aliis sectis quas ab eodem Ranulpho exigebant vel exigere poterunt in perpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium his scriptis ad modum cyrographi decisis sigillum predictorum abbatis et conventus et sigillum predicti Ranulphi mutuatim sunt apposita. Hiis testibus; domino Reginaldo de Ferariis; Baldwino de Bastard; militibus. Elia de Blacaston. Rogero Pomerey; Ricardo Giffard de Hugamewy; et multis aliis.

[The seal is oval; a right-hand grasps a crosier, from which is suspended an olive branch. The crosier passes through the letter A., the initial of the foundress:

S. COMVNE ABBĪS ET COVENTˉ SCˉI BENEDICTI]

Num. XIII.

Ordinatio vicariæ de Bickleigh, et visitatio ibidem.

(Grandisson regist. vol. i. inter fol. 30, 31.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere seu presens publicum instrumentum pervenerint, Johannes de Lydeforde, archidiaconus Totton in ecclesia Exoniensi, salutem in Domino semper, et fidem indubiam presentibus adhiberi. Universitati vestre notum facimus per presentes, quod cum nuper mense Octobris anno ab incarnacione Domini secundum cursum et computacionem ecclesie Anglicane MCCC. nonagesimo secundo visitationem nostram archidiaconalem in decanatu de Tamerton. Archidiaconatus nostri predicti personaliter exerceremus in ecclesia parochiali de Byckelegh decanatus predicti, religiosis viris abbati et conventui monasterii de Buckelond, ordinis Cisterciensis Exoniensis diocesis et infra ambitum decanatus predicti situata, appropriata, unita pariter et annexa, salva porcione canonica perpetuo vicario ejusdem ecclesie assignata, hujusmodi visitationis nostre officium faceremus, quamplures et diversos notabilesque defectus in cancello ecclesie predicte tam in coopertura ejusdem cancelli ac etiam fenestris vitreis ejusdem comperimus necessaria refectione et reparatione patenter et notorie indigentes; tandem vero duodecimo die mensis predicti, anno Domini supradicto ad monasterium de Buckelond personaliter accessimus et in choro ecclesie conventualis ejusdem monasterii coram summo altari ejusdem ecclesie comparentibus et constitutis tunc ibidem personaliter coram nobis reverendo et religioso viro fratre Waltero dicti monasterii abbate, ac domino Ricardo dicte ecclesie parochialis de Byckelegh perpetuo vicario, dicti cancelli defectus per nos in dicta visitacione nostra compertos et oculis quorumcunque intuencium imminentes ac eciam apparentes eisdem abbati et vicario exposuimus tunc ibidem, dixique eis quod extunc omni modo quem habui, defectus vel per ipsum dominum abbatem et conventum dicte ecclesie de Byckelegh proprietarios, vel per ipsum vicarium, pro honestate cultus divini ac conservacione libertatis ecclesie debite et celeriter reficiantur ac eciam reparentur. Dictus vero vicarius pro parte sua ab onere refectionis et reparacionis defectuum predictorum propter inopiam et paupertatem suam ac eciam exilitatem beneficii sui predicti modernis temporibus multipliciter asseruit contingentem, se, in quantum potuit, excusavit. Predictus vero dominus abbas nomine suo et conventus sui exhibuit ordinacionem sive compositionem in publicam scripturam et formam redactam per bone memorie venerabilem patrem Johannem de Grandissono dudum Exoniensem episcopum, sigillo ejusdem patris venerabilis oblongo cera impressa sigillatam et integram, non viciatam, non cancellatam, nec in aliqua sui parte suspectam per nos ac Willielmum Lydeforde, auctoritate imperiali notarium publicum scribamque nostrum subscriptum, diligenter inspectam, cujus tenor sequitur in hac verba:

"Universis * sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Johannes miseratione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino sempiternam. Cum dilectus in Christo filius dominus Johannes Day de Shenesbi, presbyter, ad perpetuam per nos taxandam vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Bikelegh, quam dilecti nobis in Christo abbas et conventus monasterii de Boklond ordinis Cisterciensis dicte nostre diocesis sibi canonice obtinent appropriatam, ad presentationem eorundem religiosorum sit per nos admissus et institutus canonice in eadem, ut evidenter appareat in quibus porcionibus vicaria ipsa consistere debeat, ac que et qualia onera dictus vicarius et successores sui ibidem futuri vicarii agnoscere debeant et subire, consideratis ipsius ecclesie facultatibus et vero valore annuo earundem, de expresso consensu dictorum religiosorum et vicarii, eandem vicariam auctoritate nostra pontificali taliter ordinamus. Inprimis, quod dictus vicarius et successores sui habeant domos, terras, pomaria, curtilagia, prata, pasturas et moras omnia et singula que dilectus quondam filius magister Robertus Pyc predicte, dum vixit, rector ecclesie nomine ipsius ecclesie habuit et possedit. Habeant eciam dicti vicarii viginti acras terre de Bikerigge prope adjacentes, prout mete ibidem se extendunt. Item habeant dicti vicarii communem pasturam super totum vastum dictorum religiosorum ibidem pro omnibus animalibus suis, salva eisdem religiosis potestate libere assidendi, claudendi, zabulonandi, et baticium faciendi in dicto vasto absque quacumque contradiccione dictorum vicariorum. Habeant eciam iidem vicarii pro reparacione domorum hujusmodi, quarum defectus ad presens imminentes predicti religiosi suis sumptibus competenter reficere teneantur, de arboribus quercinis et pro clausuris et faldis quotquot indiguerint faciendis, ac pro focalibus alnetis, corulis, salicibus et spinis cum ruscis et aliis hujusmodi sufficienter in bosco de Bikelegh per visum ballivi seu custodis ibidem. Item habeant dicti vicarii decimas quascumque garbarum de Bikelegh et Dedesham, necnon decimas minores omnes et singulas, lane, videlicet, necnon lini, canabi, pullorum, vitulorum, agnorum, aucarum, columbarum, porcellorum, lactis, casei et butiri, mellis et cere, calcis, feni, pomorum, olerum, porrorum aliarumque rerum singularum in curtilagiis crescencium, mortuaria insuper quecumque, denarios, berbiagia et oblaciones quascumque, et si que sint alia que appellacione minorum decimarum seu altilagii censeantur ad prefatam ecclesiam de Bikelegh. et capellam de Schetelestorre dependentem ab eadem, qualitercumque pertinencia et obveniencia, et exceptis majoribus et minutis decimis provenientibus de terris quas predicti religiosi in dominico possident et propriis sumptibus excolunt, ac eciam decimis garbarum per dictos religiosos ad baticium † faciendum quibuscumque traditis, necnon terrarum quas eidem religiosi de proprio dominico ad firmam seu ad certum redditum dimiserunt, necnon decimis piscarie et molendinorum dictorum religiosorum sive in manibus suis sive tenencium suorum existencium; quas quidem decimas sic exceptas ac eciam omnes decimas garbarum tocius parochie dictis vicariis superius non assignatas ad dictos religiosos volumus pertinere. Insuper ordinamus quod vicarii dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore erunt et eorum quilibet suo tempore qui animarum curam habebunt et habebit tocius parochie in dictis ecclesia et capella, juxta id quod rectores prefate ecclesie ante hec tempora tenebantur, divina faciant et faciat suis sumptibus celebrari. Item ordinamus quod

* Register, vol. iii. fol. 110.

† i. e. sheaf-tithe of land newly brought under cultivation. See ante, note, p. 180.

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dicti vicarii officium decani ruralis, cum racione et nomine dicte eclesie fuerit subeundum, ac eciam onus sustentacionis et reparacionis cancelli, librorum matutinalium et omnium aliorum ornamentorum ipsius ecclesie, solucionisque procuracionis archidiaconi et sinodatici et cathedratici ac omnia alia onera tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria que ad rectorem ipsius ecclesie pertinere consueverant, subeant et agnoscant, exceptis decimis, procuracionibus, et subsidiis regi, nunciis seu legatis sedis apostolice, aut aliis quibuscumque debite persolvendis, et annua pensione viginti solidorum ecclesie cathedrali Exoniensi de predicta ecclesia de Bikelegh constituta, quorum prestationem ad prefatos religiosos in solidum volumus pertinere. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium presentes literas sigilli nostri appensione fecimus communiri. Datum in manerio nostro de Chuddelegh undecimo die mensis Novembris anno Domini M°CCC° quinquagesimo sexto et consecracionis nostre tricesimo."

[In virtue of the above, the abbey was adjudged exempt from such repairs, &c.]

Num. XIV.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ parochialis de Baunton, taxatio vicariæ ibidem, et diversæ facultates factæ et concessæ per literas papales *.

(Regist. Lacy, vol. iii. fol. 453.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes littere et contenta in eisdem pervenerint et quos infrascriptum tangit negocium seu tangere poterit quomodolibet infuturum Johannes Gele, Lubicensis, decretorum doctor, apostolice sedis accolitus, literarumque apostolicarum abbreviator, et Johannes Morton in decretis bacallarius, ac Radulphus Morwyll in artibus magister, Exoniensis canonici, ecclesiarum executores ad infrascripta, cum illa clausula "quatenus vos vel duo aut unus vestrum per vos seu alios etc." a sede apostolica deputati, salutem in eo qui est omnium vera salus, et mandatis nostris ymo verius apostolicis firmiter obedire. Noveritis nos literas sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini domini nostri Eugenii Divina providencia Pape quarti nobis per discretum virum magistrum Johannem Polyng venerabilium et religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokeland, Cisterciensis ordinis Exoniensis diocesis, procuratorem sufficienter et legitime deputatum cujus procuratorii tenor inferius plenius describitur nobis presentatum cum ea que decuit reverencia recepisse quarum literarum apostolicarum tenor talis est—"Eugenius episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis Johanni Gele, Lubicensi, et Johanni Morton ac Radulpho Morwyll Exoniensis canonicis ecclesiarum salutem et apostolicam benediccionem. Commissum nobis desuper apostolice servitutis officium tunc digne peragere non ambigimus dum piis locis et in illis domino sub regulari castimonia obsequentibus ut eo liberius quo quiecius rerum temporalium defectu non oppressi se divinis beneplacitis coaptare valeant super ingruentibus eis supportandis oneribus apostolice sedis suffragium efficaciter impertimur sane pro parte dilectorum filiorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokeland Cisterciensis ordinis Exoniensis diocesis nobis nuper exhibita peticio continebat, quod fructus redditus et facultates dicti monasterii propter certos sinistros, qui passim prodierunt, eventus adeo tenues sunt et exiles quod ex illis abbas pro tempore existens monasterii predicti ad servandam, que magna est, hospitalitatem in dicto monasterio illiusque pro tempore occurrencia onera sufficere non videntur; cum autem, sicut eadem peticio subjungebat, parochialis ecclesia de Baunton Exoniensis diocesis, que de patronatu dilectorum filiorum prioris et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis et Wellensis, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, fore dinoscitur, et si illa mense abbaciali dicti monasterii uniretur perpetuo et incorporetur extunc ejusdem monasterii abbas pro tempore existens hospitalitatem melius et commodius sustentare ac onera hujusmodi congruencius supportare posset, aliasque per hoc indubie provideretur abbati et conventui antedictis, pro parte ipsorum asserencium, quod parochialis ecclesie quadraginta mense vero predictorum centum et sexaginta librorum sterlingorum fructus redditus et proventus secundum communem estimacionem valorem annuum non excedunt, nobis fuit humiliter supplicatum ut ecclesiam predictam cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis suis eidem mense perpetuo unire, annectere et incorporare ac alias super hiis oportune providere de benignitate apostolica dignaremur: Nos igitur, qui de premissis certam noticiam non habemus, hujusmodi supplicacionibus inclinati districcioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatenus vos vel duo aut unus vestrum per vos vel alium seu alios super premissis omnibus et eorum circumstanciis universis auctoritate nostra vos diligenter informetis; et si per informacionem hujusmodi ita esse inveneritis, super quo vestras consciencias oneramus, parochialem ecclesiam predictam cum omnibus juribus et pertinenciis supradictis eidem mense, dummodo ad id prefatorum prioris et conventus accedat assensus, prefata auctoritate imperpetuum uniatis incorporetis et annectetis; ita quod cedente vel decedente ipsius parochialis ecclesie rectore seu alias illam quomodolibet dimittente, liceat abbati et conventui predictis per se vel alium seu alios corporalem parochialis ecclesie juriumque et pertinencium predictorum possessionem auctoritate propria libere apprehendere, ac fructus redditus et proventus parochialis ecclesie hujusmodi in suos ac ipsorum abbatis et conventus necnon ecclesie usus perpetuo convertere, prefatamque ecclesiam parochialem per vicarium perpetuum ibidem instituendum, cui de illius fructibus redditibus et proventibus, de quibus sustentari possit, congrua porcio reservetur, gubernari ac ei imminentem curam exerceri facere, diocesani loci et cujusvis alterius super hoc licencia minime requisita, non obstantibus constitucionibus apostolicis necnon statutis et consuetudinibus ecclesie monasterii et ordinis predictorum juramento confirmacione apostolica vel quavis alia firmitate roboratis, ceterisque contrariis quibuscumque, aut si aliqui super provisionibus sibi faciendis de hujusmodi vel aliis beneficiis ecclesiasticis in illis partibus speciales vel generales dicte sedis vel legatorum ejus literas impetrarint, eciam si per eas ad inhibicionem reservacionem et decretum vel alias quomodolibet sit processum; quas quidem litteras ac processus habitos per easdem ad prefatam parochialem ecclesiam volumus non extendi; sed nullum per hoc sit quoad assecucionem beneficiorum aliorum prejudicium generari et quibuslibet privilegiis indulgenciis ac litteris apostolicis generalibus vel specialibus quorumcumque tenorum existant per que presentibus non expressa vel totaliter non inserta effectus earum impediri valeat quomodolibet vel differri et de quibus quorumque totis tenoribus de verbo ad verbum habenda sit in nostris literis mencio specialis. Volumus autem quod si unionem incorporacionem et annexionem predictas per vos fieri et illas effectum sortiri contigerit, ille vel illi ad quem seu quos tunc pertinuerit racione dicte parochialis ecclesie episcopalia jura solvere et alia illi incumbencia pro tempore onera teneatur sive teneantur supportare: Nos enim exnunc irritum decernimus et inane si secus super hiis a quoquam quavis auctoritate scienter vel ignoranter contigerit attemptari. Datum Senis, anno incarnacionis Dominice millesimo CCCC°XLIII°. decimo septimo kalendis Septembris pontificatus nostri anno tercio decimo."—Post quarum quidem literarum apostolicarum presentacionem et earum recepcionem fuimus per magistrum Johannem Polyng procuratorem antedictum cum instancia debita requisiti, ut ad execucionem hujusmodi literarum apostolicarum debite procedere curaremus; nos igitur, Johannes Gele, Johannes Morton, et Radulphus Morwyll, executores antedicti, volentes mandatum apostolicum supradictum nobis, ut premittitur, in hac parte directum reverenter exequi ut tenemur, auctoritate apostolica nobis in hac parte commissa inspicientes prefatam ecclesiam parochialem de Baunton Exoniensis diocesis cum omnibus juribus suis et pertinenciis universis que de patronatu religiosorum virorum prioris et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis ordinis Sancti Benedicti fore dinoscitur et existit, prehabito de et super hiis cum dictis religiosis viris priore et conventu ecclesie Bathoniensis patronis ecclesie parochialis de Baunton antedicte tractatu

* The church of Bampton was confirmed to the monastery of Buckland in 1464, by act of parliament in exchange for part of the hundred of Roborough given up to the corporation of Plymouth. (See 5 Rot. Parl. 21 a, 558 b.)

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diligenti et solempni ipsorumque consensu adhibito, prout apparet per dictorum prioris et conventus litteras sigillatas sigillo eorum communi coram nobis judicialiter exhibitas, quarum tenor inferius plenius describitur, factaque per nos diligenti inquisitione solerti ac canonica de et super omnibus et singulis suggestione et aliis in hujusmodi literis apostolicis contentis, et quoniam invenimus omnia et singula premissa in dictis literis apostolicis contenta veritate fulciri et vera esse, idcirco de unanimi consensu et expresso nostris ac voluntate et assensu dictorum prioris et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis antedicte, necnon omnium et singulorum interesse in hac parte habencium, cause cognicione de jure requisitis in hac parte in omnibus observata, ad dicti magistri Johannis Polyng, procuratoris predicti dictorum religiosorum virorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokelond instantem peticionem, omnia et singula suggesta et narrata in dictis litteris apostolicis pro ecclesia predicta de Baunton juxta effectum literarum apostolicarum predictarum approprianda incorporanda annectenda unienda contenta, vera et veritate fuisse et esse per omnia fulcita, pronunciamus et declaramus, dictamque parochialem ecclesiam de Baunton cum suis juribus et pertinenciis universis in divini cultus augmentum, meliorem et commodiorem hospitalitatis predicti monasterii de Bokelond congruenciorem sustentacionem ac aliorum onerum occurrencium ejusdem monasterii supportacionem, de consensu dictorum prioris et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis ac omnium aliorum et singulorum jus et interesse in hac parte aliqualiter habencium juxta omnem vim formam et effectum predictarum literarum apostolicarum mense abbatiali predicti monasterii de Bokelond in perpetuum unimus incorporamus et annectimus atque in usus proprios abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokelond perpetuis futuris temporibus possidendam prefate mense abbaciali ejusdem monasterii de Bokelond auctoritate apostolica appropriamus in hiis scriptis: Ita quod cedente vel decedente ipsius ecclesie parochialis rectore seu alias illam quovismodo dimittente, liceat abbati et conventui predictis per se vel alium seu alios corporalem parochialis ecclesie predicte de Baunton juriumque et pertinenciarum universorum ejusdem possessionem auctoritate propria libere apprehendere ac fructus redditus et proventus ecclesie hujusmodi parochialis in suos ac ipsorum abbatis et conventus necnon ecclesie usus perpetuo convertere, diocesani loci Exoniensis episcopi vel successorum suorum seu cujusvis alterius super hoc licencia minime requisita, prefatam ecclesiamque parochialem de Baunton per vicarium perpetuum perpetuis futuris temporibus per abbatem et conventum predicti monasterii de Bokelond diocesano loci presentandum, et ibidem per ipsum diocesanum instituendum, gubernari et ei imminentem curam exerceri facere in divinis officiis nocturnis et diurnis, et curam animarum parochianorum ejusdem ecclesie sacramentis et sacramentalibus eisdem parochianis debite ministrandam, salvis divinis dicendis per unum capellanum juxta morem hactenus observatum in capellis Sancte Katarine et Sancte Petroci infra dictam parochiam existentibus, cujus quidem capellani onus invencionis et provisionis ad dictos abbatem et conventum et eorum successoribus imperpetuum solum et insolidum decernimus per omnia pertinere, ac quociens ipsam vicariam de Baunton vacare contigerit, quod dicti abbas et conventus jure suo personam ydoneam presentabunt dicto episcopo Exoniensi et suis successoribus et per ipsum episcopum et suos successores admittendam et instituendam, si canonicum non obsistat impedimentum, decernimus et pronunciamus; cui quidem vicario perpetuo de illius ecclesie parochialis fructibus redditibus et proventibus de quibus sustentari possit congruam porcionem prout infra sequitur reservamus. Ordinamus et decernimus quod licebit prefatis abbati et conventui et eorum successoribus, sic ut premittitur cedente vel decedente rectore moderno de Baunton, sumptibus eorum eradicare radicitus quandam arborem magnam situatam in curtilegio rectorie ibidem quasi linealiter ad finem stabuli descendendo ab occidente ad orientem ibidemque murum facere a stabulo usque ad murum gardini in quo columbare de presenti existit, murumque ipsum reparabunt quociens opus fuerit ac de novo construant si opus fuerit; ipsos abbatem et conventum eundem sic reparare et de novo construere ordinando decernimus. Ac ordinamus et decernimus quod licebit eisdem abbati et conventui removere ostium quod nunc est in muro ipsius gardini, necnon ipsum ponere superius in eodem muro versus aulam ad partem borealem a loco in quo nunc est, ita quod ostium deserviat gardino vicarii ad usum vicarii et suorum successorum, necnon quociens opus fuerit reparare horreum situatum in ipsa rectoria eisdem abbati et conventui per nos inferius assignatum, et murum antedictum, vel de novo construere; licebit eisdem abbati et conventui occupare partem gardini necnon curtilagii ipsi vicario per nos inferius assignandam ad ponendum lapides seu materialia ad edificia construcciones aut reparaciones necessaria, durante construccione aut reparacione hujusmodi, absque contradiccione vicarii et suorum successorum, cum libero introitu et exitu. Decernimus eciam ordinando et decernendo ordinamus quod prefati abbas et conventus obturabunt unum ostium quod est situatum in gardino prope horreum ibidem, sic quod ibi de cetero nullus sit penitus introitus seu exitus. Et ne congrua porcio pro vicario hujusmodi ut prefertur reservata vagetur sub incerto aliqualiter temporibus post futuris, decernimus et ordinamus quod prefatus abbas et conventus monasterii de Bokelond, postquam plenam habuerint dicte ecclesie parochie de Baunton possessionem, solvant seu fideliter solvi faciant in ecclesia parochiali de Baunton predicta vicario pro tempore existenti singulis perpetuis futuris annis in pecunia numerata bone et legalis monete Anglicane viginti marcas per equales porciones, videlicet, in festis nativitatis Domini quinque marcas, pasche quinque marcas, nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste quinque marcas, et Sancti Michaelis Archangeli quinque marcas. Ordinamus insuper quod vicarius instituendus in eadem vicaria et sui successores habeant omnes et singulos denarios qui provenient ex pronunciacione obituum in pulpito devocione et caritate. Insuper ordinamus et decernimus quod de oblacionibus offerendis pro singulis corporibus mortuorum sepeliendis in cancello ecclesie vel cimiterio ecclesie de Baunton et trigintalibus et anniversariis mortuorum quorumcumque habebit vicariis, qui pro tempore fuerit, unum denarium. Rursum ordinamus quod ipse vicarius instituendus in ipsa vicaria de Baunton et sui successores pro sua mansione habeat imperpetuum atque possideat et habeant atque possideant absque contradiccione aulam, cameras, coquinam, aliasque bassas domos infra et sub eisdem cameris et coquine contiguas pro nunc existentes in dicta rectoria de Baunton; necnon parvam portam sive ostium positum versus cimiterium pro introitu et exitu ipsius vicarii et successorum suorum usualiter ad ecclesiam, prout rector de presenti existens habet et sui predecessores habuerunt; ac tria gardina quorum unum adjacet superiori sive aule predicte et jacet in occidentali parte ejusdem aule juxta cimiterium et viam regiam; duo quoque alia gardina que jacent juxta cimiterium et contigua sunt sive annexa cimiterio in parte orientali aule predicte et separata ab agro arabili qui jacet prope horreum ipsius rectorie, et ab horreo circumdat dicta gardina usque ad cimiterium ad orientem. Ordinamus eciam et decernimus quod habeat eciam ipse vicarius et sui successores columbare quod situatum est in uno gardino ex dictis duobus gardinis, ac insuper domos ex parte australi aule linealiter existentes usque ad stabulum et cum stabulo inclusive; necnon unum tenementum cum curtilagio et gardino adjacente quod est situatum versus Balhyll cum duabus clausuris arabilibus et uno prato adjacentibus et contiguis in superiori parte dicte vie regie situatis a cimiterio ex parte australi. Ordinamus etiam quod ipse vicarius instituendus in ecclesia parochie de Baunton et sui successores reparabit et reparabunt aulam, cameras, coquinam, aliasque domos ipso vicario per nos assignatas et suis successoribus, et, cum opus fuerit, de novo construant ipsam aulam, cameras, coquinam, et alias domos de quibus supra mencio fit in assignacione sibi facta. Insuper reparabit idem vicarius et sui successores reparabunt, quociens opus fuerit, murum gardini et, si opus fuerit, similiter de novo construant seu construat reformabitque sepes gardinorum quociens opus fuerit et de novo plantabit et plantabunt. Insuper ordinamus, pronunciamus atque decernimus quod vicarius vicarie perpetue de Baunton instituendus et sui successores solvant procuraciones singulis annis archidiacono

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Exonie, qui pro tempore fuerit, cathedraticum, sinodaticum ac denarios processionales, et subeat ipse vicarius sic instituendus et sui successores imperpetuum onus decani ruralis decanatus illius in quo dicta ecclesia consistit, cum per cursum et eleccionem solitam hujusmodi onus ad ecclesiam de Baunton pertinuerit quociens ipsam et ejus successores eligi ad illud officium contigerit seu illud officium prefate ecclesie parochiali de Baunton per hujusmodi solitam eleccionem imponi contigerit. Verum quia episcopo Exoniensi loci in hac parte diocesano et ejus successoribus atque ecclesie sue cathedralis Exoniensis per hujusmodi unionem et appropriacionem prejudicium generari poterit non modicum in vacacionibus predicte ecclesie parochialis de Baunton et aliis juribus, si et quatenus eidem de remedio opportuno pro indempnitate sua et ecclesie sue predicte non fuerit in hac parte provisum, Nos igitur volentes eidem episcopo et ejus ecclesie cathedralis predicte de remedio congruo in hac parte providere, attendentes quod non est intencionis literarum apostolicarum predictarum jura alterius auferre aut in alium ipso episcopo invito transferre, de expresso consensu magistri Henrici Webber thesaurarii ecclesie Exoniensis, domini Edmundi Exoniensis episcopi loci in hac parte diocesani procuratoris, ac magistri Ricardi Daber et domini Simonis Chuddelegh procuratorum decani et capituli ecclesie Exoniensis sufficienter et legitime deputatorum, quorum tenores inferius describuntur, necnon dicti magistri Johannis Polyng ipsorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokelond consensu et assensu, pencionem seu porcionem annuam de censu vel redditu annuo sex marcarum sterlingorum de fructubus redditibus decimis et proventibus ipsius ecclesie parochialis de Baunton reservamus; quam quidem pensionem annuam sex marcarum de expressis consensu et assensu dictorum magistri Henrici Webber, procuratoris prefati domini Exoniensis episcopi, ac magistri Ricardi Daber et domini Simonis Chuddelegh, dictorum decani et capituli ecclesie Exoniensis procuratorum, ac magistri Johannis Polyng procuratoris dictorum abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokelond, ad usum clericorum de secunda forma secundariorum nuncupatorum in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi, predicta Deo in divinis serviencium solvendam singulis annis perpetuis futuris temporibus a prefatis abbate et conventu in ecclesia cathedrali Exoniensi, cum adepti fuerant plenam et pacificam possessionem ejusdem ecclesie parochialis de Baunton vigore unionis et appropriacionis hujusmodi, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, Pasche et Michaelis per equales porciones pro indempnitatibus suis et suorum successorum episcoporum Exoniensium et in recompencacionem que ipsi de ecclesia et rectoribus ejusdem et ea occasione, si eadem appropriata non fuisset, de jure et consuetudine participare potuerunt seu fuerint aliqualiter percepturi decernimus pronunciamus et ordinamus. Insuper ordinamus quod dicti abbas et conventus monasterii de Bokelond et eorum successores solvant singulis annis imperpetuum quinquaginta solidos priori et conventui ecclesie Bathoniensis predictis et eorum successoribus pro pensione annua quam ipsi solebant de rectoribus predicte ecclesie de Baunton annuatim percipere; ita tamen quod si contigerit dictos abbatem et conventum monasterii de Bokelond solvere regiam decimam, quod tunc pro ipso anno dicti prior et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis, quo dictos abbate et conventum monasterii de Bokelond sic ut premittitur ipsam decimam regiam solvere contigerit, de ipsis quinquaginta solidis remittent quinque solidos, et sic pro illo anno dicti prior et conventus ecclesie Bathoniensis contentabuntur de quadraginta quinque solidos prout de presenti contentantur et moris est per rectorem modernum ipsos contentari, sicque de rata minori si media decima fuerit aut quarta pars decime similiter contentabuntur. Hac eciam nostra imperpetuum valitura ordinacione decernendo ordinamus et ordinando decernimus quod omnia et singula onera vicario hujusmodi expresse non assignata et imposita dicti abbas et conventus monasterii de Bokelond supportabunt et subibunt una cum invencione capellani ut supradicitur in capellis prenominatis divina celebraturi et dicturi. Quas quidem assignaciones pensiones census porcionem seu redditus annuos et onus solucionis eorundem, exceptis oneribus impositis vicario instituendo et ejus successoribus, de expresso consensu dicti magistri Johannis Polyng, dictorum abbatis et conventus procuratoris, de fructibus, et proventibus dicte ecclesie parochialis de Baunton et ejus occasione premissa prefatis abbati et conventui de Bokelond et eorum successoribus imponimus, ipsasque pensiones census porcionem seu redditus annuos superius assignatos predictis episcopo decano et capitulo priori et conventui et eorum successoribus de fructibus decimis redditibus et proventibus dicte ecclesie de Baunton, ut supra ordinatur, solvendos nos executores antedicti decernendo assignamus. Et si contingat predictos abbatem et conventum aut eorum successores in solucionibus pensionum censuum porcionum seu reddituum annuorum hujusmodi vel in aliqua parte eorundem deficere quovismodo, eo ipso fructus redditus et proventus dicte ecclesie de Baunton auctoritate hujusmodi ordinacionis assignacionis et decreti procuratoris dictorum abbatis et conventus assensu decernimus sequestratos, et quod de facto sequestrentur per episcopum Exoniensem ecclesie loci ordinarium qui pro tempore fuerit, et sub salvo custodiantur sequestro ad effectum illum qui hic immediate sequitur decernimus et pronunciamus. Decernimus insuper et ordinamus de consensu procuratoris predictorum abbatis et conventus quod si ulterius contingat, quod absit, predictos pensiones census porcionem seu redditus annuos aut eorum aliquam in toto vel in parte per mensem a tempore sequestracionis sic per ipsum episcopum qui pro tempore fuerit facte ut premittitur non solvi, quod extunc licebit eidem episcopo de ipsis fructibus sic sequestratis illis aut illi quibus vel cui predicti pensiones census porcio vel redditus debentur una cum dampnis et expensis occasione non solucionis facte persolvere seu persolvi facere ac omnia et singula onera predicta perimpleri absque ulteriori processu habendo ipsorum abbatis et conventus contradiccione aut reclamacione non obstante. Ceterum ne hec nostra ordinacio delusoria aliqualiter fiet in futurum propter prohibicionem juris regii que non patitur in regno Anglie curiam Christianitatis in annuis pensionibus jurisdictionem ecclesie exequi*, idcirco de consensu expresso dicti magistri Johannis Polyng procuratoris prefati abbatis et conventus monasterii de Bokelond ordinamus et decernimus quod dicti abbas et conventus prefati monasterii de Bokelond, cum ex parte prefati episcopi Exoniensis seu cujuscumque successoris sui seu ex parte decani et capituli ecclesie cathedralis Exoniensis fuerint requisiti, ad ejus requisicionem et requestam ejusdem episcopi seu eorundem decani et capituli eundem episcopum et ecclesiam suam Exoniensem predictam in curia regali securabunt et securos facient de annua pensione predicta sex marcarum solvenda, ut supra ordinatur, juxta et secundum consilium jurisperitorum ipsius episcopi seu decani et capituli ecclesie Exoniensis absque contradiccione aliquali, ne, quod absit, solucio hujusmodi annue pensionis fraudulose et indebite impediatur in dicte ecclesie Exoniensi prejudicium et gravamen.

[Then follow the letters of attorney. William, the abbot of Buckland, signed this instrument in the chapter-house of Buckland, April 26, 1444.

William, the prior and convent of the church of Bath, did the same in their chapter-house at Bath, May 28, the same year.]

* Prohibition lies against a suit in the spiritual courts for a pension. To guard against this, a common law security is here required.—S.

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Num. XV.

Valor ecclesiasticus Hen. VIII.

Abbatia monasterii beate Marie de Bucklond monachorum in decanatu de Tamerton in diocesi Exonie in comitatu Devonie.

Certificacio facta de valore omnium maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum vicariorum pencionum decimarum oblacionum et aliorum emolumentorum infra regnum Anglie unde Johannes abbas monasterii beate Marie de Bucklond monachorum predictorum infra aliquem archidiaconatum aliqualiter in jure monasterii predicti modo seisitus existit, prout postea patebit.

Manerium de Columpton in decanatu de [Plymtre] in diocesi . . . .

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum domini ibidem per annum	lxi	xv	ij			
Et de finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum communibus annis	vij	ix	j q' di' q'	lxix	–	xi q' di' q'
Inde solutum . . . . priori de Taunton et successoribus suis pro redditu cursus aque ad molendinum domini ibidem per annum	–	iij	iiij			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Bycklegh cum Shagh in decanatu de Tamerton in diocesi predicto.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum domini ibidem per annum	xiiij	–	xx			
Et pro guldagio ejusdem manerii ibidem per annum	–	iij	viij			
Redditus assise de Shagh tam liberorum quam custumariorum tenencium ibidem per annum	ix	xvj	vj			
Et pro guldagio ejusdem manerii ibidem per annum	–	–	xviij			
Et pro firma molendini de Bycklegh per annum	iiij	vj	viij	xxx	xiij	iiij ob
Et pro finibus terrarum cum perquisitis curie et vendicione bosci ibidem et aliis proficuis ejusdem manerii per annum, communibus annis,	iij	iij	iiij ob			
Inde solutum decano et capitulo Exonie et successoribus suis pro secundariis pro pencione sua annuatim	–	xx	–			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Buckelond cum hundredo de Roughbourgh in decanatu et diocesi predicto.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum domini ibidem per annum	lxj	ij	–			
Et pro guldagio ejusdem manerii ibidem per annum	–	xiiij	j			
Et pro certo redditu hundredi predicti per annum	–	xxxix	j			
Et perquisitis curie ejusdem manerii et hundredi et aliis proficuis communibus per annum	–	cxj	vj ob	lxviij	xvj	viij ob'
Inde solutum Johanni abbati de Tavystok et successoribus suis pro capitali redditu gurgitis molendini ibidem per annum	–	v	–			
Et remanet clare						

Manerium de Walkehampton in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Redditus assise tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum ibidem per annum	xxi	viij	xj	xxi	xiij	iij
Et pro guldagio ejusdem manerii ibidem per annum	–	iiij	iiij			

Heyle, Shittistor, et Rynmore, in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Redditus assise de Heyle tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum ibidem per annum	vij	–	–			
Redditus assise de Shittistor tam liberorum tenencium quam custumariorum ibidem per annum	–	liij	iij	x	ij	xj
Et pro guldagio ejusdem manerii ibidem per annum	–	–	viij			
Redditus assise tenencium de Rynmore predicto per annum	–	x	–			

Exon in decanatu et diocesi Exonie.

Redditus unius tenementi ibidem valet per annum	–	xxvj	viij

Bertona sive grangia de Bucklond monachorum in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Bertona sive grangia cum gardinis circa monasterium dicti abbatis nunc in manibus suis valet per annum	x	–	–

Salte Aysshe in comitatu Cornubie in decanatu et diocesi Exonie.

Redditus unius tenementi ibidem valet per annum	–	viij	–
Summa totalis onerum possessionum temporalium dicti abbatis	ccxij	–	xxij q'di'q'

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Resoluciones denariorum.						
Inde solutum Henrico Marchioni Exonie capitali senescallo omnium predictorum maneriorum terrarum et tenementorum pro feodo suo ibidem per annum	–	xl	–			
Ut Johanni Fursse subsenescallo predictorum maneriorum de Rouborough et Bucklond pro feodo suo per annum		nil				
Et Johanni Hillersdon auditori omnium maneriorum predictorum terrarum et tenementorum pro feodo suo per annum	–	xxvj	viij			
Et solutum Roberto Toker ballivo tam predicti manerii de Columpton quam burgi ibidem pro feodo suo ibidem per annum	–	liij	iiij	x	vi	viij
Et Waltero Knyghton ballivo predicti manerii de Byklegh pro feodo suo per annum	–	xxvj	viij			
Et Waltero Langifford ballivo tam predicti hundredi Roborough quam maneriorum de Walkhampton Shittistor et Rynmore pro feodo suo per annum	–	xl	–			
Et Johanni Edmunds receptori tam manerii quam burgi de Columpton pro officio receptoris ibidem ex antiqua consuetudine per annum annuatim solvendum	–	xx	–			
Et remanet clare omnium temporalium				cc	xxxv	ij q' di' q'

Possessiones spirituales predicti abbatis de Buckelond monachorum.

Rectoria de Bucklond monachorum appropriata abbatie de Bucklond predicte in decanatu de Tamerton predicto in diocesi predicta.

	£	s.	d.
Rectoria ibidem valet annuatim in decima garbarum ibidem per annum	xviij	–	–

Rectoria de Walkehampton cum Shittistor in decanatu et diocesi predictis.

Rectoria ibidem valet annuatim in decima garbarum ibidem per annum	vij	x	–

Rectoria de Bampton in decanatu de [Tyverton] in diocesi Exonie.

Rectoria ibidem valet per annum cum terris, sanctuariis, et decimis garbarum ibidem per annum et sic dimissa Roberto Toker pro termino annorum	xl	–	–			
Inde solutum .... vicario ejusdem ecclesie et successoribus suis pro quadam annuali pencione ibidem per annum	xx	–	–			
Et .... priori de Bathe et successoribus suis pro annuali pencione ibidem per annum	–	l	–			
Et episcopo Exonie et successoribus suis pro annuali pencione ibidem per annum	–	xx	–	xiiij	xij	vij
Et decano et capitulo Exonie pro secundariis Sancti Petri Exonie et successoribus suis pro annuali pencione ibidem per annum	–	xx	–			
Et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis pro procuracionibus et sinodaticis ibidem per annum	–	xv	ix			
Et in festo pasche annuatim solvendum pauperibus pro anima fundatoris ibidem per annum	–	–	xx			
Et remanet clare						
Summa totalis omnium possessionum spiritualium predicti abbatis				xl	ij	vij
Summa omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium monasterii predicti clare				ccxlj	xvij	ix q' di' q'
Inde pro decima				xxiiij	iij	ix ob'

Num. XVI.

Extract from letters patent granting the site of Buckland abbey to Richard Greynfeld.

(Rot. pat. 33 Hen. VIII. pt. 4.)

Whereas* by a certain indenture under the great seal of our court of augmentation of the revenue of our crown made between us of the one part and George Pollard of London, esquire, of the other part, bearing date at Westminster the fourteenth day of December, in the thirty-first year of our reign, by the advice of the council of our said court of augmentation for the revenue of our crown have delivered granted and to farm let to the aforesaid George the site of the late monastery of Buckland in our county of Devon now dissolved together with all houses buildings barns stables dovehouses orchards gardens lands and soil within the site circuit and precinct of the same late monastery, and all lands tenements feedings pastures called Calve Parke, Barne Parke, Dedeham and Quarry Park with the appurtenances and two small meadows to the same annexed, and all other lands meadows and pastures called Conygarth Close, Windmill Park, Long Park with the appurtenances and a meadow to the same adjoining; also all our lands meadows and pastures called Longlands, Vintens, Oxenham, Southfield, Penmarsh Parke, Okewell, Higher Bickham, Lower Bickham, Haille Balle, Long Park, Rugge Mill, Cawsey Meade and Sheep Wasshe, with the appurtenances; all and singular which premises lie and are in Buckland in our said county of Devon and lately belonging and appertaining to the said late monastery and in the culture, hands, and occupation of the said late abbot and convent of the said late monastery and reserved and occupied by them at the time of the dissolution of the said late monastery (except nevertheless always and by all means reserved to

* The original enrolment is in Latin.

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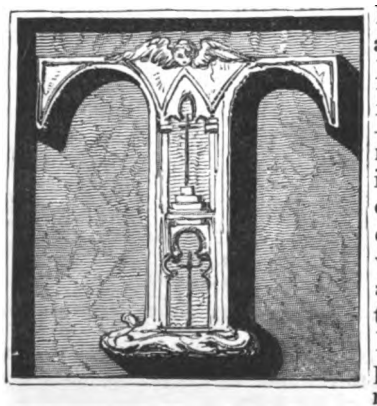
us our heirs and successors all great timbers trees and wood of in and upon the premises being and growing in all such like buildings within the precincts of the said late monastery which we there hereafter may throw down and lay waste), to have and to hold the house and site aforesaid and all and singular other the premises with the appurtenances (except as before excepted) to the aforesaid George and his assigns from the feast of Saint Michael the archangel last past unto the end and for the term of twenty and one years then next following and fully to be completed; rendering therefore yearly to us our heirs and successors twenty-three pounds three shillings and five pence of lawful English money at the feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary and of Saint Michael the archangel or within one month after either of those feasts yearly to be paid by equal portions at the court aforesaid, as by the same indenture amongst other things fully doth appear, Know ye that we, as well in consideration of the good true and faithful service which our well beloved servant Richard Greynfeld of Bedyford in our said county of Devon knight heretofore done to us as for the sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds three shillings and four pence of lawful English money paid to the hands of the treasurer of our court for augmentation of the revenue of our crown to our use by the said Richard Greynfield, of which said sum of two hundred and thirty-three pounds three shillings and four pence we confess ourselves to be fully content and satisfied and by these presents do exonerate and discharge the said Richard Greynfield his heirs executors and administrators, of our especial grace and of our certain knowledge and mere motion have given and granted and by these presents do give and grant to the same Richard Greynfeld the reversion and reversions of the aforesaid site of the said late monastery and of the aforesaid houses buildings barns dovehouses orchards gardens lands tenements meadows pastures feedings and all and singular other the premises above expressed and specified and leased to the aforesaid George Pollard by the indenture aforesaid as is aforesaid, and all the aforesaid rent of twenty-three pounds three shillings and five pence, and all the aforesaid site of the said late monastery; also all the church belfry and burial-ground of the same late monastery, and all houses buildings barns dovehouses orchards gardens pools vivaries land and soil as well within as close and near to the site sept circuit and precinct of the same late monastery; and all houses buildings timber trees woods and underwoods which are and were excepted by the aforesaid indenture as aforesaid; and also all our lands meadows pastures feedings called Calves Park, Barn Park, Dedeham, and Quarry Park with the appurtenances, and our two small meadows adjoining and annexed to the same Quarry Park; and also all our lands meadows and pastures called the Coneygarth close, Windmilne Park, and Long Park with the appurtenances, and our one meadow to the same Long Park adjoining, and all our lands meadows pastures woods and hereditaments whatsoever called Longland, Vintens, Oxenham, Southfielde, Penmershe Parke, Okewell, Higher Bickham, Lower Bickham, Haylle Balle, Long Park, Rugge Mylle Parke, Cawsey Mede, Sheep Waisshe, and Heilleballwood with all their appurtenances lying and being in Bucklande in our said county of Devon, lately belonging and appertaining to the said late monastery, and being parcel of the possessions of the said late monastery; and also all and all manner of our wood and underwood growing and being of in and upon the premises, and all and all manner of waters fishings profits easements commodities and emoluments whatsoever to the said premises or any parcel thereof, in any way adjoining belonging or appertaining or being used or accepted with the same or any parcel thereof, as fully and wholly and in as ample manner and form as the last abbot and late convent of the said late monastery or any one or more of his predecessors in right of the said monastery at any time before the dissolution of the said late monastery or before the said late monastery came to our hands had held or enjoyed or might or ought to have held had or enjoyed the aforesaid site of the said late monastery and the aforesaid houses buildings lands meadows pastures woods and all and singular other the premises above expressed and specified with their appurtenances or any parcel thereof; and as fully and wholly and in as ample manner and form as all and singular the same came or ought to have come and now are or ought to be in our hands by reason or pretext of the dissolution of the said late monastery or by reason or pretext of any charter gift or confirmation made by the said late abbot and convent of the said monastery under their conventual seal or in any other way whatsoever to have, hold, and enjoy the aforesaid site of the said late monastery of Buckland [with other property therein specified] to the aforesaid Richard Greenfield his heirs and assigns for ever, to be holden of us our heirs and successors in capite by service of the twentieth part of a knight's fee, and rendering yearly to us our heirs and successors for the aforesaid site of the said late monastery of Buckland and the aforesaid lands meadows pastures and other the premises in our said county of Devon forty-six shillings four pence and one halfpenny yearly to be paid at our court of augmentation of the revenue of our crown at the feast of Saint Michael the archangel for all rents services and demands whatsoever therefore to be rendered paid or done in any way to us our heirs or successors. Teste etc. May 26. Per breve de privato sigillo.

Dunkeswell Abbey,

IN THE DEANERY OF DUNKESWELL.



THIS monastery, situate about eight miles from Honiton, was founded in 1201 by William Lord Bruer or Briwere, whose name has already occurred in connexion with similar establishments in this county, and was colonised with Cistercians from Ford abbey. He had purchased the manor from Henry de Pomerei. Though he had previously founded the monasteries of Tor, and of Polslo and St. John's hospital at Bridgewater, he preferred this for the place of his burial; and, on his death, in 1227, his remains were deposited in the choir of its conventual church.

William, bishop of Exeter, and nephew of the founder, September 21, 1242, appropriated to the abbey the profits of Dunkeswell parish church on the grounds usually alleged for such an application of them; namely, the daily hospitality exercised by the monks, and the increase of the means of exercising their usual benevolence. Bishop Bronescombe in the sequel, viz. December 5, 1259, dedicated a new parish church at Dunkeswell; and we learn from his decree, bearing date the following 5th of February, still preserved in his register, (fol. 11.) that his predecessor, bishop Bruer, appropriated to the abbey another

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church, September 30, 1242, viz. that of Doddeton*, dedicated to St. David; that in the course of his recent visitation of the diocese, he had ascertained that the abbot and convent had closed it up and removed the bells and baptismal font; that in obedience to his citation, the abbot and convent had appeared before him, admitted the charges, and professed themselves ready to abide by his ordinance; and that he had decided that the church should be re-opened, and that public worship should be performed in it daily by one of the monks, or by a secular clergyman.

Kings John and Henry the Third, by letters patent (see Appendix, Num. II. and III.) confirmed all former grants to the abbey, reciting therein all the preceding donations of land to the abbey by various parties; among them are the founder's endowment of Dunkeswell and Wulfere church with the advowsons of those churches, and his land and mill in Uffecolm (Uffculm) parish—the grant by the abbot and convent of Ford of lands in Bywode, Bolham, Freschic, Bocland, Lodreford, and Hikeresdon—the grant by Richard de Hydon of four ferlings in Bureheg—by Richard de Treminett and by William de Pynn of his land in Bantestnap—by John de Thoriton of a ferling in Stentewode—by Ivo-Fitzalan of the manor of Sabbecome—by Richard de Manesleg of a tenement in Marlecombe—by Thomas de Duna of his land in Uggeton, and of a tenement in Codeforde—by Philip de Gatesden of a ferling of land in Uggeton—by Robert Fitzanne and Robert, nephew of Robert de Goiz, of land in Lynor—by Ursellus Fitzwilliam of land also in Linor, and of a tenement in Biwode; and by Avicia de Dun of her land at Hoked.

King Edward I., in the eighteenth year of his reign, (1290,) granted a market and fair for Buckland Brewer and Broadhembury.

At this distance of time, and in consequence of the irreparable loss of documents, it is feared that a complete succession of the early abbots cannot be recovered. The following is the best that we can present:

Ralph.—He was removed from Tintern hence; but in 1251 was translated to Waverley. (See Monasticon Anglicanum, vol. v. fol. 239.)

Thomas.—He occurs September 29, 1253, as party to an indenture with the prior of St. John of Jerusalem, concerning Hembury mill and Ruffegreihay. The abbot and convent agreed to pay to the said prior twenty-five shillings per annum, who resigned all claim to seven shillings rent from Hembury mill. By another indenture we learn that the prior aforesaid resigned to Dunkeswell abbey all his title to three ferlings of land in Catecomb, and three parts of Cumbhangerwood, which had been formerly conveyed to his hospital by Henry Fitzwilliam. In consideration of such disclaimer, the abbot and convent were bound to the payment of ten shillings at Rescombe within the octave of Easter, under a penalty of twenty shillings.

John.—He was confirmed in this dignity by bishop Stapeldon on October 17, 1311. The bishop, as we find, fol. 64 of his register, on that day dedicated the high altar of Yarticombe church, and there blest John the elect abbot of Dunkeswell, who, after reading his formula of obedience, placed it upon that altar.

William was blest in Exeter cathedral on Palm Sunday, 1318.

William de Wanlake was admitted September 8, 1321, at Clist.

John was the next abbot; but we cannot recover the date of his confirmation.

Simon, on February 22, 1341, was blest at the palace at Chudleigh. (Grandisson's reg., vol. i. fol. 237.)

John de Wellis, the cellarer of Newenham abbey, was elected April 22, 1346, as we find in the Newenham register. (fol. 6.)

William Wedmore succeeded April 7, 1353.

Robert Orchard made his profession of obedience to bishop Brantyngham April 20, 1382, at Chudleigh. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 94 b.)

Alexander Burlescombe followed in August 1397.

Richard Lamport succeeded July 17, 1399.

John Bokelond, admitted June 10, 1419.

John Ottery, confirmed April 26, 1439.

Simon succeeded February 13, 1441.

Thomas Dullton occurs as abbot in several leases, from 1474 to 1486.

Richard Pytmynster occurs in a lease dated January 20, 1492, and again in 1498.

John Whitmore was certainly abbot in the commencement of king Henry the Eighth's reign, and held his dignity twenty years.

John Ley, the last abbot. Bishop Veysey directed his suffragan, Thomas of Megara, to bless this abbot, already elect and confirmed by letter dated June 23, 1529. Within ten years he surrendered his convent to the king's commissioners; viz. February 14, 30 Henry VIII. 1539 †.

On May 17, 1556, he was admitted to the vicarage of Payhembury. We meet with him in the will of John Saunder, vicar of Buckerell, June 25, 1559, for the last time.

On July 4, 1539, king Henry VIII. granted the site of the dissolved abbey to John Lord Russell, with its church, belfry, and cemetery, as also the water-mill, and two gardens and four courtlages in old Dunkeswell; four closes of arable land, called Beyn Crofts; one close called Yeoman Leysse, one called Debere Crofte, containing altogether seventeen acres; also Brytport medowe, Culverheyballe, Leyrehouse mede, Mylbale mede, Churchhaymede, Swynemede, Synrmede, and Polemede in old Dunkeswell, making, in the whole, about twenty-four acres; also four hundred acres of wood called Aygewode, Myddelwall, old Park, and Ruge-wood; also the Barton of Bourchays, comprising about 362 acres, with other large parcels of land, in Luppitt, Bywoode, Sheldon, and Broadhembury, amounting, in the whole, to nearly 1600 acres, besides the rectorial and vicarial tithes; and all the profits and emoluments of the parish churches of old Dunkeswell ‡, and Aulescombe, and the free chapel, with the advowsons and patronage of the same. The grant has been already set forth at length under Tavistock abbey. It seems that the greater part of this property reverted to the crown, most probably by exchanges shortly after; for in 1545, king Henry VIII. granted to John earl of Bath, the manor of Sheldon: king Edw. VI., in 1549, granted the rectory of Sheldon to Keilway; and James I. annexed Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, and Mackpen and Farwood tithings to the duchy of Lancaster §, not Cornwall as sir William Pole asserts in his Collections, (page 203.)

King James I. by letters patent under the great seal,

* Can this have been in the parish of Hemiock? That it was near Dunkeswell may be inferred from the alleged circumstance of the glebe having been cultivated by the monks as their proper domain, "ad propriam redegerunt culturam." Post, Num. IV.

† Donkeswell, *in Com. Devon.*

Herafter ensuith the yerely pencons assigned and appoynted to the late abbott and covent of Donkeswell afforesaid, by John Tregonwell, William Petre, and John Smyth, esquyers, Comysioners unto our Souereigne lord the king, by vertue of his graces commissioners, the xvth. daye of February in the xxxth. yere of the reigne of our seid soveraigne lord king Henry VIIIth. that they, and every of them, to have one quarter of a yer's pencon at the ffeaste of thanunciacon of Our Lady next comyng, and at Michelmas then next folowing half yere pencon, and so, from half yere to half yere, during ther liffs.

That is to sey,

Ffirst to John Ley, abbott ther	l^{li}.		
Item to John Webbe	vi^{li}.		
It. to William Boreman	vi^{li}.		
It. John Gaye is appoynted the cure of Sheldon, and he to have therfor by yere vi^{li}. xiii^{s}. iiii^{d}. And if he shall happin to be impotent then he to have for his pencon yerely		cvi^{s}.	viii^{d}.
It. to John Segar		cvi^{s}.	viii^{d}.
It. to John Genyng	iiii^{li}.	xiii^{s}.	iiii^{d}.
It. to John Benett	iiii^{li}.	xiii^{s}.	iiii^{d}.
It. to Thomas Typson	iiii^{li}.	xiii^{s}.	iiii^{d}.
Sm^{a} of all the yerely pencions	iiii^{xx}vi^{li}.	xiii^{s}.	iiii^{d}.

Jo. Tregonwell.
Wyllyam Petre.
John Smyth.

‡ Old Dunkeswell church was dedicated by bishop Bronescombe December 5, 1259. (Reg. fol. 10.)

§ At an inquisition post mortem of Henry duke of Lancaster in 1360, the jury found, inter alia, that Dunkeswell abbey and Hembury Court were parcels of the duchy of Lancaster.

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dated at Westminster, April 28, in the eleventh year of his reign (1613), granted the rectory and church of Old Dunkeswell, with all its rights and appurtenances to Francis Morrice, esq., and Francis Philips, gentleman, their heirs and assigns for ever to be holden of the crown as of the manor of East Greenwich by fealty only in free and common socage, and not in chief, nor by knight's service.

These two gentlemen, in conjunction with sir William Cope, knight and baronet by deed dated February 17, 13 James I. (1616) conveyed the rectory to Thomas Morley, woodmonger of London, and John Downes, tallow chandler of London, who sold the rectory, in consideration of the sum of £400, to John Tanner of Offwell, clerk, on May 25, 1620; and he, by his will, dated April 27, 1632, proved in London on June 18, that year, gave and bequeathed the rectory for ever to the heirs of the body of Agnes Prowse, his daughter.

The same Tanner purchased certain estates in Dunkeswell of Richard Vicarye, Theophilus Marwood, Hannibal Rowe, and Christopher Searle.

The rectory passed to the Genest family, and thence by purchase to the Graves.

The abbey at its surrender was valued at nearly £300 per annum. That its magnificent pile sunk very soon beneath the hand of the spoiler, is clear from Risdon's remark in his "Survey," (finished in the early part of king Charles the First's reign,) "Its ruins now lie low in the dust." A small fragment of gateway still exists; there are also some ruins of the east and south walls of the conventual church. Its western tower was standing in the memory of James Marshall*, who is still living, [1845] aged eighty-seven. Within this spacious church were interred several of the founder's family and many of the neighbouring gentry.

The following abstract of certain leases granted by the abbots and convent of Dunkeswell may be interesting to the friends of county history. In looking over large bundles of abbey leases, in Devonshire, it is pleasing to observe how the same families held property under the religious houses for many generations. With moderate rents and lenient landlords, the yeomanry must have been thriving, contented, and happy.

May 1, 14 Edward IV. (1474) abbot Thomas Dullton granted to John Werthe and three of his family, for their several lives, two tenements, called Lewys and Smythe, in Stowford, within Broadhembury parish,—rent for Lewys' 10*s.* 9*d.*; for Smythe's 4*s.* 9*d.*

September 24, 21 Edward IV. (1481) the abbot leased to John Serle and two others, for their lives, a tenement in Wolveston "in manerio nostro de Coleheges;" also the lands called Pouley and Fotelonde in the Barton of Auliscombe,—rent 19*s.* 5½*d.*

Anno 1. Richard III. (1483) the said abbot leased to Thomas Gent and two others, for their several lives, a tenement "in Coleton infra manerium nostrum de Brodehembry," with a water-mill called Fogmille, and all its business, as also the piece of land called "the Mill Place,"—rent 20*s.* 8*d.*

June 18, 1 Richard III. (1484) the abbot, after reciting that John Smith then held of the abbey a close called Abbeysfyld, near Morellpen, also the land De Sainthill, in Kentisbeare parish, for the term of his life, grants the reversion of the said property to John and Jane Green, and their son, for their several lives, by the yearly rent of 26 shillings.

Easter, 1 Henry VII. (1486) the abbot leased to William Wallderonde, esq., three tenements at Northcote, with a parcel of land, called Haywood—term 70 years, rent 17*s.* 4*d.*

January 20, 7 Henry VII. (1492) abbot Richard Pytmister leased to John Hogge and two others, an estate in Smythyngcote, within the parish of Uffculme,—rent 5*s.*

October 1, 9 Henry VII. (1493) the last-mentioned abbot granted the reversion of an estate in Shallcombe, then held by Bennet Hygons, unto Robert and Jane and Thomas Menyse, for their several lives, as also a meadow called Whitemede,—rent £1 12*s.* 8*d.*

February 18, 10 Henry VII. (1495) the said abbot granted to William Hardyn, for a term of three lives, the reversion of two cottages, in Hembury, with the fields, called Shapcrofte, Bowode, and More, and some ground near the water,—rent 17*s.* 1*d.*

April 20, 11 Henry VII. (1496) the said abbot granted to William Prynge, for three lives, an estate at Wullforde church,—rent 11*s.*

January 20, 12 Henry VII. (1497) the said abbot granted to Robert Browne, on three lives, the close in Clehidon, called Haselbere-park; three acres of land called Haselberemede, also Haselberewood,—rent £1 2*s.* 8*d.*

January 20, 13 Henry VII. (1498) the said abbot leased to John Leyman, for three lives, Ash-hill, in Hakpen, with hayland and haymede,—rent 18*s.* 1*d.*

July 6, 1509, abbot John Whitmore leased to Walter Hill and his wife Matilda, for their lives, two tenements, in Westcote, "infra manerium nostrum de Shildon,"—rent 11*s.*

October 4, 1525, the said abbot Whitmore leased to Agnes Vowler, widow, and her sons, Christopher and George, the estate in Rapalynghays, occupied by her late husband, Nicholas, for the term of their several lives, by the yearly rent of £3 3*s.* 4*d.* Pasture is granted on the whole of Gydesham Mount, from the east part thereof, beginning with Holeiverheved as far as Hwitestanburgh "et inde usque ad Rugedune et sic in circuitu per divisas di Blancombe et terras de Honyton usque ad terram nostrorum monachorum de Rapelinghey."

The above leases are in the possession of the earl of Devon.

The arms of Dunkeswell abbey were those of the founder, two bends wavy, and appear on its common seal, of which only a mutilated impression remains. In three splendid canopies stand three figures, the centre being occupied by the Virgin Mother.

In the office of the duchy of Lancaster, in an impression of a seal of one of the abbots of Dunkeswell, representing him with his crosier. Legend,

✠ SIGILLVM . ABBATIS . DE . DVNKEWELE.

It is in good preservation, but small in size.

Within the site of the conventual church, a chapel of ease was opened by Henry, bishop of Exeter, by the title of the Holy Trinity, on September 21, 1842, with a burial ground attached.

Num. I.

Carta Johannis regis pro Willelmo Briwerre.

(Rot. Cart. 1 Joh. m. 18.)

Johannes Dei gratia, etc. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Willielmo Briwerre et heredibus suis ..... manerium de Donekewell cum omnibus pertinentiis suis et servitiis militum quod habuit de Henrico de la Pomeraya patre Henrici de la Pomeraya ..... Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod Willielmus predictus et heredes sui post eum habeant et teneant omnes terras et tenementa, etc. cum omnibus pertinenciis suis et libertatibus, etc. bene et in pace, etc. sicut donatorum carte quas inde habet rationabiliter testantur. Teste, etc. dat. apud Ebor. xxviii. die Marcii, anno regni nostri primo. [A fuller confirmation of the title of W. Briwerre is entered on memb. 14 of the same roll, fol. 45 of the printed edition.]

Num. II.

Confirmatio Johannis regis pro abbatiâ de Dunekewell.

(Rot. Cart. 7 Joh. mem. 1.)

Johannes Dei gracia, etc. Sciatis nos pro amore Dei et pro salute nostra et pro animabus omnium antecessorum et heredum nostrorum concessisse et hac carta nostra

* Persons of this name were ancient tenants under the abbey. Amongst others we may name William Marshall, to whom abbot Thomas Dullton leased a tenement in Cradock, with right of pasture and timber for repairs from Colewood and Eggewood, for the term of his life, under the yearly rent of four shillings and sixpence.

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confirmasse Deo et beate Marie et monachis Cisterciensis ordinis de Dunekewell omnes racionabiles donaciones et concessiones et vendiciones subscriptas, scilicet, ex dono Willielmi Briwerr totas terras que fuerunt ejusdem Willielmi in Donekewell et Wlforthe cum advocacionibus ecclesiarum predictarum terrarum et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis; ex dono abbatis et conventus de Forda totum jus quod idem abbas et conventus habuerunt in Biwode; ex dono Ricardi de Hydon totam terram que fuit ejusdem Ricardi in Bureheghe, scilicet, quatuor ferlingos terre cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex dono Ricardi de Treiminetes totam terram quam habuit in Bantescnapp̃ cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex dono Willielmi de Pinu̇ totam terram quam habuit in Bantescnapp cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex dono Johannis de Treitoñ unum ferlingum terre in Stenetewde cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex dono Yvonis filii Alani totum manerium de Sobbecumbe cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex concessione Ricardi de Manelega totum tenementum quod habuit in Lacumba cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex concessione Thome de Cumba Duna totam terram quam habuit in Uggatona cum toto tenemento suo in Codeford et cum omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis; ex vendicione Philippi de Gatideñ unum ferlingum terre in Uggatoñ cum omnibus pertinenciis suis; ex concessione Roberti filii Amicie totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in toto tenemento de Lynor et pertinenciis suis et in toto tenemento de Bywoḋ et pertinenciis suis; ex dono Ursi filii Willielmi totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in toto tenemento de Lynor et pertinenciis suis et in toto tenemento de Bywode et pertinenciis suis, sicut carte predictorum donatorum et concessorum et venditorum quas inde habent racionabiliter testantur. Quare, etc. quod predicti monachi de Dunekewell̇ habeant et teneant omnia predicta tenementa cum omnibus pertinenciis suis bene et in pace libere et quiete et integre in omnibus locis et rebus cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus ad ea pertinentibus inperpetuum sicut predictum est. Sciatis eciam quod suscepimus prefatos monachos de Dunekewell̇ et omnes homines terras et tenementa res et redditus et possessiones eorum in custodiam proteccionem et defensionem nostram, prohibentes super forisfacturam nostram ne quis eis inferat injuriam aliquam molestiam vel gravamen; et si quid eis in aliquo forisfactum fuerit precipimus quod id eis sine dilacione emendetur. Teste Ranulpho comite Cestriensi, Waſ̃ filio Geſ̃, Thoma Basset, Petro de Stok̇, Adaſ̃ de Portu, Gaufrido de Lucy. Datum per manum Hugonis de Wellis archidiaconi Well. apud Suhamton xiij. die Aprilis anno etc. vij°.

Num. III.

Confirmatio regis Henrici tertii.

(Cart. 11 Hen. III. part i. mem. 21.)

H. rex, &c. archiepiscopis, episcopis, etc. Sciatis nos concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse in perpetuam elemosinam abbatie de Dunekewell et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus omnes rationabiles donationes et concessiones et venditiones subscriptas; scilicet, ex dono Willielmi Briwer omnes terras que fuerunt ejusdem Willielmi in Dunekewell, et Wulferetherth cum advocationibus ecclesiarum predictarum terrarum et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Ex dono ejusdem Willielmi totam terram quam habuit in manerio de Offecolum cum molendino quod in predicta terra situm est, et cum omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis. Ex dono abbatis de Forda et conventus totum jus quod idem abbas et conventus habuerunt in Bywude, et omnes terras quas habuerunt in Boleham, et Freschic, et in Bocland, et in Lodreford, et in Hickeresdon, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi de Hydon totam terram ejusdem Ricardi de Bureheg, scilicet, quatuor ferlingos terræ cum pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ricardi Treminett totam terram quam habuit in Bantescnap cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Willielmi de Pynn totam terram quam habuit in Bantescnap cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Johannis de Thoriton unum ferlingum terræ in Stenetewude cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Ivonis filii Alani totum manerium de Sovbecumbe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Ricardi de Manesleg totum tenementum quod habuit in Marlecumbe cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Thomæ de Duna totam terram ejusdem Thome de Uggetone cum toto tenemento suo de Codeforde et cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex venditione Ph. de Gatesden unum ferlingum terre in Uggetone cum omnibus pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Roberti filii Annc. totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit de terra de Linor et pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Urselli filii Willielmi totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in tenemento de Linor et pertinentiis suis, et in toto tenemento de Biwude et pertinentiis suis. Ex concessione Roberti nepotis Roberti le Goiz totum jus quod habuit vel habere potuit in terra de Linor et pertinentiis suis. Ex dono Aviciæ de Dun totam terram quam habuit apud Hoked; illam, scilicet, terram quam Robertus Coc et Semer frater ejus tenuerunt. Quare volumus, etc. Dat. per manum, &c. xx. die Febr. anno xj. (1227.)

Num. IV.

Ordinatio ecclesiæ de Doddeton.

(Bronescombe regis. fol. 11.)

Walterus Exoniensis episcopus, etc. cum ecclesia Sancti David de Doddeton olim parochialis, dum adhuc parochia ipsa secularibus coleretur ab incolis dilectis filiis abbati et conventui Dunekswill per bone memorie Willielmum episcopum predecessorem nostrum in proprios usus collata esse diceretur et concessa, et nos parochiam nostram, sicut ex officii nostri debito tenemur, visitantes, inveniremus quod predicti monachi, ipsius parochie incolis ejectis, fundum ipsum ad propriam redegerunt culturam, divinum cultum in ecclesia ipsa subtraxerint, campanas dimisserint et fontes regeneracionis populi Christiani ejecerint, locum ipsum prophanando, monachos ipsos ad presentiam nostram fecimus evocari super premissis responsuros. Sane abbate et conventu predictis in presentia nostra constitutis, et ex officii nostri debito an super hujusmodi injuriis quas se commississe fatebantur competenter satisfacere vellent, requisitis, finaliter responderunt, se monitis nostris et mandatis velle obedire, ordinacioni nostre et gracie se de plano super hiis supponentes, eamque observare et nullo unquam tempore contravenire bona fide promittentes: Cum igitur ecclesie nostre Exoniensis jura conservare et subditorum nostrorum animarum saluti providere ac singulorum utilitatibus prospicere teneamur, volentes facta predecessorum nostrorum canonica observare, sicut a successoribus nostra cupimus observari, de consilio et assensu dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis in negocio ipso taliter duximus ordinandum, videlicet, quod ecclesia ipsa ad insignia matricis ecclesie, sicut olim fuit, restituta et sub debita honestate conservata monachi ipsi in eadem ecclesia per unum de monachis suis vel per secularem presbiterum singulis diebus faciant divina celebrari et omnes proventus et redditus ipsius ecclesie pleno jure percipiant tanquam suos, et siquod onus ordinarium de predicta ecclesia Exoniensi ecclesie debeatur vel reddi consueverit, solvant annuatim: Ita tamen quod si terram ipsius parochie vel majorem ejus partem ad dominium vel culturam secularium personarum devenire contingat, per ydoneum presbiterum secularem, nobis et successoribus nostris presentandum, in quem cura animarum canonice transferri valeat, eidem ecclesie deserviatur. Statuentes insuper quod si monachi ipsi contra hanc nostram ordinacionem non observando eam duxerint veniendum, si moniti competenter non satisfecerint jure quod in eadem ecclesia habere se dicunt, perpetuo cadant. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Datum Exon. die Sancte Agathe virginis a°. m°. cc°. l°. ix°. et consecrationis nostre anno secundo.

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Num. V.

Appropriatio ecclesiæ de Donekewell.

(Bronescombe reg. fol. 19.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Willielmus miseratione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino eternam. Noverit universitas vestra quod considerata cotidiana hospitalitate quam in domo beate Marie de Donekewell, ultra quam facultates ipsius domus subpetere videantur, devote exercetur, de consensu et voluntate dilectorum filiorum decani et capituli Exoniensis, ecclesiam de Donekewell parochialem, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis que ad patronatum abbatis et conventus dicte domus pertinere dinoscitur, divine caritatis intuitu in augmentum hospitalitatis ejusdem misericorditer duximus concedendam et in proprios usus imperpetuum confirmandam. Et quia abbatia de Donekewell infra limites parochie dicte ecclesie sita est, volumus ut eandem per honestum capellanum faciat deserviri. Volumus eciam ut dictis abbati et conventui occasione dicte ecclesie contra tenorem privilegiorum suorum nichil servitutis accrescat. In hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus. Datum apud Cerde 11 Kal. Octobris anno gratie mcc°. xlii°.—(Tunc sequitur)

Confirmacio decani et capituli Exon. super dicta ecclesia de Donekewell, et eciam ecclesia de Silden.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos litere presentes pervenerint Rogerus decanus et capitulum beati Petri Exonie salutem. Noveritis nos de communi assensu et voluntate ratam et gratam habere confirmacionem quam fecit venerabilis dominus et pater Willielmus Exoniensis episcopus abbati conventui et abbacie de Donekewell de ecclesiis de Donekewell et Schilden cum pertinentiis in proprios usus inperpetuum libere possidendis secundum tenorem cartarum ejusdem domini Exoniensis episcopi super hoc eisdem confectarum, quam concessionem presentis tenore et sigilli nostri appositione, quantum ad nos pertinet, confirmamus. Datum apud Exon. die Epiphanie anno gratie m°cc°. xl. tercio *.

* Fol. 42 ejusd. reg. on the Wednesday after St. Bartholomew, 1269, endowed Shilden vicarage with five marks, and Dunkeswell vicarage with five marks and a half. The abbot was charged with all the burdens.

Num. VI.

Placita de libertatibus abbatiæ de Dunekewill.

(Placita de Quo Waranto, Edw. I.)

Abbas de Dunekewill summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii furcas emendas assise panis et cervicie fracte in Hamberi et Ofcolom; quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte furcas tumberellum pillorium in Coleton sine licencia et voluntate, etc.

Et abbas venit, et quoad furcas dicit quod ipse habet enfangenethef et unfangenethef in Coleton et Hamberi per cartam domini Johannis regis avi domini regis nunc, quam profert, et que hoc testatur; et eo waranto clamat ipse habere furcas, etc. Et quoad visum franci plegii dicit quod predictus dominus Johannes rex concessit per cartam suam quod ipse et homines sui quieti sint de shiris et hundredis et de auxiliis vicecomitum et de omnibus secularibus exaccionibus et demandis; quam quidem cartam profert et que hoc testatur. Unde dicit quod eo waranto clamat ipse habere visum franci plegii pro pace domini regis observanda, eo quod homines sui coram alio venire non debent. Et quoad emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte tumberellum et pillorium dicit quod ipse habere clamat libertates illas racione visus franci plegii, etc.

Et Willielmus de Gyselham qui sequitur pro domino rege petit judicium de sicut in predicta carta non continetur visus franci plegii, nisi solummodo quod predictus abbas quietus sit de shiris et hundredis et de omnibus secularibus exaccionibus et demandis, si predictus abbas per hoc visum franci plegii habere possit. Dies datus est ei coram domino rege a die pasche in unum mensem ubicumque, et de audiendo judicio suo, etc.—Rot 39. d.

Abbas de Dunkeswell summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quod permittat homines thethinge sue de Coleton facere sectam ad hundredum domini regis de Buddelegh quam ad illud facere debet, etc.

Et abbas per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod ipse et homines sui quieti sunt de shiris et hundredis imperpetuum per cartam domini Johannis regis avi domini regis nunc, in qua continetur quod idem dominus Johannes rex concessit quod idem abbas homines et servientes sui et terre sue et tenementa sua et quecumque alia tenementa in futurum perquisiverint in perpetuam elemosinam habeant et teneant cum omnibus pertinenciis quieta et soluta ab omni seculari servicio de shiris et hundredis: unde dicit quod predicti homines sui nullam sectam facere debent ad hundredum domini regis predictum. Et profert cartam domini Henrici regis patris domini regis nunc que hoc idem testatur. Ideo quoad hoc inde sine die, etc.—Rot. 40.

Num. VII.

Valor ecclesiasticus temp. Hen. VIII.

De abbathia de Dunkeswyll.

Decanatus de Dunkeswyll.

Infra jurisdiccionem archidiachonatus et diocesis Exonie abbathia monasterii beate Marie de Dunkeswyll in decanatu predicto, sic verus valor annuus omnium possessionum tam temporalium quam spiritualium Johannis monasterii predicti in jure ejusdem monasterii examinatus et probatus coram Johanne Exoniensi episcopo et aliis cõmissionariis domini regis prenominatis ad hoc assignatis termino pasche anno regni regis Henrici VIII. xxvij°.

Possessiones temporales dicti abbatis in predictis diocesi et comitatu Devon.

Terre dominicales remanentes in tenura propria dicti abbatis

	£	s.	d.
Valent per annum in redditu assise in Brodehembury grange xij^{li}, Bywode grange lxvj^{s} viij^{d}, Bowrehays grange vij^{li} x^{s}, Sheldon grange iiij^{li}, ac terre de Shabcombe lvij^{s} et Dunkeswyll £5 cum molendino granatico ibidem. Remanet de claro . . .	xxxiiij	xiij	viij

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Colaton abbot.

	£	s.	d.
Valet in omnibus redditibus ibidem per annum ultra ij$^{s.}$ solutos Johanni Hoppyng ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	xij	viij	ix ob'
Et de perquisitis curie xxiiij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ cum aliis casualibus et finibus terrarum xx$^{s.}$ communibus annis per annum . . . . . xiiij$^{l.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ ob'	–	xliiij	vj

Hawkerlond *.

Valet per annum in omnibus redditibus assise ibidem xj$^{li.}$ vij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$	xj	vij	viij
Et de perquisitis curie x$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ et aliis casualibus cum finibus terrarum ibidem xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ per annum communibus annis . . . . . xiij$^{l.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$	–	xxxvj	xj

Dodyngton.

Valet per annum in redditibus assise ibidem ultra vij$^{s.}$ xj$^{d.}$ solutos annuatim Henrico marchioni Exonie et heredibus suis xv$^{d.}$ pro capitali redditu ibidem et Johanni Middelton ballivo ibidem vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ pro feodo suo per annum	vj	xiiij	ix
Et de perquisitis curie x$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$ cum aliis casualibus et finibus terrarum ibidem xx$^{s.}$ per annum communibus annis . . . . . viij$^{l.}$ v$^{s.}$ –	–	xxx	iij

Honyngton et alii ut infra.

Valet per annum in redditibus assise in Honyngton xx$^{s.}$, Exon ij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$, Oulecomb iiij$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$, et Cheryton Phippeyn (Fitzpayn) v$^{s.}$, ultra xix$^{d.}$ solutos Willielmo Courtenay militi, xv$^{d.}$ pro capitali redditu tenementorum in Honyngton predicta, et Johanni Tye receptori ibidem iiij$^{d.}$ pro feodo per annum	–	cxvj	iij

Rapplyngisheys.

Valet per annum in redditu assise ibidem lxiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ ultra x$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ inde annuatim resolutos Thome Style et heredibus suis, x$^{s.}$ de quodam annuali redditu per annum, et Henrico Beamont et heredibus suis iiij$^{d.}$ pro capitali redditu ibidem per annum. Remanet clare	–	liiij	iiij
Et de perquisitis curie iiij$^{d.}$ et aliis casualibus cum finibus terrarum ibidem v$^{s.}$ per annum communibus annis . . . . . lviij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$	–	v	iiij

Leyno (Lynton) abbat.

Valet per annum in redditu assise ibidem xl$^{s.}$ ultra ij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ inde annuatim solutos domino regi et heredibus suis ad feodum suum de Wynkelegh parcella honoris Gloucestrie de quodam annuali redditu	–	xxxvij	vj

Weryngston [in Buckerell].

Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum lxiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ ultra xv$^{d.}$ annuatim inde resolutos domino regi et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu ad feodum suum de Bradnynche parcella ducatus sui Cornubie. Remanet clare	vj	–	xvj
Et de perquisitis curie iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ cum aliis casualibus et finibus terrarum ibidem £1 communibus annis . . . . . vii$^{l.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$	–	xxiij	iiij

Wolveston.

Valet in redditu assise per annum viij$^{li.}$ xiiij$^{d.}$ ultra xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ inde solutos Johanni Northampton ballivo ibidem et Honyton predicta pro feodo suo per annum	vj	xiiij	vj
Et de perquisitis curie cum aliis casualibus xiiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ et finibus terrarum ibidem £1 10*s.* communibus annis . . . . . viij$^{l.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$	–	xliiij	iiij

Sheldon et Seynthyll.

Valent in omnibus redditibus ibidem per annum xij$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ vi$\frac{1}{2}$$^{d.}$ ultra iiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ inde solutos annuatim Henrico marchioni Exonie et heredibus suis pro capitali redditu per annum. Remanet clare	xj	xix	x ob'
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus vi$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem xxvi$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ communibus annis . . . . . xiij$^{l.}$ xvi$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ ob'	–	xxxvj	viij

Shabcombe †.

Valet in omnibus redditibus ibidem x$^{li.}$ iij$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$ per annum ultra v$^{s.}$ inde solutos annuatim abbatisse de Canonlegh et successoribus suis in Exoniensi diocesi predicta pro capitali redditu per annum. Remanet clare	ix	xviij	ix
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus xviij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem xxiij$^{s.}$ communibus annis . . . . . xx$^{l.}$ viij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$	–	xlij	viij

* Hawkerlane in Colyton Raleigh ?

† Shapcombe in Luppit.

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	£	s.	d.
Bourchays. [Bowerhayes?]			
Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem per annum xxj$^{li.}$ ii$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$ ultra lvi$^{s.}$ viii$^{d.}$ inde resolutos annuatim priori Sancti Johannis in Jerusalem in Anglia et successoribus suis in diocesi Londoniensi, xxx$^{s.}$ de quodam annuali redditu, et Johanni Phelip ballivo ibidem xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ per annum pro feodo suo. Remanet	xviij	xvj	ij
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus xviij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem xxiiij$^{s.}$ communibus annis	–	xlij	viij
xx$^{l.}$ viij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$			
Bolham [in Clayhidon].			
Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum x$^{li.}$ vij$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$ ultra xij$^{d.}$ inde solutos Thome Toker ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare	x	vj	vij
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus xiiij$^{d.}$ ibidem cum finibus terrarum 10*s.* communibus annis	–	xj	ij
x$^{l.}$ xvij$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$			
Hakepenne.			
Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem per annum xxxij$^{li.}$ xvj$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ ultra £5 in deannuatim resolutos Johanni domino Fitzwareyn et heredibus suis, iiij$^{li.}$ pro quodam annuali redditu, et Johanni Browne ballivo ibidem xx$^{s.}$ pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare	xxvij	xvj	iiij
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus xxiiij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ communibus annis	–	xxxvij	vj
xxix$^{l.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$			
Brodehembery et Uggaton.			
Valet per annum in toto redditu assise ibidem xliij$^{li.}$ ultra xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ inde annuatim solutos Thome Facy ballivo ibidem pro feodo suo per annum	xlj	xiij	x
Et de perquisicionibus curie et aliis casualibus xviij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem xxvi$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ communibus annis	–	xliij	x
xliij$^{l.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$			
Lyngecombe.			
Valet in toto redditu assise ibidem per annum xij$^{li.}$ xviij$^{d.}$ ultra xvij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$ inde resolutos annuatim Henrico marchioni Exonie et heredibus suis, vi$^{d.}$ pro capitali redditu ibidem per annum, et David Hancok ballivo ibidem xvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ pro feodo suo per annum. Remanet clare	xj	iiij	iiij
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus xv$^{d.}$ cum finibus terrarum ibidem 5*s.* communibus annis	–	vj	iij
xj$^{l.}$ x$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$			
Bokelond Brewer.			
Valet in redditu assise ibidem per annum ultra xxxix$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ inde annuatim resolutos domino regi et heredibus suis, iij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ ad ducatum suum Lancastrie pro annuali redditu per annum, et Georgio Rolle senescallo et auditori ibidem pro feodo suo per annum xvj$^{s.}$ Remanet clare	xxj	xviij	iij
Et de perquisitis curie et aliis casualibus vj$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ ibidem cum finibus terrarum 10*s.* communibus annis	–	xvj	vj
xxij$^{l.}$ xiiij$^{s.}$ ix$^{d.}$			
Somerset in diocesi Bathoniensi et Wellensi.			
Bucklond Racche et alii ut infra.			
Valent per annum de redditu assise in Buklond Racche iij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ et Briggewater predictis xij$^{s.}$ et de quadam annuitate sive annuali redditu viginti marcarum exeunte de abbathia beate Marie de Clyve in predicto comitatu Somerset et Bathoniensi et Wellensi diocesi per annum. Remanet clare	xvj	–	xij
Possessiones spirituales dicti abbatis.			
Aulescomb.			
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum communibus annis in decima garbarum	ix	–	–

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	£	s.	d.
Docton.			
Libera capella ibidem valet per annum communibus annis in oblacionibus et aliis decimis . . . . . xl^{li} vj^{s} –^{d}	–	xxvj	–
Olde Dunkeswyll.			
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum communibus annis in decima garbarum xxvj^{s} viij^{d} lane et agnellorum xxiij^{s} viij^{d} et aliis decimis predialibus et personalibus lvij^{s} ultra vj^{s} vj^{d} solutos annuatim episcopo Exoniensi et successoribus suis, xx^{d} pro procuracione sua communibus annis, et archidiacono Exonie et successoribus suis ij^{s} v^{d} pro procuracione sua et pro sinodatico et cathedratico per annum ij^{s} v^{d} Remanet clare	–	cv	ij
Sheldon.			
Rectoria ibidem valet per annum communibus annis in decima garbarum xxvj^{s} viij^{d} lane agnellorum et vitulorum xxiij^{s} viij^{d} ac in aliis decimis et oblacionibus, ut patet in libro paschali, xxv^{s} viij^{d}, ultra v^{s} ix^{d} inde annuatim solutos dictis episcopo et archidiacono ac eorum cuilibet successorum pro eorum procuracionibus ac sinodatico et cathedratico. Remanet clare . . . . . viij^{li} xv^{s} v^{d}	–	lxx	iij
Summa totalis possessionum dicti abbatis tam temporalium cclxxix^{li} x^{s} v^{d} quam spiritualium xix^{li} xvij^{d} de clare	cclxxxxviij	xj	x
Unde,			
Feoda			
Soluta annuatim Thome Sydenham senescallo xl^{s} et Willielmo Stowford auditori omnium premissorum xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} pro eorum feodis per annum. Summa	–	lxxiij	iiij
Remanet.			
Et remanet clare omnibus deductis	cclxxxxiiij	xviij	vj
Inde pro decima	xxix	ix	x q'

[From bishop Veysey's register, vol. ii. fol. 105 b, we learn that the customary payments made to the bishop of Exeter at his triennial visitation of Dunkeswell abbey were

De abbate de Donkswell pro rectoria de Sheldon 2*s.* 6*d.*
De eodem pro rectoria de Old Donkswell 5*s.*]

Num. VIII.

Computus ministrorum domini regis, temp. Hen. VIII.

[Abstract of roll, 32 Hen. VIII. Augmentation office.]

Donkyswell nuper monasterium.

Com' Devon'	£	s.	d.
Colyton—reddit' lib' ten'	–	18	6
Reddit' tam convenc' quam cust'	11	15	8
Perquis' cur'	–	3	4
Hakerlond—reddit' assis'	11	7	8
Dotton—reddit' assis'	7	2	8
Firma capell'	1	6	8
Honyngton—reddit' ten'	1	–	–
Raplynhays—reddit' mes'	3	3	8
Owlecombe—reddit' terr'	4	11	4
Cheriton Fitz Payne—reddit' ten' .	–	5	–
Exon—redd' ten'	–	2	6
Com' Somer'			
Brigewater—redd' curtilag' . . .	–	12	–
Com' Devon'			
Warmston—redd' lib' ten' . . .	–	5	1
Redd' conv' ten'	5	16	6
Amerciamenta	–	3	1
Wolveston—redd' lib' ten'	–	10	8
Redd' custum' ten'	8	8	1
Perquis' cur'	–	6	2
Shapecombe—redd' conv' ten' . .	10	4	1

Com' Devon'	£	s.	d.
Shapecombe—perquis' cur' . . .	–	–	11
Sheldon et Seynthill—redd' conv' ten'	12	2	1
Sheldon—firma grangie	4	–	8
Firma rector'	6	6	8
Perquis' cur'	–	–	9
Donkyswell—redd' conv' ten' . .	19	18	10
Firma scit' cum terr' dominic' .	16	–	–
Perquis' cur'	–	14	3
Bolham cum Buckland Rotch—redd' lib' ten'	–	4	6
Redd' conv' et cust' ten' . . .	10	2	3½
Bucland Rotch—firma mesuag' . .	2	13	4
Hackpen—redd' lib' ten'	–	16	–
Redd' conv' et cust' ten' . . .	29	15	5¾
Leynor—firma terr'	2	–	–
Hackpen—firma maner'	2	3	1
Perquis' cur'	–	14	6
Brodehenbury—redd' lib' ten' . .	1	10	8
Redd' cust' ten'	33	11	11
Firma grangie	12	–	–
Perquis' cur'	–	6	–
Lyncombe—redd' lib' ten'	1	8	10½
Redd' cust' ten'	10	11	6
Bucklandbruer—redd' lib' ten' . .	1	4	10
Redd' cust' ten'	22	9	11
Perquis' cur'	–	19	4
Dunkeswell et Awlescombe—firma rect'	5	11	8

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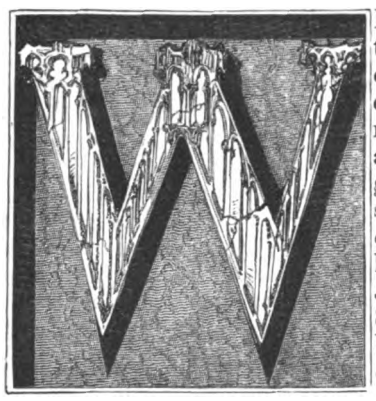
Ancient Foundations for the Poor

IN THE CITY OF EXETER.

FRATRES CALENDARUM.



E may observe that, from the first foundation of ecclesiastical revenues under the Christian emperors, it was customary for a bishop to maintain a general hospital, usually situate near the cathedral church. (See Alban Butler's life of St. Landry, June 10.) Thus we find St. Isidore, priest, placed by St. Athanasius in the charge of the hospital of Alexandria, to reside therein and to entertain the poor and strangers flocking to that city. So pope Gregory II., about 716, built an hospital near St. Paul's at Rome for old men. In Exeter, from time immemorial, at the great Calendarhay opposite the west end of the cathedral was a similar institution, being, as Leland expresses it, "an old almose house of xii. poore menne and as many women, to whom nomination was given 'Fratres Calendarum.'" (Itin. vol. iii. p. 52.) The community was subsequently incorporated, and merged by bishop Grandisson into the improved hospital of St. John within East Gate. Attached to a deed of 1260, is preserved the oval seal of this hospital, representing a tower with a high spire flanked with two small turrets. Below the tower is a cross. The legend is

S FRATRV̄ D' KALEND' EXONIE.

HOSPITAL OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

After the religious houses in Exeter, especially St. John's hospital, the first in point of eminence and utility was the Leper's hospital dedicated to St. Mary Magdalene, lying beyond the south gate, and adjoining the parish of the Holy Trinity. It was not improbably erected before the crusades; a conjecture sanctioned by the expressions employed in bishop Bartholomew's charter with reference to their long possession, ancient custom, remote times, &c. Probably the establishment was increased in consequence of the crusades, when we know the leprosy became very common in Europe. In this diocese there was in the suburbs of most towns an hospital for the reception of persons afflicted with this disorder *. Bishop Bartholomew was a warm patron and a liberal benefactor to this establishment. He granted to the community the sum of five marks yearly, the tenth of the rents at Morchard, and the profits arising from the bark of Chudleigh wood; and, with his approbation, the cathedral chapter allowed them fourteen loaves weekly for ever. Bartholomew enjoins by his charter that the number of the brethren shall not exceed thirteen; that they shall be subject to a warden appointed by the bishop for the time being; and that they shall not enter the city of Exeter, nor wander elsewhere, without permission. To obviate the pretext of asking charity in the city, the bishop approves the ancient custom for one of the good citizens of Exeter to collect alms for them on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The whole of the document is so interesting, that we shall submit a faithful copy of it to the reader. Izacke's statement is garbled and inaccurate.

Amongst the leading benefactors to this establishment, we must place the ancient family of Sokespyche, who dwelt, we believe, at Marsh farm, near Topsham. One Robert Sokespyche granted the brethren four acres of meadow and thirty acres of marsh at Clystwyk, in St. George's Clyst parish, with the consent of Henry Blund, the lord of the manor, A.D. 1227†; and from the same family, they received some property in Exeter.

By the third council of Lateran, A.D. 1179, it was ordered that the brothers and sisters of the leper hospitals should be provided with their own oratory and chaplain. The chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, sixty feet long by twenty-two, is still standing. It was dedicated by bishop Brewer. The piscina is uninjured. We often meet with its altar of the Holy Cross. Adjoining to it was a chapel of the Blessed Virgin.

The community was poor; but in the frequent receipt of donations and legacies. Bishop Grandisson, on the 17th of August, 1328, granted an indulgence of twenty days to all persons sincerely repentant and confessing their sins, who should contribute to the support of this establishment.

From Lacy's register, vol. iii. fol. 156, it appears that many of the charters, indentures, and muniments belonging to the hospital had been embezzled and detained. The bishop, on February 24, 1437, pronounced sentence of excommunication against the persons guilty of this injustice, unless restitution were made within fifteen days.

Richard Orenge, who was mayor of Exeter in 1454, retired into this hospital and finished his days amongst the brethren. He was buried in the chancel of the chapel, A.D. 1458. Hoker says, "he was very bountiful and liberal to the house in money and wealth."

The original seal of the hospital is well executed: it bears a graceful figure of the patroness, St. Mary Magdalene, with this inscription.—

SIGILL . S. MARIE MAGDALENE . INFIRMORVM . EXONIE.

On a subsequent seal, early in the reign of Edward III., we read the following inscription:—

S. COMVNE . BEATE . MARIE . MAGDALENE . EXONIENSIS.

A third, made perhaps in temp. Hen. VII., is inscribed

SIGLLV . HOSPITALIS . SCE . MARIE . MAGDLENE . CIVITATIS . EXONIE.

The present seal, made in 1568, is a bad imitation of this last, and has the inscription,—

SIGILLV . HOSPITALIS . BEATI . MARIE . MAGDALENE. CIVITATIS . EXON . 1568.

* A curious document may be seen in Rymer's Fœdera, vol. ii. p. 635, signed by the physicians of Edward IV. and bearing date November 1, 1468, in which they distinguish four species of leprosy, viz., alopicia, tiria, leonina, and elephantina, but abstain, prudently perhaps, from pointing out their discriminate and peculiar qualities.

Camden, in his Britannia (Leicestershire), is of opinion, that the leprosy entered this island with the Normans. "It seems to have become a national malady with us," says Somner (Antiq. of Canterbury, p. 80), "and accordingly in all parts, provision was made for the receipt and relief of the infected persons: whereof there were no less than three lazar houses about Canterbury, viz., Herbal, St. James, and St. Lawrence. The chief for wealth in the whole kingdom, and head to all the rest, was Burton lazars in Leicestershire."

From the foundation deed (October 4, 1538) of the lazar-house near Newton-Bushell, by John Gilberd, of Grenaway, esq., it is evident that leprosy was then very prevalent in that part of the county, "for the releff of powre lazar people, whereof grete nomber with that diseas be now infectid in that partis, to the grete daunger of infection of moche people to whom they use to resort and be conversant withall, for lacke of convenyent hospitals in the county of Devon for them." So late as 1598, Hentzner, who travelled in England, observes (Itin. p. 156), "Angli laborant frequenter leprâ, albâ vulgo dictâ."

† Henry la Pomerei had granted in the early part of King Henry the Third's reign, to William Sukespic of Exeter, and his heirs, a ferling of land in his manor of Clistwik, with the salt marsh from Chaldewill to Clist river, at the yearly rent of 4s. As an acknowledgment, the grantee presented to the grantor summam vini, i. e. a horse-load of wine, and to Henry Pomerie his son unum arcum de auburne.

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Num. I.

Carta Bartholomæi episcopi pro leprosis S. Mariæ Magdalenæ.

Omnibus fidelibus ad quos presens carta pervenerit, Bartholomeus Dei gratia dictus episcopus Exon salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos assensu dilectorum filiorum nostrorum capituli beati Petri Exon concessisse et in perpetuam elemosinam donasse leprosis Sancte Marie Magdalene juxta Exon quinque marcas argenti singulis annis de camera nostra percipiendas in quatuor terminis, duas in pascha et unam in festo Sancti Johannis Baptiste et quartam in festo Sancti Michaelis et quintam in natali Domini; necnon etiam decimam gabuli nostri de Morceth et commodum quod proveniet de corticibus nemoris nostri de Chedelega. Idem vero capitulum assensu nostro concessit eis in perpetuam elimosinam quatuordecim panes de communa eorum singulis ebdomadis percipiendas. Hanc autem donationem tam nos quam predictum capitulum nostrum divine miserationis intuitu eis fecimus, eamque volumus observari quamdiu subscripto legitimo modo se continuerint, videlicet, ut continenter et honeste vivant et ut numerum tredecim fratrum non excedant, nec aliquem leprosum cum pretio vel sine pretio recipiant, nisi consilio episcopi Exon, quicumque pro tempore fuerit, nec civitatem Exon ingrediantur, nec alicubi evagentur, nisi per licentiam illius, qui per episcopum custos fuerit eis deputatus. Si autem episcopatus vacaverit vel episcopus absens fuerit, que predicta sunt consilio potioris partis capituli disponantur. Si vero dicti leprosi hec non observaverint, volumus ut prefata elemosina in aliquos bonos elemosine usus per dispositionem episcopi et capituli et civium Exon assignetur. Preterea nos et tam dictum capitulum nostrum, sicut ex assertione antiquorum et meliorum civium Exon cognovimus, testificamur antedictos leprosos subscriptas possessiones et redditus rationabiliter fuisse adeptos, easque diu pacifice possedisse; scilicet, terram quandam juxta capellam Sancti Kerani, de qua Algarus Papa et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere x. solidos et unum sextercium cervisie; et terram quandam in cordewaneria juxta terram Ricardi filii Andree, de qua Radulphus nepos et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere xx. solidos; et terram quandam contra capellam Omnium sanctorum, de qua Johannes Sellarius et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere iv. solidos et unum sextercium cervisie; et terram quandam que quondam fuit Guncel, de qua Galfridus de Bristoldo et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere iii. solidos; et tres terras extra portam orientalem Exon que valent eis annuatim ii. solidos et x. denarios; et terram quandam versus portam occidentalem Exon, de qua Galfridus de Tunebrigia et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere xviii. denarios; et terram quandam juxta cimiterium Exon que fuit Gwarini Lotingarii, de qua habent annuatim xii. denarios; et terram quandam non longe a capella Sancti Stephani, de qua Henricus Pistor et heredes ejus debent eis annuatim reddere xii. denarios. Preter hec longis retro temporibus habuerunt et adhuc habent singulis ebdomadis quarta et sexta feria tolnetum de omni blado quod venditur Exon et tolnetum debet; et insuper qualibet sexta feria habent tolnetum de omni pane qui venditur Exon et tolnetum debet. Habent etiam in nundinis Exon tolnetum de omni pane et blado quod tolnetum debet. Ex antiqua etiam bonorum civium Exon consuetudine, aliquis de civitate solet eis pro Dei amore singulis ebdomadis tertia et quinta feria elimosinam per civitatem colligere. Ne igitur, que predicta sunt, tractu temporis in dubium revocentur, nos ea, que confirmationem nostram jure desiderant, presenti scripto et sigillo nostro predicta lege confirmamus; reliqua vero tempore nostro sic fuisse testificamur. His testibus; magistro Roberto, Totton, et magistro Rogero, Barnest. archidiaconis; magistro Roberto de Auc.; Roberto de Bukynt; Joele capellano episcopi; magistro Petro de Mandavill; magistro Edwardo de Carswilla; magistro Petro Picot, Galfrido de Exon, Ricardo Grim tunc temporis procuratore eorum; magistro Helia Martino, Wilelmo de Oteri, et Willelmo Lumbardo, clericis episcopi.

[This charter received the confirmation of pope Celestine III. May 26, 1192, by bull, of which the following is a copy:]

Num. II.

Celestinus episcopus servus servorum Dei dilectis filiis leprosis Sancte Marie Magdalene de Exon salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Quanto vos Omnipotens occulto suo judicio morbo incurabilis egritudinis visitavit, tanto sincerius afflictioni vestre paterna benignitate compatimur, vestrisque desideriis effectum celerem impertimur. Eapropter, dilecti in Domino filii, vestris justis postulationibus inclinati, personas vestras et omnia bona tam ecclesiastica quam mundana, que inpresentiarum rationabiliter possidetis, aut in futurum justis modis prebente Domino poteritis adipisci, sub beati Petri et nostra protectione suscepimus specialem. Illam autem elemosynam tam in nummis quam in aliis donis quam frater bone memorie B. Exoniensis episcopus vobis intuitu karitatis contulit, sicut carta ejusdem plenius et melius testatur, devotionis nostre auctoritate apostolica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo omnino hominum liceat hanc paginam nostre protectionis et confirmationis infringere vel ei ausu temerario contraire: Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit, indignationem omnipotentis Dei et beatorum Petri et Pauli apostolorum ejus se noverit incursurum. Datum Romæ apud Sanctum Petrum VII. kal. Junii, pontificatus nostri anno secundo*.

Num. III.†

The rules of the Magdalene Hospital.

(Extracted from Hoker's Manuscript, fol. 502.)

The mayor, bailiffs, and commonality of the city of Exon, were made patrons and founders of the hospital of the Mawdlin without the south gate of the city of Exon, by way of permutation between them and William Brewer, bishop of Exeter; that is, that the said bishop and his successors should be patrons of the hospital of St. John the Baptist within the east gate of the city of Exeter, which before did appertain to the mayor and citizens; and the mayor and citizens should be patrons of the hospital of the Mawdleyn, which before appertained to the byshop. Anno 27 Hen. III. Adam Ryfford.

The mayor, bailiffs, and twenty-four common council, are to chuse yearly a governor or warden, who, by himself or his sufficient deputy, shall govern and rule the impotent and sick persons within the said hospital according to the orders and ordinances of the said house, which are as followeth:—

First.—That any brother and sister admitted and being one of the company of the said house, shall daily, twice upon every day at the least, unless he or she be sick and not able to come to the chappel, and then and there to hear such divine service as shall be said before them, upon pain that every one failing, unless he or she be sick or have some reasonable cause of absence, fast with bread and water for three days together.

Also no brother no sister shall go or pass out of the house beyond the bryde (bridge) ‡, without the gate of the said hospital, without the license of the warden or his deputy, upon pain to be put into the stocks and to have but bread and water for one day.

No brother shall enter into the house or lodging of any sister, nor any sister to enter into the house of any sister without special licence of the warden or his deputy, upon

* In the archives of the corporation of Exeter, the above original charter and bull are still preserved. There is also a confirmation of the former, by the primate Chicheley. Yet the copy, said to be an "inspeximus oculis propriis," varies in many instances from the original.

† This is of course only a translation. The original statutes are in Latin.

‡ In the "Ordo et statuta Domus Beate Marie Magdalene," the text is "pontem transgredi."

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pain to be punished in the stocks or otherwise at the discretion of the warden.

No brother shall belie his sister, nor sister shall belie any of her brothers, not yet any of them shall belie the warden or his deputy, upon pain to have but bread and water and to sit in the stocks for three days.

If any brother or sister do in any malice or displeasure, in presence of any person, call one the other of them thief or any evil name, or do revile one the other, shall likewise be in the stocks and fast with bread and water for three days.

If any brother or sister do maliciously, slanderously, and in displeasure revile the master warden or his deputy, he shall fast with bread and water and lie in the stocks twelve days.

If any brother or sister do in anger, malice, or displeasure, strike or lay violent hands one upon the other, he shall be punished in the stocks, and have but bread and water for thirty days.

If any brother or sister do disclose, utter, or betray any of the secrets of their house, or of the warden or his deputy, and thereof by due proof be convicted, he shall be punished in the stocks, and have but bread and water for twelve days.

No brother nor sister shall receive nor lodge into his house any stranger or other person whatsoever, without licence of the warden or his deputy.

That no guest being received or lying in the house, shall lie with his wife, or any wife with her husband within the precincts of the said hospital in one and the same bed.

If any brother or sister do threaten the one the other of life or limb, shall abide the same pain and punishment as if he smite or hurt him.

If any brother or sister do one pick or steal from the other, shall be punished as if he had gone out of the doors beyond the place appointed, and as by the warden shall be thought good.—Anno 30 Hen. IV. Martin Roff.

Num. IV.

Concessio hospitalis S. Mariæ Magdalenæ.

(Inter archiv. Civit. Exonie.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit fratres et sorores hospitalis beate Marie Magdalene extra portam australem civitatis Exonie, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis nos de communi assensu nostro, ac assensu et consensu Majoris et communitatis civitatis Exonie et Johannis Pollow, custodis nostri, remisisse relaxasse et omnino pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum quietem clamasse Johanni Shaplegh et Johanni Cokworthy heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis Shaplegh totum jus nostrum et clameum que habuimus habemus seu quovismodo habere poterimus in futuro in toto illo messuagio cum curtillagio et celario adjacente cum pertinenciis in Exonia in parochia Sancti Pancracii ibidem, que quidem messuagium et curtillagium simul situata sunt et jacent inter terram Willielmi Upton in parte orientali et venellam vocatam Busshelane ac tenementum Johannis Kirton in parte occidentali in latitudine, et extendit se in longitudine a vico vocato Waterberstret in parte boreali usque ad tenementum Johannis Baron et Johannis Smert ac alterum vicum in parte australi, et dictum celarium jacet sub eodem tenemento ipsius Johannis Smert; Habendum et tenendum predictum messuagium curtillagium et celarium cum pertinenciis prefatis Johanni Shaplegh et Johanni Cokworthy heredibus et assignatis ipsius Johannis Shaplegh imperpetuum: Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris sex solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum ad quatuor anni terminos principales ejus porcionibus. Et si idem redditus aretro fuerit in parte vel in toto per unum mensem post aliquem terminum solucionis, extunc bene licebit nobis et successoribus nostris in predicto messuagio curtillagio et celario cum pertinenciis distringere et districciones fugare asportare et detinere quousque de eodem redditu et ejus arreragiis nobis fuerit plenarie satisfactum: Ita quod nec nos nec successores nostri nec aliquis nomine nostro aliquid juris seu clamei in predicto messuagio curtillagio et celario cum pertinenciis, preterquam in annuo redditu predicto cum potestate distringendi removendi et detinendi pro eodem redditu et suis arreragiis ut prefertur, decetero exigere seu vendicare poterimus in futuro, set per presentes modo et forma premissis sumus exclusi imperpetuum. In cujus rei testimonium uni parti istarum indentarum penes prefatos Johannem Shaplegh et Johannem Cokworthy remanenti nos predicti fratres et sorores sigillum nostrum commune una cum sigillo predicti custodis nostri apponi fecimus; alteri vero parti istarum indentarum penes nos remanenti predicti Johannes Shaplegh et Johannes Cokworthy sigilla sua apposuerunt. Hiis testibus; Benedicto Drewe majore civitatis Exonie; Hugone Germyn; Johanne Coscombe; Vincentio Hert; Willielmo Tuke, senescallis dicte civitatis, et aliis. Datum Exonie vicesimo secundo die Aprilis anno regni regis Henrici sexti decimo septimo (1439). [Attached is the common seal of S. Mary Magdalene Exeter, and the warden's seal, a cross mounted on a square plinth.

Indorsed.—Irrotulatur in rotulo curie majoris civitatis Exonie ibidem tente die Lune proxima ante festum Epiphanie Domini anno regni regis Henrici VI. xviii°.]

GRENDON'S ALMSHOUSE.

This charitable establishment of Simon Grendon, commonly called the Ten Cells, is in Preston Street. The founder thrice filled the civic chair of Exeter, and in the days of health liberally expended a considerable part of his property on this and other benevolent institutions. Izacke erroneously maintains that the foundation was destined for women only. The following clause in the bill of Walter Trote, canon of the cathedral, dated November 4, 1399 (Stafford's register, vol. i.), proves the contrary: "Lego cuilibet viro sive mulieri jacenti in novo redditu Simonis Grendon ex opposito hospicii mei, quatuor denarios." Again, bishop Lacy on October 24, 1447, granted forty days' indulgence to such as contributed "ad fabricam et sustentacionem virorum pauperum domus Simonis Grendon infra civitatem Exonie." And in the will of the lady Maud Courtenay, dated August 20, 1464, we find a legacy of thirteen pence paid annually during the term of twenty years following her death "to xiii pore men of Symon Grendon is hous."

In a deed dated March 6, 8th Elizabeth, 1566, this foundation is described as the Twelve Cells near Bellewtere-gate.

The charitable founder died early in the autumn of 1411. His will was made on July 30 of that year, and was proved on the second of the ensuing September. He directs that his body be buried in Exeter cathedral before the statue of our Lady, and that fifty persons be clothed for his funeral, twelve of whom were to bear torches of ten pounds weight, the rest of one pound weight; that fifty other persons be clothed by his executors as early as possible, and that twenty pounds be distributed in alms on the day of his interment. After several donations to the clergy of the cathedral and of the neighbourhood, and to several religious houses, and a bequest of twenty pounds to conduct the water to the quadrivium* in Exeter, if completed within four years after his death, and a gift of ten pounds to buy twenty cows to be bestowed on twenty poor people, that is, ten shillings for each cow; he desired that his estate in Exeter and the suburbs should be sold and the profits disposed of in charitable works; and he appoints for his executors his wife Ricarda, William Wilford, Peter Stert, and John Lake, and, as overseer, his parish priest, John Westcote, rector of St. Petrock's.

His widow Ricarda, living in St. Petrock's parish, was allowed by bishop Stafford, on November 8, 1414, to have a private chapel in her mansion.

* The old conduit at the Quatre Voies, called by corruption (as at Oxford) Carfoix. It formed the centre of a small square in the High street, and was taken down in 1770. This structure had been rebuilt on November 8, 1534, and was completed in the following August, when the average price of the workmen's labour was sixpence per day.

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We have also seen a deed dated December 1, 1404, by which John Shaldon, prior of Plympton, and his convent, enfeoffed Peter Sterte and John Lake, citizens of Exeter, for the benefit of this charity, with eight shops with gardens lying in Preston street, reserving four shillings per annum for the whole.

This valuable foundation continues to afford a very comfortable retreat to ten poor widows.

BONVILLE'S ALMSHOUSE.

The next almshouse in the order of time was Sir William Bonville's in Coomb street, for twelve poor men and women. The worthy knight resided chiefly at Shute near Axminster, but had considerable property in Exeter. His will, written in French, and dated Saturday before the feast of Assumption, 1407, was proved March 24, 1408-9. It enjoins that his body should be buried in Newenham abbey, to which he bequeathed £40. Amongst other clauses in the will is the following: "Ensement jeo devise a gaigner licence du roy pour amorteiser L. marcs du terre et de rent par an, a un meison [Dieu fait] a Excestre en Combestrete pour XII. poures homes et femes y estre harbeges a touts jours CCC. marcs." For the honour of God and the better support of the said house, he proceeds to bequeath to it all his rents within this city, with the exception of his inn or mansion house.

To this almshouse was attached the chapel of St. Roch, "capella Sancti Rochi," which sometimes gave its name to the adjoining street. It occurs in two deeds, one dated June 26, 1511, the other March 24, 1531. Bishop Vesey, as we find, vol. ii. of his register, fol. 9, granted a brief "procuratoribus domus sive hospitalis beate Marie Virginis, Undecim Millium Virginum, et Sancti Rochi civitatis Exonie" to collect alms "pro sustentatione pauperum infirmorum ibi degentium."

This benevolent foundation continued to flourish until its revenues were confiscated in the reign of king Edward VI. Queen Elizabeth, however, much to her credit, granted letters patent November 8, 1562, empowering the chamber to act according to the intentions of the founder, "secundum intentiones predictæ fundationis."

Unfortunately for the cause of charity, this asylum of affliction gradually sunk into decay, and fell into ruins in 1708.

WYNARD'S ALMSHOUSE.

This almshouse in Magdalene street, in the parish of the Holy Trinity, Exeter, was erected and endowed by William Wynard, son of John and Isabella Wynard, and the third recorder of Exeter. By his foundation deed, dated January 20, 1436, twelve poor infirm and elderly men were provided with decent lodging and subsistence, and a chaplain to administer the comforts of religion; and he vested in trustees certain lands, tenements, and rents within the city and suburbs of Exeter, in Topsham, Duryard, Crediton, Sidmouth, and Widicombe in Devon, and in South Petherton in Somerset, towards the perpetual maintenance of this charitable institution*. The pious founder lived to see his establishment encouraged and patronised by the public. In the confusion occasioned first by the religious changes, and subsequently by the grand rebellion, this charity received a severe shock; but it has partially recovered, and twelve decayed tradesmen still reside within its inclosure. Since 1789, the lands have belonged to the Kennaway family.

In the parish chest of the church of St. Mary Major is the following memorandum without date: "William Wynard late departyd of thys world, of whose sawle God have mercy, on his departyng commanndyd hymself to devote prayerys of all Chrystyn people and of thys parysh specyaly, and, in remembrance of the more devote prayers for to be had, he of almsdede hath ordayned withowte cost to be had to the worke, ornamentyd or other as necessary, of thys churche, as wel as of an other yn Devenschr and Cornawell viii*s.* iiij*d.* to be dysposed ast al the parissions or the more party of them, and the sayde William and hys executours for hym prayeth yow mekely of yowre almysdede and charyte devotely to pray for hym, and send to yow the sayde viii*s.* iiij*d.* yn a purse selyd and annexyd to thys present bille to be delyvyd to yow at yowre polepyt withowte cost of you freely to be had after he dede ys wil."

John Marchant was licensed by bishop Lacy to celebrate divine service "in oratorio sive capella infra hospitale Willelmi Wenard, armigeri, dum vixit, vulgariter nuncupata 'Goddyshowse.'" January 26, 1442, Reg. vol. iii. fol. 244. This expression, equivalent to that of "maison Dieu," was common formerly for an almshouse, and the monies granted to the poor were sometimes called Godspence. Thus amongst the patents of the 31st year of Edward III. we find a royal grant of certain dues collected from the customs in favour of the poor prisoners "in le Fleete, denarios vocatos Godspence," etc.

Near the great entrance gate of this hospital was attached a brass plate bearing the following inscription:—

Hæc nova structura retinens habitacula plura
Sit permansura per tempora longa futura.
Debilibus simul ac senibus fuit ædificata
Pauperibus non divitibus domus ista beata.
Hanc qui fundavit, dotavit, perpetuavit
Crimina cum Davit sua credimus omnia lavit.
Constructor cujus patriæ decus urbis et hujus
Atque recordator Willelmus nomine Wynard.
Sit domus ista Dei, ut hec mea non reputetur,
Sic baptizetur, sit Domus ista Dei.

MC. jungas quater sic opus hoc X. numera ter.

Anno octavo regni regis Henrici Sexti annoque Domini 1430.

Num. I.

Ordinatio Willielmi Wynard pro domo vocatâ Godeshous †.

In nomine summe et individue Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Willielmus Wynard vicesimo die Januarii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie quarto decimo, ad divini cultus augmentum ac in subsidium relevaminis inopie pauperum debilium, qui sibi ipsis nequeunt subvenire, volo, decerno, statuo et ordino per presentes, quod in domo extra australem portam civitatis Exonie, ad custus meos noviter erecta, fundata, et situata, vocata Godeshous, sit unus capellanus perpetuus, bone et honeste conversationis, moribus et scientia ydoneus, quem vulgariter vocari volo *William Wynardis Prest* apud dictam domum corporalem residenciam in loco sibi assignato facturus, et continue ibidem,

* The chapel, formerly called Trinity chapel, is a well-proportioned, cheerful, and even an elegant structure.

† This is annexed to a deed of feoffment, setting forth that the founder reserved to himself, during his life, the charge of maintaining this charitable institution, and his property in certain lands, tenements, and rents, in Exeter and its suburbs, as also in Topsham, Duryard, Crediton, Sidmouth, and Widecombe, in the county of Devon; and in South Petherton, in the county of Somerset, with which he endowed it. It limits the property, after his decease, to John Bluet, for the term of his life, with remainder to John Wynard, the founder's son, in tail male; remainder to Thomas Wynard, the founder's brother, in tail male; remainder to sir John Speke, knight, in tail male; remainder to William Speke, the said knight's brother, in tail male; remainder to Walter Bluet, in tail male; remainder to William Courtenay, the son of sir Philip Courtenay, knight, in tail male; remainder to William Boneville, son and heir of sir William Bonville, knight, in tail male; remainder to Thomas Courtenay, earl of Devon, in tail male; remainder to Humfrid Bevile, in tail male; remainder to John Fortescue, serjeant at law, in tail male; remainder to John Copleston, in tail male; remainder to John Whitelegh, in tail male; remainder to sir Nicholas Carewe, knight, in tail male; with the ultimate remainder in fee, to King Henry VI. and his heirs, kings of England. Dated Exeter, September 4, anno Henrici VI. decimo septimo. The serjeant Fortescue, here mentioned, became Lord Chief Justice and Chancellor of England, and was author of the learned treatise, "De Laudibus Legum Angliæ."

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salvis infra dicendis, moraturus in quadam capella ibidem, dicte domus parcella, quam vulgariter eciam vocari volo *Trinite Chapell;* quam quidem domum ac capellam et omnes mansiones ejusdem domus cum gardino ibidem in co-opertura et clausura dictus capellanus et successores sui ejusdem domus capellani, sumptibus meis dum vixero, et post obitum meum ad custus ipsius et eorum, qui terras et tenementa in carta huic annexa specificata habuerit aut habuerint, reparabunt, manutenebunt, et bene ac competenter de tempore in tempus imperpetuum sustentabunt: Et quod idem capellanus et singuli successores sui a curis, ministrationibus, officiis secularibus, et negociationibus publicis, alienis stipendiis vel salariis, ceterisque causis omnibus et negotiis, tabernisque et locis quibuscumque, unde delinquendi occasio vagandi seu absentie dari, sequi, et oriri poterit, penitus abstineant; et specialiter quod non sint aucipes, venatores, fornicatores, adulteri, nec loca suspecta aliqua accedentes, ut a talibus prorsus segregati, divinis servitiis et officiis sine impedimento melius intendant. Item volo et ordino, quod dictus capellanus, qui pro tempore fuerit, quolibet die dum ipse superstes sit, et bene dispositus, inter horam septimam et horam octavam ante meridiem matutinas de die dicere incipiet in capella predicta, et ibidem eas absque interruptione, cum omnibus horis canonicis, secundum Usum Sarum perficiet distincte et devote; in quo quidem introitu dicte capelle ante inceptionem matutinarum dicet in Anglica voce, quam astantes poterunt audire, "For the good spede, prosperite, and welfare of our liege lord the kyng, and of his trewe counsell, and for al the sowlis of his noble progenitours, and for the good spede, welfare, and prosperite of William Wynard, foundour of this place, and for al his feffees of this place, that beth other shal be at eny tyme hereafter; and for William Wynard is fader sowle, and his moder, and for al his auncetres saules, and for al the sawles of hem that William Wynard is hold to do fore, and for al Cristyn sawles, seyth every man a Pater noster and Ave." Et sic subsequenter absque intervallo incipiet dicere psalmum "De profundis," &c. et hujusmodi psalmo cum Oratione dominica, Salutatione angelica, cum aliis orationibus consuetis et hujusmodi psalmo annexis, per ipsum totaliter dicto, incipiet matutinas et de die vel de Sancta Trinitate, vel de beata Maria Virgine, vel de aliis sanctis,ut inferius dicetur magis plene et simili modo. Idem capellanus ante inceptionem misse et vesperas quolibet die in introitu capelle dicet dicta verba in Anglicis cum psalmo de "De profundis" prout superius continetur; ac in fine matutinarum, misse, et vesperarum, ante recessum suum a capella predicta psalmum de "De profundis" dicere non omittet. Item ordino per presentes, quod dictus capellanus, qui pro tempore fuerit, postquam matutinas et omnes alias horas canonicas in dicta capella dixerit, absque intervallo ad missam ibidem dicendam se properabit, qui per se, vel per alium, tam ad matutinas, quam ad missam, ac ad vesperas in dicta capella ad horam secundam post meridiem dicendas pulsabit; et quod idem capellanus qualibet die lune, nisi festum magis duplex in illo die evenerit, missam de Sanctis Dei Angelis; ac singulis secundis, quartis, et sextis feriis per totum annum, servicium mortuorum, videlicet, "Placebo," et "Dirige" ac comendacionem pro remedio salute progenitorum dicti domini regis, parentum et benefactorum dicti Willielmi Wynard, ac eciam anime dicti nunc domini regis, cum ab hac luce migraverit, ac eciam anime ipsius Willielmi cum ipse ab hac luce migraverit, necnon animarum omnium fidelium defunctorum, et specialiter animarum in penis purgatorii existentium paucissimos amicos habentium, nisi in aliqua feriarum predictarum festum magis duplex contigerit; tunc in ipso festo hujusmodi servitium mortuorum a dicendo et commendacionem ob festi reverentiam, nisi hoc gratis facere voluerit, excusetur: quo quidem servicio et commendatione ob festi reverentiam, ut prefertur, cessante, tunc in crastino festi predicti servicium mortuorum et commendationem hujusmodi una cum septem Psalmis de Sancta Trinitate qui incipiunt "Laudate pueri Dominum" et terminantur "Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum" dicere teneatur. Insuper statuo et ordino quod quilibet capellanus predictus, qui pro tempore fuerit, de aliquo crimine notabili absque fraude et malo ingenio de rei veritate secundum legis exigentiam, legitimis probationibus precedentibus, fuerit convictus, et iterum in idem crimen ceciderit, seu aliquod aliud crimen notabile commiserit pro quo ipse infamis efficeretur, seu honestas presbiteralis graviter ledatur, secundo crimine, ut prefertur, probato, idem capellanus ipso facto de dictis servitiis et officiis sit privatus; et quod alter capellanus ydoneus in loco suo, per illum qui in et de dictis terris et tenementis virtute dicte carte huic ordinationi annexe fuerit ad tunc seisitus, ad dicta officia et servitia divina, ut prefertur, faciendum eligatur, et absque affectione carnali prout inferius dicetur, debite admittatur. Eciam ordino quod quilibet capellanus, qui ad dicta officia et servicia divina, ut prefertur, faciendum sit electus, antequam ad hoc admittatur, suum corporale prestabit juramentum, quod ipse pro parte sua omnes articulos in ordinatione mea ipsum capellanum tangentes in omnibus observabit, et inconcusse faciet observari, ac libros, vestimenta et omnia alia dicte capelle ornamenta salvo, secure, et honeste, pro tempore suo custodiet, eaque per indenturam inter in et de dictis terris et tenementis virtute dicte carte ad tunc seisitum et ipsum capellanum conficiendam, recipiet; et sic idem capellanus ante recessum suum ab officio suo predicto, in et de dictis terris et tenementis ad tunc virtute dicte carte seisito, omnia bona predicta absque pejoracione et diminutione, in quantum fieri potest, vetustate et eorum usu exceptis, fideliter redeliberabit, ac pacem inter dictos pauperes conservabit, et pro posse suo discordiam inter eos, si que fuerit, absque aliqua partialitate debite reformabit, aut aliter in et de dictis terris et tenementis ad tunc ut prefertur seisitum, pro pace inde reformando de toto facto et omnibus circumstantiis idem factum tangentibus integre informabit. Decerno eciam et ordino per presentes, quod quilibet capellanus dicte capelle, qui pro tempore fuerit, si ad aliquod aliud beneficium sit promotus, vel aliter a dicto officio et servicio recedere voluerit, in et de dictis terris et tenementis ad tunc virtute dictis carte huic ordinatione annexe seisito, per sex menses anni ad minus ante suum recessum inde prenunciationem faciet; ita quod idem adtunc in et de dictis terris et tenementis ut prefertur seisitus, pro alio capellano ydoneo ad dicta divina servicia et officia faciendum, ut prefertur, premonitus, poterit ordinari: Et quod idem capellanus una vel bina vice in anno, ex causa racionabili, videlicet, ad visitandum parentes, consanguineos, vel amicos suos, vel ex causa salubris peregrinacionis, et necessarie recreationis, se in toto per tres septimanas et tres dies ad maximum a dicta domo absentare sit licentiatus: Et quod idem capellanus per sex dies ante recessum suum de omnibus per ipsum receptis, et de omnibus que per ipsum recipi debuissent in et de dictis terris et tenementis adtunc, ut prefertur, seisito, super sacramentum suum in eo casu prestitum, reddet compotum fidelem: Ac quod idem capellanus pro tempore absentie sue predicte quatenus commode fieri possit, dicat omnia servicia sua predicta in loco et locis, quo et quibus hujusmodi capellanum contigerit adesse. Insuper decernens statuo, quod quilibet capellanus, qui ad premissa divina servicia et officia, ut prefertur, sit admittendus, quod idem capellanus die quo ipse ad premissa facienda sit admissus, vel in crastino ejusdem diei, per indenturam inter ipsum capellanum et in et de dictis terris et tenementis, ut prefertur, seisitum conficiendam, recipiet libras, calicem, et alia bona ad dictam capellam et domum spectancia cum clausula in eadem indentura contenta, videlicet, quod idem capellanus, quandocunque requisitus fuerit, per in et de dictis terris et tenementis, ut prefertur, seisitum, omnia predicta bona sibi monstrabit, et ea, ut supra et inferius dicetur, redeliberabit, absque hoc, quod idem capellanus dicta bona, seu aliquam parcellam inde, alienabit, elongabit, impignorabitur, aut ullo modo onerabit seu pejorabit, vetustate et rationabili usu inde habitis solomodo exceptis. Ac pro eo quod alibi scribitur "qui non laborat, non manducet" et e contra "qui altari deservit, altari vivere debet," hinc est, quod ego Willielmus Wynard antedictus volo et statuo in hiis scriptis, quod dictus capellanus qui sic, ut prefertur, divina servicia et officia in dicta capella sit facturus et celebraturus, de redditibus, exitibus, et proficuis de dictis terris et tenementis in dicta carta huic donationi annexa, per manus de et in eisdem terris et tenementis seisiti, octo marcas legalis monete Anglie ad quatuor anni terminos

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principales annuatim percipiet equis portionibus. Inde insuper panem, vinum, et luminare sufficientia ad dicta servicia et officia divina faciendum prout oportunum fuerit ad custus ipsius capellani qui pro tempore fuerit inveniendum. Pro eo eciam quod "multam maliciam docuit ociositas" et verisimile est, quod mala quampluries docebit infinita, ac pro eo quod virtutes virtutibus augentur, volo, statuo et ordino per presentes, quod dictus capellanus, qui pro tempore fuerit, tres pueros ad minus, quatuor, quinque, sex, septem, octo et novem ad maximum, ad custus et expensas parentum et amicorum suorum in omnibus sustentandos a principio Alphabeti, quousque magnum Psalterium Sancti David legere dinoscantur, in capella predicta indies, inter dicta divina servitia, prout decet et tempus exigerit ac prout ei racionabiliter vocare poterit, faciet erudire. Insuper volo et ordino, quod quilibet capellanus predictus, qui pro tempore fuerit, dicet inter cetera istam colectam, videlicet, "Domine Jesu Christe, fili Dei vivi, sicut tu vis et sicut tu scis, miserere Willielmi creature tue, istius loci fundatoris, et da ei spem firmam, fidem rectam, et caritatem perfectam, ac concede sibi finem bonum, quod est super omne donum, Amen." Et quod ista oracio que sequitur pro salute anime mee per dictum capellanum dicenda post primam oracionem semper dicatur, ita quod hujusmodi oraciones finiantur sub uno "Per Dominum," cum secreto et post communione, prout subsequenter patebunt: "Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, conservator animarum salvandarum, qui quos diligis corripis, et quos corripis pie ad emendacionem coherces, te invocamus Domine, ut medelam conferre digneris anime famuli tui Willielmi, ut in hora exitus illius a corpore, absque peccati macula, per manus sanctorum angelorum tuorum ante conspectum glorie tue representari mereatur. Per Dominum nostrum," &c. Et "Adesto Domine, quesumus, pro tua pietate supplicationibus nostris, et suscipe hostiam quam tibi offerimus pro famulo tuo Willielmo, salutem non corporis, set anime sue, petente; presta quesumus ei indulgenciam omnium iniquitatum suarum, ut per hoc quod tibi offerimus sacrificium, a sanctis angelis tuis anima ejus suscepta, ad tue glorie regnum pervenire mereatur. Per Dominum nostrum," &c. "Gratias tibi agimus Domine, refecti salutaribus sacramentis, quibus animas in te sperantium satiare consuevisti, et confisi de pietate tua supplici devocione precamur, ut miserere digneris anime famuli tui Willielmi, ne prevaleat adversus eam inimicus in hora exitus illius de corpore, set transitum habere mereatur ad vitam. Per Dominum nostrum," &c. Item statuo et ordino, quod dicti duodecim pauperes per eum, qui in et de dictis terris et tenementis virtute dicte carte fuerit seisitus, erunt libere eligendi, et ad et in dictam domum admittendi, et sic admissi nunquam sine causa racionabili inde amovendi; et quod iidem duodecim pauperes sint infra dictam domum in locis sibi assignatis continue residentes, videlicet, quod quilibet ipsorum sit per se aisiamentum habens et habiturus infra et extra magnam portam in curtilagio et gardino dicte domus pro eorum recreatione continue commoraturus, et quod nullus eorum sic per dictam civitatem, nisi ad ecclesiam cathedralem Sancti Petri, et ad ecclesiam Fratrum minorum, ac crucem de Southing-heyes, nisi ex causa racionabili sit vagans seu transiens ullo modo. Et quod omnes dicti pauperes ad eorum posse sint in dicta capella omnia dicta divina servicia audientes, ac quolibet die ante horam undecimam in dicta capella semel et post prandium bis unum Psalterium ad minus de beatissima virgine Dei genitrice Maria seperatim ibidem dicent humiliter et devote. Et quod quilibet eorum literatus ultra dicta tria Psalteria dicet in eadem capella cotidie matutinas, horas, vesperas et completorium de dicta genitrice Virgine Maria; et si aliquis eorum sit in tantum literatus quod scit legere Psalterium quod incipit "Beatus vir" quod ille pauper sic literatus quolibet die ad minus unum nocturnum dicti Psalterii dicet ibidem distincte et devote; ita quod in una septimana unum Psalterium integrum sic dicendo poterit consummare. Et quod quilibet pauperum qui potens fuerit ad laborandum, quolibet die ad ecclesiam Fratrum minorum extra portam australem dicte civitatis Exonie accedere, missamque ibidem vocatam "Wynardis Masse" ad altare inibi ordinatam circiter decimam horam ante meridiem dicendam audire teneatur, qua missa finita ad domum de Godes hous predictam absque specie mali inter loca predicta in egressu vel regressu quomodolibet facienda rediet ille pauper. Volo eciam et ordino per presentes, quod nullus pauperum predictorum infra dictam civitatem vel extra mendicabit, set si aliquis pietate motus aliquam elemosinam in denariis aut in rebus aliis eorum alicui dederit, quod quilibet denarius et cujuslibet rei valor sic eorum alicui datus in commune proficuum dictorum pauperum integre convertantur in communem pixidem juxta magnam portam dicte domus existentem imponendi et secure custodiendi, cujus quidem pixidis una clavis penes dictum capellanum, et altera clavis penes unum de dictis pauperibus magis honestiorem pro dictis denariis custodiendis et inter eosdem pauperes distribuendis secure remanebunt; proviso semper quod si affinis, consanguineus aut aliquis specialis amicus alicujus dictorum pauperum, aliquid in denariis seu in aliis bonis eorum alicui ea de causa dare vel conferre voluerit, quod tale donum inter dictos pauperes, nisi ad voluntatem ejus, cui dicta bona conferuntur, nullatenus dividatur, sed in usus ipsius proprios, cui sic datur, absque reclamacione alterius insolidum convertatur. Ulterius quoque volo et ordino, ego Willielmus Wynard antedictus, quod dictus capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit, pro quolibet die quo ipse de dictis serviciis et officiis divinis in dicta capella ut prefertur faciendis ex sua lata negligencia seu ex malicia precogitata se subdole retraxerit, de suo salario sive stipendia annuatim sibi ut prefertur solvendo quatuor denarios ad minus, vel magis, ad libitum dicta terras et tenementa in dicta carta contenta ut prefertur tenentis, perdet absque pardonacione aliqua inde quovis modo facienda. Et quod quilibet pauper dictorum duodecim pauperum potens in corpore ad veniendum ad dictas capellam et ecclesiam Fratrum minorum ad divina servicia ibidem audiendum, prout superius ordinatur, non venerit, pro quolibet die, quo ipse de dictis locis se absentaverit, amittet denarium pro victu illius diei sibi ut prefertur assignatum. Et quoad donum et concessionem cujusdam annualis redditus quadraginta librarum per Philippum Courtenay, Willielmum Bonevile, milites, et alios, Johanni Coteler majori civitatis Exonie et aliis personis nuper factam habendum levandum et percipiendum secundum ordinationem meam, prout in scriptis ipsorum Philippi, Willielmi, et aliorum inde tripartite indentatis, plenius continetur, ordino et statuo per presentes, videlicet, quod quidem ego Willielmus Wynard et omnes heredes mei de corpore meo exeuntes, et omnes alii qui in terris et tenementis, unde dictus annualis redditus foret levabilis ad usum inventionis et sustentationis unius capellani et duodecim pauperum in domo vocata Godeshous extra portam australem dicte civitatis, statum habent aut sunt in futurum habituri seu habiturus, omnia onera hujusmodi inventionis et sustentationis secundum hanc presentem ordinationem meam adimplevero et adimpleverint, quod dictus annualis redditus nullo tempore futuro sit levabilis, set quotiens et quandocunque ego dictus Willielmus Wynard aut aliquis alius in dictis terris et tenementis statum aliquem ad inventionem et sustentationem predictas habiturus, in inveniendo seu sustentando dictos capellanum et pauperes secundum dictam ordinationem meam defecero aut defecerit, vel hujusmodi onera ut prefertur non adimplevero vel non adimpleverint, quod tunc et extunc dictus annualis redditus ad inveniendum et sustentandum dictos capellanum et pauperes, prout in hac ordinatione mea continebitur, sit et erit levabilis quousque omnes defectus in ea parte reperti integre fuerint emendati; quo defectu, seu quibus defectibus in omnibus emendato et emendatis, quod extunc cesset dicti annualis redditus solutio, quousque in inventione et sustentatione predictis alius defectus de novo poterit reperiri; ita quod omnes et singuli in dictis terris et tenementis ad usum dictorum capellani et pauperum modo statum habentes et habituri, plenam potestatem et liberam dispositionem omnium reddituum, exituum, et proficuorum de dictis terris et tenementis provenientibus omni tempore futuro ad usum dictorum capellani et pauperum secundum ordinationem meam predictam absque aliquo onere solutionis dicti annualis redditus imperpetuum habebunt, nisi in inventione et sustentatione predictis defecerint; in quo casu ad corrigendum hujusmodi defectum et defectus dictus annualis redditus in forma superius recitata erit levabilis, et aliter nullo modo.

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Volo insuper et ordino per presentes, quod quandocumque aliquo tempore futuro contigerit dictum majorem et tot de dictis aliis duodecim personis obire, quod tantum sex viri ipsorum remanserint superstites, quod tunc illa sex superstites tam cito quam hoc commode fieri possit per scriptum suum indentatum sufficiens in lege dabunt et concedent dictum annualem redditum quadraginta librarum duobus civibus dicte civitatis, heredibus et assignatis suis, imperpetuum; quiquidem cives per attornamentum adtunc tenentis dictorum terrarum et tenementorum, hujusmodi annui redditus habita seisina, per scriptum suum indentatum sufficiens in lege dabunt et concedent dictum annualem redditum quadraginta librarum adtunc majori civitatis predicte et dictis sex viris superstitibus, et aliis sex viris per ipsos sex superstites nominandis, heredibus et assignatis suis, necnon heredibus et assignatis heredum et assignatorum suorum quociens-cumque nominandorum et faciendorum imperpetuum, ad quatuor anni terminos principales eisdem modo et forma habendum levandum et percipiendum, prout in dictis scriptis tripartite indentatis per dictos Philippum et Willielmum Bonvile et alios dicto nunc majori predicte civitatis et aliis personis, confectis plenius continetur. Et omni tempore futuro, quociens contigerit sex viros tantum de dictis duodecim viris superstites fore et non plures, tociens ipsi sex superstites duobus civibus dicte civitatis heredibus et assignatis suis imperpetuum dictum annualem redditum quadraginta librarum in scriptis indentatis sufficienter in lege factis, dabunt et concedent. Ac tociens eciam iidem duo cives de dicto redditu per attornamentum dictorum terrarum et tenementorum tenentis seisiti, eundem annualem redditum per scriptum eorum indentatum sufficienter in lege factum dabunt et concedent ad tunc majori civitatis predicte et dictis sex viris superstitibus, et aliis sex viris per ipsos sex superstites nominandis, heredibus et assignatis suis, necnon heredibus et assignatis heredum et assignatorum suorum, quocienscumque nominandorum et faciendorum imperpetuum, habendum levandum et percipiendum ad corrigendum defectum et defectus tenentium dictorum terrarum et tenementorum et dictum redditum per ipsos sicut prefertur receptum convertere in usum dictorum capellani et pauperum pro eorum inventione et sustentatione habendis secundum hanc ordinationem meam, prout dictorum terrarum et tenementorum tenentes inde facerent seu facere deberent, solutione hujusmodi annui redditus modo et forma superius limitatis cessante et mansura. Insuper quoque ego Willielmus Wynard ordino per presentes, quod omnes et singuli de et in dictis terris et tenementis statum habituri, tociens duobus civibus dicte civitatis heredibus et assignatis suis, necnon majori et duodecim viris heredibus et assignatis suis, attornabunt, quociens ex dono et concessione aliquibus ut prefertur faciendis aliquem statum de dicto annuali redditu dictis civibus majori et duodecim viris heredibus et assignatis suis fieri contigerit in futurum. Ac eciam volo et ordino per presentes quod major dicte civitatis qui pro tempore fuerit, et dicti duodecim viri in dicto annuali redditu statum habentes et habituri, si interesse possint, bis per annum, videlicet, infra octavas pasche et Sancti Michaelis archangeli, dictam domum de Godeshous in propriis personis suis visitabunt; querelas dictorum capellani et pauperum audient, ac remedium inde ad eorum posse apponant, aut fieri procurabunt; qui ante recessum suum ad custus capellani ibidem qui pro tempore fuerit unam lagenam vini et unam lagenam cervisie, si voluerint, in qualibet visitatione ibidem potabunt, et de dicto capellano qualibet vice visitationis predicte major dicte civitatis, qui pro tempore fuerit, viginti denarios, quilibet senescallus ejusdem civitatis quatuor denarios, et quilibet serviens civitatis predicte, qui pro tempore fuerit, unum denarium recipiet tunc ibidem. Acceiam volo et ordino, quod quilibet dictorum pauperum annuatim imperpetuum pro qualibet die dominica, de redditibus, exitibus et proficuis de dictis terris et tenementis provenientibus, recipiet unum denarium ultra dictos septem denarios sibi pro qualibet septimana, ut prefertur assignatos: Et quod medietas omnium denariorum de redditibus, exitibus, et proficuis omnium dictorum terrarum et tenementorum cum pertinentiis, omni tempore futuro provenientium, ultra inventionem et sustentationem dictorum capellani et pauperum remanentium, cuilibet tenenti eorundem terrarum et tenementorum, qui ordinationem meam inde adimpleverit seu adimpleri fecerit, reservetur; et quod alia medietas inde ad usum dicte domus de Godeshous, pro placitis evitandis et juribus dictorum terrarum et tenementorum conservandis, in una pixide per me Willielmum Wynard ordinata imponatur secure custodienda, unde una clavis penes majorem dicte civitatis, altera clavis penes decanum dicte ecclesie qui pro tempore fuerit, et tertia clavis penes me dum vixero, et post obitum meum penes dictorum terrarum et tenementorum tenentem, qui pro tempore fuerit, ad Dei laudem imperpetuum remanebunt. Et presens ordinatio quoad dictum annualem redditum quadraginta librarum in dictis scriptis meis contentum, et totum id quod subsequitur in eisdem, facta fuit primo die Julii, anno regni regis Henrici sexti post conquestum Anglie quintodecimo. Insuper volo et ordino per presentes, quod quilibet dictorum terrarum et tenementorum tenens, qui pro tempore fuerit, annuatim solvet seu solvi faciet dicto capellano, qui pro tempore fuerit, octo solidos et octo denarios pro expensis suis, quas ipse per annum integrum in visitatione predicta faciet ut prefertur.

S. KATHARINE'S ALMSHOUSE.

Adjoining S. Katharine's Gate, but out of the close, is the almshouse founded by John Stevens, M.D., canon residentiary of S. Peter's cathedral, for thirteen poor persons. It is dedicated to S. Katharine, and is under the direction of the dean and chapter. The will of the founder was unknown to bishop Tanner, the author of the Notitia Monastica, but may be seen in bishop Nevyll's register, fol. 124. It is dated February 3, 1457, and was proved February 27, 1460. After paying his debts, the executors are directed to dispose of his remaining property to charitable uses, and especially to the better support of his foundation; and he invites his Christian brethren to contribute towards the maintenance of this benevolent institution "in usibus pauperum, maxime in sustentationem messuagii quod situm est extra portam clausi versus Fratres ordinis predicatorum Exon. Et qui aliquo futuro tempore re vel verbo auxiliati fuerint ut dictum messuagium, et loca infra idem messuagium disposita pro hospitacione pauperum, perpetuo maneant in eundem usum seu in alimentationem pauperum hospitandorum ibidem, quicquam contulerint det Deus de sua immensa pietate, ut ipsi hospitationem et alimentationem habeant in sacra, que sursum est, celesti Jerusalem in perpetuas eternitatis." We have met with several bequests to the poor "in domo eleemosynaria magistri Johannis Stevens." In its chapel, Thomas, the bishop of Solubria, suffragan of bishop Oldam, held a considerable ordination December 6, 1516, "in capella Sancte Catharine infra domum elemosinariam juxta clausum ecclesie cathedralis Exon."

PALMER'S ALMSHOUSE.

The founder, John Palmer, was a baker, who in his life-time, viz., in 1479, erected four houses for as many poor widows. His will, made October 26, 1487, was proved on the 18th of the ensuing month of the same year. He desires to be buried in the church of the Holy Trinity, and charges his estate in Magdalene Street with the payment of 13*s.* 4*d.* yearly for the maintenance of his obit in the said church. To each of the poor in his almshouse he leaves a mattress, a pair of sheets, and a bed coverlet. To his executors, John Symons of Heavitree and John Coke, he gives 20*s.* to each "pro labore suo." The annual proceeds of the property are still faithfully administered to the objects of the founder's charity. The house is in Magdalene street, Trinity parish.

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MOORE'S ALMSHOUSE ON THE BRIDGE.

The license of the mayor and chamber to John Moore, esq. (who filled the civic chair of Exeter in 1513,) and to his friend Bartholomew Fortescue for the foundation of an almshouse for three indigent persons on the Exeter bridge, bears date March 16, 1519.

Adjoining it, and opposite S. Edmund's church, was an ancient chapel of our Lady, "cantaria beate Marie Virginis," as it is called in a deed bearing date July 8, 1380. Over it was a chamber for the priest, who had a pension of 50*s.* per annum for officiating in it thrice during the week. When the chapel was pulled down in July 1833, the skeleton of a tall man, supposed to be the founder, Walter Gervis, was found about eighteen inches below the floor, with the feet against the entrance, and the body across. It is, however, certain, that he desired to be buried in the cathedral close.

S. ANNE'S ALMSHOUSE.

S. Anne's chapel, at the head of S. Sidwell's, is described, November 2, 1418, as "de novo constructa." (Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 244.) It occurs again in the Act of Parliament respecting S. Sidwell's fee in 1437. But no almshouse was attached to it until George and Oliver Manwaring founded one in the beginning of queen Elizabeth's reign.

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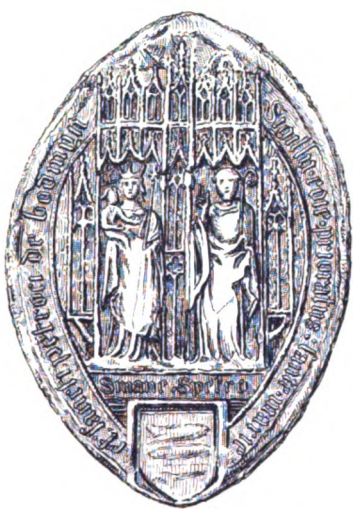

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Supplement,

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A.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUMENTS RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MONASTERIES.

S. German's Priory.

Computus ministrorum domini regis *.

(Abstract of roll, 31 Hen. VIII. Augmentation Office.)

Sancti Germani Prioratus.

Comitatu Cornubie.	£	s.	d.
Sancti Germani—firma scitus cum terris dominicalibus	6	15	11
Lanrake manerium—redditus liberorum tenencium	8	2	3¾
Lanrake villa—redditus liberorum tenencium	1	11	6
Redditus convencionariorum tenencium	51	11	–½
Parochia Sancti Germani—redditus convencionariorum tenencium	28	17	7
Hestynford—redditus liberorum tenencium	–	8	7
Lambesc et Quetheyke—redditus convencionariorum tenencium	5	16	8
Ekkyswill, Thupath, Combe in parochia de Trevenna, Liskerde, Frogwill in parochia de Kyllyngton, et Southpetherwyn—redditus terrarum et tenementorum	2	6	8
Perquisita curie cum proficuis nundinarum	4	5	9
Tynyell—redditus liberorum tenencium	1	–	6
Redditus tam convencionariorum tenencium quam custumariorum	20	11	10½
Perquisita curie	–	9	8
Germani burgus—redditus liberorum tenencium	–	7	1
Redditus custumariorum tenencium	11	6	2½
Perquisita curie	–	14	4
Rectoria de Sancto Germano—firma	76	6	8
Rectoria de Southpetherwyn—firma decime garbarum	18	–	–
Landylpe—porcio decime garbarum	–	10	–
Southpederwyn ecclesia—pencio	–	13	4
Sancte Marie Magdalene ecclesia—pencio	–	13	4
Lanrake rectoria—porcio decime garbarum	20	–	–
Cuttyngwyke, Cortyngdowne, Tolland et berton de Lanrake—decime garbarum	2	13	4
Morwall rectoria—firma decime garbarum	10	–	–
Gunvell in Launceclyff	10	–	–
Treworke infra parochiam predictam	–	6	8

* The valor already printed is so general and imperfect, that it has been thought desirable to reprint the abstract of the computus.

Collegiate Church of S. Burian or Berian.

Num. I.

Pensio ex ecclesiâ S. Berianæ monachis de S. Matheo concessis.

(Rot. cart. 15 Joh. vid. fol. 196.)

Johannes Dei gracia etc. Omnibus etc. Sciatis nos intuitu Dei concessisse et quantum ad nos pertinet dedisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse monachis de Sancto Mattheo de Finibus-terrarum in Britannia ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris centum solidos, quos dominus Wintoniensis episcopus eis de mandato nostro assignavit in ecclesia Sancte Beriane in Cornubia que ad nostram spectat donacionem, percipiendos singulis annis nomine beneficii in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam. Teste me ipso apud Mausy.

Num. II.

Regia presentatio ad ecclesiam S. Berianæ.

(Rot. Litt. claus. 5 Hen. III.)

Pro Willielmo de Sancto Albino ut admittatur ad ecclesiam Sancte Beriane.

Dominus rex rogavit episcopum Exoniensem, quod magistrum Willielmum de Sancto Albino ad ecclesiam Sancte Beriane, quam dominus legatus Pandulfus ei contulit, nomine domini regis admittat et in plenam et corporalem possessionem inducat, et ipsum et suos pacifica possessione gaudere faciat.

Idem rogatum est fieri ab archidiacono Cornubie ad mandatum domini legati et Exoniensis episcopi.

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Bodmin Priory.

Num. I.

Terra Sancti Petrochi in Cornugalliâ.

(Exon Domesday, fol. 183.)

Sanctus Petrocus habet i mansionem que vocatur Bodmine*, quam tenuit idem sanctus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea est i hida terre que nullo tempore reddidit gildum. Hanc possunt arare iiii carruce. In ea terra sunt v villani qui habent ii carrucas et vi bordarii et v agri nemusculi et xxx agri pascue, et in eadem mansione habet Sanctus Petrochus lx et viii domos et i mercatum et istud totum insimul valet per annum xxv solidos.

Sancti Petrochi canonici habent i mansionem que vocatur Languihenoc† quam tenebat ipse sanctus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et nunquam reddidit gildum nisi ad opus ecclesie. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare iiii carruce. Ibi sunt viii villani qui habent ii carrucas et iiii bordarii et xxiiii agri pascue, et valet per annum x solidos.

Sancti Petrochi canonici habent i mansionem que vocatur Rieltona quam tenuit ipse sanctus immunem ab omni servicio ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea sunt vii hide terre. Has possunt arare xxx carruce. De his habent canonici ii hidas in dominio et i carrucam et villani habent v hidas et xi carrucas. Ibi habent canonici xxx villanos et xv bordarios et ii servos et xx oves et lx agros nemoris et ccc agros pascue, et valet per annum iiii libras.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Lancichuc‡ quam tenuit Cadwaladus de Sancto Petroco ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat ab ecclesia separari. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare iiii caruce. Bernerus tenet hanc de Sancto Petrocho. Inde habet Bernerus i virgam in dominio et i carrucam. Ibi sunt vi bordarii et ii servi et vi animalia et quatuor viginti oves et i leuga pascue in longitudine et tantundem in latitudine, et valet per annum x solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Tiuuarthel§ quam tenuit Algarus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat ab ecclesia separari Sancti Petrochi. In ea sunt vii hide. Has possunt arare xx carruce. Modo tenet eam Rotbertus comes de Sancto Petrocho et inde habet Rotbertus comes dimidiam hidam et iiii carrucas in dominio, et villani habent vi hidas et dimidium et x carrucas. Ibi habet comes xv villanos et xvi bordarios et x servos et xx equas indomitas et x animalia et ccl oves et xii agros nemoris et v leugas pascue in longitudine et i in latitudine, et reddit per annum xiiii libras xx denarios minus.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Elhil‖ quam tenebat de Sancto Petrocho i tagnus die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, qui non poterat de sancto separari. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare iii carruce. Modo tenet eam comes de Sancto Petrocho. Inde habet comes i virgam et carrucam et dimidium, et villani aliam terram et carrucam et dimidium. Ibi habet cii villanos et vi bordarios et i servum et i vaccam et lxxv oves et i agrum prati et xx agros pascue, et valet per annum xx solidos, et quando comes accepit valebat xl solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Calestoc quam tenuit i tagnus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, qui non poterat separari ab ecclesia Sancti Petrochi. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare iiii carruce. Modo tenet comes de Sancto Petrocho. Ibi habet comes ii animalia et xxx oves et xii servos et x agros nemoris, et valet per annum iii solidos et quando comes accepit valebat xx solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Cargau quam tenuit quidam tagnus qui non poterat ab ecclesia Sancti Petrochi separari ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea sunt ii hide. Has possunt arare xv carruce. Comes tenet hanc de Sancto Petrocho. Inde habet comes dimidiam hidam in dominio et iii carrucas et villani vi carrucas. Ibi habet comes xii villanos et xxii bordarios et xvi servos et xii equas et vii animalia et vii porcos et lx oves et xii capras et iiii agros nemoris et ii leugas pascue in longitudine et i in latitudine et i molendinum quod reddit per annum xxx denarios, et valet per annum iii libras et quando comes accepit valebat x libras.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Trelloi¶ quam tenuit Godricus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et non poterat a sancto separari. In ea est i hida terre. hanc possunt arare iiii carruce. modo tenet eam comes de Sancto Petrocho. Ibi habet comes i carrucam, et bordarii i carrucam, et viii bordarios et v servos et vii animalia et lxxx oves et xx capras et xv agros pascue, et valet per annum xx solidos et quando comes accepit valebat xl solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Hecglosenuda** quam tenuit Godricus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus et non poterat a Sancto Petrocho separari. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare vi carruce. Hanc tenet comes de Sancto Petrocho. Ibi habet comes et sui villani ii carrucas et ii villanos et viii bordarios et iii servos et iii animalia et xx oves et x capras et xx agros pascue, et valet per annum xv solidos et quando comes accepit valebat tantundem.

Sanctus Petrochus habet unam mansionem que vocatur Elil. quam tenuit Sanctus Petrochus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In eadem ii hide terre. Hanc possunt arare viii carruce. Inde habet sanctus i hidam in dominio et dimidium carruce, et villani habent alteram hidam et iii carrucas et dimidium. Ibi habet sanctus viii villanos et viii bordarios et iiii servos et xx oves et i leugam pascue in longitudine et dimidium in latitudine, et valet per annum xx solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Widie†† quam tenebat idem sanctus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare viii carruce. Inde habet Sanctus Petrochus i virgam in dominio et i carrucam, et villani habent iii virgas et iii carrucas. Ibi habet Sanctus Petrochus viii villanos et xv bordarios et ii servos et xxiiii oves et xii agros nemoris et i leuga pascue in longitudine, tantundem in latitudine; et valet xv solidos per annum et quando comes recepit valebat xxv solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Tretdeno‡‡ quem tenuit idem sanctus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea sunt ii hide terre. Has possunt arare viii carruce. Inde habet Sanctus Petrochus dimidiam hidam in dominio et dimidium carruce, et villani habent hidam et dimidium et iii carrucas. Ibi habet Sanctus Petrochus vii villanos et viii bordarios et ii servos et c agros pascue, et valet per annum xv solidos et quando comes terram recepit valebat xxv solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Botcinnum§§ quam tenuit Eduuy ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat Sancto Petrocho separari. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare vi carruce. Hanc tenet comes de Sancto Petrocho. Ibi habet comes i carrucam, et villani ii boves. Ibi habet comes iii villanos et iii bordarios et i servum et vi animalia et xl oves et xxx agros pascue, et valet per annum xv solidos, et quando comes terram accepit valebat xx solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Tremail‖‖ quam tenuit Eiulfus ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et iste non poterat separari a Sancto Petrocho. Ibi sunt iii virge terre. Has possunt arare v car-

* It appears from a petition in 1315, (1 Rot. Parl. 296,) that the prior was lord of the borough of Bodmin.

† Called Lanwenehoc in the Exchequer Domesday. This can hardly be Landewednack, as Mr. Lysons supposes. It may be Enodoc, written Gwennodocus in some records.

‡ Called Lanchehoc in the Exchequer Domesday. Query, if it be Lanhydroc, where the priory had property?

§ Tywarnhaile.

‖ Uhil in the Exchequer Domesday.

¶ Treloy in S. Columb Minor.

** S. Enoder.

†† Now Withiel.

‡‡ Now Trenow, or Trecknow, in Tintagel.

§§ Botcinnii in the Exchequer Domesday.

‖‖ Tremail in David Stow.

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ruce. Comes tenet hanc de Sancto Petrocho. Ibi habet comes ii carrucas in dominio, et villani habunt i carrucam et ibi habet comes ii villanos et vi bordarios et ii servos et xv animalia et c oves et c agros pascue, et valet per annum xx solidos, et quando comes accepit valebat xxx solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Polroda * quam tenuit i tagnus de Sancto Petrocho ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat a Sancto Petrocho separari. In ea est dimidium hide. Hanc possunt arare iii carruce. Comes tenet hanc de sancto. Ibi habet comes i carrucam et i aliam carrucam. Ibi habet comes iiii villanos et iii bordarios et i servum et iii animalia et xx oves et iiii capras et iii agros nemoris et xvii agros pascue; et valet per annum xv solidos et quando comes accepit xx solidos.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Turgoil quam tenuit Godricus de sancto ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non potuit a sancto separari. In ea est i hida. Hanc possunt arare vi carruce et est de dominicatu Sancti Petrochi. Hanc tenet Ricardus de sancto. Ibi habet Ricardus i carrucam et villani iii carrucas. Ibi habet Ricardus iiii villanos et iiii bordarios et iii servos et v animalia et l oves et iii agros nemusculi et lx agros pascue, et valet per annum xx solidos et quando Ricardus accepit valebat tantundem.

Sanctus Petrochus habet i mansionem que vocatur Fosneuuit † quam tenuit Macos ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat ab ecclesia Sancti Petrochi separari. In ea est i hida terre. Hanc possunt arare viii carruce. Modo tenet eam predictus Macus de Sancto. Ibi habet Macus i carrucam, et villani iii carrucas, et viii villanos et viii bordarios et i servum et xxx agros pascue, et reddit per annum x solidos.

Ecclesie Sancti Petrochi adjacet i hida terre quam abstulerat Sancto Petrocho Haraldus comes injuste ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. Set postea Willielmus rex preceperat judicium inde teneri, et per justiciam ecclesiam Sancti Petrochi resaisiri.

Comes de Moritonio habet i mansionem que vocatur Ecglostudic ‡ que erat Sancti Petrochi ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddebat per consuetudinem xxx denarios in ecclesia Sancti Petrochi.

i mansio ablata est Sancto Petrocho que vocatur Tregona §. Ibi est i virga terre quam tenet Turstinus vicecomes de comite, que reddebat xv denarios Sancto Petrocho ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus.

De ecclesia Sancti Petrochi ablata est i mansio que vocatur Cudifort ‖ quam tenuit Bristricius ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddebat per consuetudinem ecclesie i bovem et vii oves. Hanc tenet rex modo.

De ecclesia Sancti Petrochi ablata est i mansio que vocatur Trefornoc ¶ quam tenebat Eduuit de Sancto Petrocho, et non poterat ab hecclesia separari, ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus. In ea est dimidium hide terre et reddebat Sancto Petrocho xii oves et xv denarios quoquo anno per consuetudinem. Modo tenet hanc Brientius de comite et aufert sancto consuetudinem predictam.

De ecclesia Sancti Petrochi ablata est i virga terre que vocatur Trenhal quam tenuit Eduuit de Sancto Petrocho et non poterat ab sancto separari ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et reddebat per annum vi oves et viii denarios. Modo tenet Alsibriennus de comite.

Sancto Petrocho ablata est i mansio que vocatur Talcarn ** in qua est dimidium hide terre quam tenuit Aluuardus de sancto ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat a sancto separari, et reddebat i bovem per consuetudinem sancto. Modo tenet Alsinus de comite.

Turchillus habet i mansionem quam tenet de comite que vocatur Tremor ††. In ea est dimidia hida terre que reddebat Sancto Petrocho per consuetudinem i bovem et xv denarios et xii oves.

Nigellus tenet i mansionem de comite que vocatur Nantchert ‡‡. In ea est i virga terre que reddidit xv denarios Sancto Petrocho ea die qua rex Edwardus fuit vivus et mortuus, et non poterat ab sancto separari tagnus qui terram tenebat de sancto.

Sancto Petrocho ablata i mansio unius virge terre que vocatur Trincnonet §§ que reddebat sancto per annum xv denarios et v oves ‖‖. Modo tenet hanc Rogerus de comite. Terre Sancti Petrochi nunquam reddiderunt gildum nisi sancto.

[Many of the above manors and lands do not appear in the accounts or surveys of the priory, and for good reasons. Eight of the estates were among the "terræ occupatæ," or lands claimed by the Church, but in the possession of adverse claimants. Of the residue the greater part were merely fiefs held of the Church by Earl Robert, Bernerus, Ricardus, and Maccus. Two of these, at least, namely, Tywarnhaile and Calstock, formerly parcel of the earldom, have since become the property of the duchy of Cornwall.

It is observable, that among the "terræ occupatæ" in Domesday is mentioned Pendavid as being usurped from the king, and held by Boia, clerk of S. Petrock. [Fol. 470.] This is probably the manor called Pendavy or Pendevy, which remained in the possession of the priory till the dissolution. The commissioners who compiled Domesday were impartial in their representation of any supposed aggressions on property. Thus Cudiford is stated to have been taken from the priory by the king, and Pendavy from the king by the earl and held of him by the priory.

Num. II.

Carta regis Henrici tertii, manerium de Newton canonicis de Bodmyn, olim concessum per Eadredum regem, confirmans.

[Cart. 57 H. III. m. 9. Vide Pat. 3. H. VI. p. 1. m. 11.]

Rex archiepiscopis, etc. salutem. Quia accepimus per cartam Eadredi, quondam regis Anglie, quam inspeximus, quod idem rex concessit et confirmavit pro se et successoribus suis in perpetuum dilectis nobis in Christo priori et canonicis de Bodmine manerium de Niwetone cum pertinentiis, in comitatu Devonie, quietum ab omni servitio seculari, exceptis Deo orationibus; et per inquisitionem, quam fieri fecimus, similiter accepimus quod iidem prior et canonici et eorum homines in dicto manerio quieti sint de sectis comitatus Devonie et hundredi nostri de Shefbiri et turnorum vicecomitum per eandem cartam; nos predictam quietantiam cum omnibus aliis libertatibus in carta illa contentis ratam habentes et gratam, eam pro nobis et heredibus nostris concedimus et confirmamus, sicut carta ejusdem regis Eadredi, quam inde habent, rationabiliter testatur. His testibus; Guidone Luzigan, et Willielmo de Valencia, fratribus nostris; Petro de Sabaudia, Johanne Maunsel preposito Beverlaci, Radulfo filio Nicholai, Bertramo de Cryol, Petro Chaceporc, magistro Willielmo de Kilkenni, archidiacono Coventrie, Nicholao de Sancto Mauro, Johanne de Geres, et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium quinto decimo die Martii.

Num. III.

Carta Baldwyni prioris pro Ricardo comite de manerio de Trefnon, etc.

(Ex cartulario comitatus Cornubie ¶¶, fol. 14.)

Omnibus, etc. Baldwynus prior Bodminie et ejusdem loci conventus salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos

* Polrode in the Exchequer record. It is in S. Tudy.
† Fosnewth, in S. Cleer. ‡ S. Tudy.
§ Tregon in the Exchequer record; said by Mr. Lysons to be Tregoney borough; but there are many other more probable places—as Tregonna in Petherick, Tregunna in S. Breoc, &c.
‖ Codiford, in S. Wenn.
¶ Most likely Trewornoc in S. Columb Major.
** Talcarns and Trenhales are too common to admit of easy identification. But the former is probably now parcel of the duchy.
†† Tremhor in the Exchequer record. It is in Lanivet.

‡‡ Nanchert, Exchequer Domesday; called Lancharet in another entry of the same property in Domesday. It seems to be Lancarf, near Bodmin.
§§ Trinnonec, Exchequer Domesday, said to be Treninick in Gorran.
‖‖ This customary render of sheep is probably the origin of the *berbiage* or *barbage* rents, still payable in many manors in the diocese. See the rental of the bishopric in the Supplement, post.—S.
¶¶ This is a collection of charters, &c., antecedent to the escheat

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dedisse, etc. nobili viro Ricardo comiti Pictavie et Cornubie manerium nostrum de Trefnon * cum pertinenciis, videlicet, quantum jacet inter manerium de Trevernoh et manerium de Boscynni in escambium quadraginta solidatus redditus quos idem comes vel attornati sui consueverunt percipere de burgo Bodminie et in escambium bosci de Kingeswode et Kelewytho, habendum, etc. eidem Ricardo et heredibus vel assignatis suis libere, quiete, etc. cum omnibus libertatibus quas in eadem terra habuimus vel habere potuimus, salvis nobis quibusdam decimis quas infra limites ejusdem manerii habere consuevimus. Concessimus etiam eidem comiti duas acras terre cum pertinenciis quas habuimus in Trefelloc, et servicium unius acre quam Rogerus Pentet de nobis tenuit in alia Trefelloc de feodo Tregaradoc, faciendo de eisdem tribus acris Ingeramo de Gray et heredibus suis regale servicium quantum pertinet ad predictas acras. Et ego prior et conventus warantizabimus, etc. Hiis testibus; dominis Andrea de Cardinan, Andrea de Cancellis, Reginaldo de Valle Torta, Henrico Teutonico, Roberto filio Willielmi, Willielmo filio Ricardi, Radulpho de Sor, Nicholas de Halconeria et aliis.

Num. IV.

Placita de quo waranto comitatu Cornubiæ 30 Edw. I. (Printed ed. p. 110.)

Prior de Bodmyn summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere furcas pillorium sok et sak tol et tem visum franci plegii emendam assise panis et cervisie fracte mercatum et feriam in Bodmyn et weyf per totum hundredum de Pudrechire et emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte et placitum vetiti namii in Aldestowe et eciam liberam piscariam per totam aquam de Aleyn et Eyle, etc.

Et prior venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui, a tempore quo non extat memoria, habuerunt predictas libertates et eis usi fuerunt hucusque absque aliqua interupcione etc. Et de hoc ponit se super patriam et Johannes de Mutford. . . . . [hiatus.]

Juratores dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus prior et omnes predecessores sui a tempore quo non extat memoria habuerunt predictas libertates et eis hucusque usi sunt sine interupcione, etc. Ideo predictus prior inde sine die, etc. Salvo, etc.

Et Johannes de Mutford qui sequitur pro rege dicit quod istum placitum est quoddam annexum corone domini regis et originem capit infra memoriam et non tempore quo extat memoria, etc. Et dicit quod predictus prior non habet retornum brevium domini regis. Et petit judicium.

Ibid. 9 Edw. I. incipiente decimo. (p. 165.)

Prior de Bodmyne summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quod faciat sectam ad hundredum domini regis de Schacbere quam ad illud facere debet. etc.

Et prior venit et dicit quod dominus Henricus rex pater domini regis nunc concessit quod ipse et omnes antecessores sui quieti sint de sectis shirarum et hundredorum et profert cartam predicti domini regis que hoc testatur. Ideo predictus prior quoad hoc sine die, etc. Rot. 34. d.

Ibid. p. 166.

Prior de Bodmine summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino regi de placito quo waranto clamat habere visum franci plegii furcas emendas assise panis et cervisie fracte in Nywenton sine licencia, etc.

Et prior per attornatum suum venit et dicit quod ipse et omnes predecessores sui, priores de Bodmine, a tempore a quo non extat memoria usi sunt predictis libertatibus ut de jure ecclesie sue Sancti Petroci.

Et Willielmus de Giselham qui sequitur, etc. dicit quod predicta villa de Nywenton ubi predictus prior habet predictas libertates est infra hundredum domini regis de Senebyr [Shebbear] ubi nulli liceat hujusmodi libertates optinere sine speciali waranto de domino rege, nec idem prior aliquod inde extendit warantum de domino rege, petit judicium. Dies datus est ei a die Pasche in unum mensem coram domino rege ubicumque, etc. de audiendo judicio suo, etc. Rot. 35.

Franciscan Convent, Bodmin.

The following superiors have been omitted in the former part of this work:—

Adam de Treklad is mentioned by bishop Grandisson as being guardian October 26, 1328. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 78.)

Roger Rosemelian occurs guardian, February 17, 1389. (Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 203.)

Launceston.

Num. I.

Compositio inter Edmundum comitem Cornubiæ et prioratum de Lancevaton de juribus mutuis in Lancevaton, Niweport, Karnedon et Clymeslaunde.

(E cartulario com. Cornubiæ supradicto, fol. 14, b.)

Pateat universis quod cum quedam contentiones orte essent inter nobilem virum dominum Edmundum ex parte una et religiosos viros priorem et conventum Lancevaton ex altera super quibusdam juribus etc. in comitatu Cornubie, tandem, inspirante pacis auctore, dissencio, etc. conquievit in hac forma, videlicet, quod dictus dominus comes pro salute anime sue et domini Edwardi regis Anglie filii regis Henrici et pro animabus predicti domini Ricardi patris sui et Senchie matris sue, etc. concessit pro se et heredibus suis quod homines predictorum prioris et conventus de Lancevaton et de la Niweport possint braciare et furniare in predictis villis pro voluntate sua sine impedimento, et vendere et emere panem, vinum, cerevisiam, carnes, pisces, et omnia alia victui necessaria tam equis quam hominibus imperpetuum absque mercato vel thelonio habendo, salvis tamen eisdem priori et conventui, etc. nundinis suis et libertatibus suis omnibus ad ipsas nundinas spectantibus prout prius habere consueverunt: Ita quod unus ballivus ex hominibus prioris et conventus eligatur qui domino comiti sacramento sit astrictus, qui quidem ballivus emendas panis et cerevisie in villa predicta, cum assisa fracta fuerit, fideliter et sine fraude colligat, et de medietate earundem predicto comiti vel suo attornato ad festum Sancti Michaelis respondet annuatim; nec licebit eisdem priori et conventui aut eorum ballivo aliquid de predictis emendis relaxare vel condonare in dampnum vel prejudicium predicti comitis vel heredum sine assensu seneschalli Cornubie qui pro tempore fuerit. Concessit etiam eisdem canonicis et eorum successoribus pro se et heredibus suis quod habeant et teneant totam terram suam de Karnedon integre et pacifice sicut antiquitus tenere solebant et sicut carta domini Reginaldi comitis Cornubie testatur per metas in eadem carta contentas, salvo tamen jure cujuslibet alterius: Ita quod tenentes dicti domini comitis de Rillaton habeant ad focum suum proprium estoverium suum, et ad animalia sua propria pascenda pasturam sufficientem, nihil inde dando aut vendendo. Concessit etiam eisdem canonicis et eorum successoribus pro se et heredibus suis viginti solidos annui redditus de dono suo qui sibi antea reddi solebantur de predicta mora de Carnedon. Concessit etiam eisdem canonicis, etc. quod quieti sint de secta de Clymeslaunde et de Carnedon imperpetuum. Has vero donationes, etc. concessit eisdem canonicis habendas de se et heredibus

of the earldom in the reign of Edward I., compiled, as it should seem, for the use of the king's officers after that event and before the creation of the duchy. It is at present at the Rolls house.—S.

* This Trefnou, or Trefnou, seems to be Trenow in Tintagel, in which the priory had a portion of tithes until the dissolution. It is called Tetdeno in Domesday, ante, Num. I. — S.

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suis in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam, etc. In cujus rei testimonium presente scripto in modum cirographi confecto sigilla sua alternatim sunt appensa. Hiis testibus: Henrico de Schotebrock, Petro Betard, Willielmo le Allemaund, Olivero de Dyneham, Willielmo de Botreaus, Thoma de Cancia, militibus, Rogero di Drayton, Willielmo de Monketon, tunc seneschallo Cornubie, magistro Hamundo Parleben, clericis, et aliis. Dat. apud Exon octavo kalend. Junii anno regni regis Edwardi duodecimo.

Num. II.

De cantariâ fundandâ Willielmi Bauceyn.

(Penes decanum et capitulum ecclesie cathedralis Exonie.)

Pateat universis per presentes quod cum nos frater Rogerus Dei gracia prior Lanceneton et ejusdem loci conventus de unanimi nostro consensu et assensu pro nobis et successoribus nostris unam cantariam magistro Willielmo Bauceyn, per unum canonicum nostrum presbiterum pro anima dicti Willielmi et animabus patris et matris ejusdem aliorumque amicorum suorum ac pro salubri statu reverendi patris ac domini domini Walteri Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi ac fratris Rogeri prioris predicti et pro animabus eorundem, cum de eis humanitus contingat, et successorum suorum in ecclesia nostra conventuali perpetuo celebrandam ac bonorum participacionem qui in domo nostra fiunt vel fient imperpetuum concesserimus, prout per literas nostras super hiis confectas sigillo nostro communi dicti prioris consignatas plenius liquere poterit intuenti, dilectum nobis in Christo magistrum Bartholomeum de Castro, clericum, ad hujusmodi literas venerabilibus viris dominis decano et capitulo Exoniensi nomine nostro presentandas, nec non ad consensum et assensum eorundem ad eaque in literis nostris predictis continentur petendum et ad eisdem literis sigilla dictorum decani et capituli apponenda procurandum et rogandum ac eciam ad omnia alia et singula facienda sine quibus dictum negocium expediri nequibit cum effectu, eciam si mandatum in se exigant speciale, nostrum verum et legitimum facimus et constituimus procuratorem, ratum et gratum habituri quicquid dictus procurator in premissis et circa premissa duxerit faciendum. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus literis sigillum nostrum commune est appensum. Datum Lanceneton die sabati in crastino translacionis Sancti Thome martyris [July 8] anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo duodecimo.

[The common conventual seal of Launceston is attached.]

Num. III.

Cantaria magistri Willielmi Bauceyn in ecclesiâ de Launston.

(Penes eosdem.)

Universis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presentes litere pervenerint Rogerus, Dei gratia prior Lanceneton, et ejusdem loci conventus salutem, et celestium plenitudinem gaudiorum. Quia humane condicionis fragilitas ex prime contagionis vicio maculam trahens miserabiliter indies labitur in peccatum sancta et salubris devotio et intencio fugiter prosequenda que viventibus agit ad meritum et prestat medelam resolutis, ob quod magistri Willielmi Bauceyn affectionem in Domino piam attendentes, qui vestigia sequens sapientis sic igitur provideri studet et nititur in presenti ut cum a dextris Christi collocatis locum recipiat in futuro cum beatis ipsam merito prout decet devocionem sibi tam salubrem ac Deo acceptabilem in Christiane religionis visceribus commendamus. Cum igitur dictus Willielmus tam pro se quam pro amicis suis vivis ac defunctis per nos priorem et conventum predictos successoresque nostros in ecclesia nostra predicta Lanceneton unam cantariam per unum canonicum nostrum presbiterum divina perpetuo celebrantem habere desiderat, ac meritorium et acceptabile sit apud Deum tam pio operi et devocionem manum imponere adjutricem, nos, prior et conventus predicti, grata merita et utilia obsequia que dictus Willielmus nobis et monasterio nostro actenus impendit attendentes, de unanimi consensu et voluntate pro nobis et successoribus nostris ad ipsius magistri Willielmi instanciam et propositum salubre complendum, damus et concedimus per presentes unam cantariam per unum fratrem nostrum canonicum presbiterum singulis diebus imperpetuum faciendam, scilicet, dicendo unam missam ad altare beate Marie Virginis statim post missam ejusdem beate Virginis, et *Placebo* et *Dirige* a predicto fratre cum ebdomedario secunde septimane nisi a conventu *Inclina* dicatur pro anima magistri Willielmi hujus cantarie auctoris et factoris et pro salubri statu ejusdem et domini Walteri Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi et fratris Rogeri eadem gracia prioris Lanceneton et pro animabus eorundem cum de eis humanitus contingat et successorum suorum et pro animabus Willielmi et Johanne patris et matris predicti Willielmi et pro animabus Juliane, Ricardi, Emme, Alicie, Henrici, Thome, Willielmi et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et si canonicus ad predictam missam dicendam per infirmitatem vel quocumque alio modo impeditus fuerit, statim alius ad predictam missam dicendam sine mora assignetur. Concedit eciam dictus Willielmus quod in festis prime et secunde dignitatis predictus frater presbiter possit de die celebrare, ita quod secunda oratio fiat per se et suis, tercia vero erit *Omnipotens Deus qui vivorum.* Concedimus eciam pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod die anniversarii predicti magistri Willielmi pro anima ipsius et predictorum amicorum suorum per priorem et conventum plenum et solempne fiat servicium mortuorum ad gradus cum novem lectionibus et classico pulsato, sicut pro episcopo seu priore solempniter facere consuevimus. Concedimus eciam pro nobis et successoribus nostris quod dictus Willielmus et amici sui predicti sint participes omnium beneficiorum que in domo nostra fiunt vel imperpetuum fieri possunt, videlicet, in vigiliis, jejuniis, elemosinis, oracionibus, missis, matutinis, disciplinis, distribucionibus communibus que singulis septimanis bis ad portam nostram fiunt, et eciam in distribucionibus specialibus que imposterum fient pro animabus predicti magistri Willielmi ac eciam suorum et fundatorum et patronorum nostrorum, inter quos predictum Willielmum et suos volumus principaliter annumerari; que distribuciones speciales in crastino translacionis Sancti Benedicti fient annuatim. Concedimus quod corpus predicti Willielmi sepeliri possit in predicta capella nostra, si sepulturam suam ibidem elegerit. Et ad premissa omnia in singulis suis articulis observanda obligamus nos et successores nostros, excommunicando et anathematizando omnes et singulos ex quacumque causa vel quocumque colore quesito impedientes seu quoquomodo contravenientes. Et si contingat, quod absit, quod de predicta cantaria pro anima predicti Willielmi et animabus amicorum suorum predictorum per unum mensem defecerimus seu cessaverimus, dabimus fabrice matricis ecclesie Exoniensis dimidiam marcam pro quolibet mense in quo cessaverimus vel defecerimus. Et ad premissa omnia et singula in suis singulis articulis imperpetuum facienda et observanda subjicimus nos et successores nostros cohercioni et districcioni domini Exoniensis episcopi qui pro tempore fuerit, qui nos et successores nostros ad omnia premissa, ut predictum est, plenarie observanda per quamcumque censuram ecclesiasticam sive libelli oblacione, litis contestacione, et absque ordine judiciario compellere possit. In cujus rei testimonium literis presentibus ad modum cirographi confectis et duplicatis sigilla nostra sunt appensa, quarum una pars remanet penes magistrum Willielmum et alia in thesauraria Exoniensi. Et ad majorem securitatem nos prior et conventus predicti ad omnia premissa imperpetuum observando confirmacionem domini Walteri Dei gracia Exoniensis episcopi decani et capituli ejusdem per impositionem sigillorum ipsorum apponi procuravimus. Datum in capitulo nostro conventuali die Veneris in festo Sancti Dunstani episcopi et confessoris anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo duodecimo.

[The conventual seal and an oval one with a rude representation of the stoning of S. Stephen with the legend "S. Rogeri de Horton Prioris de Lancevetone" are attached.]

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S. Michael's Mount.

Num. I.

Prioratûs S. Michaelis in Cornubiâ constructio.

(Ex custumali Prioratûs de Otterton, fol. 58.)

Omnibus Sancte Dei ecclesie filiis notificare dignum duximus quod ecclesia beati Michaelis de Cornubia a venerabili Bernardo, ecclesie prefati archangeli de Periculo Maris abbate, in anno quo hominem exuit rex Henricus constructa, et in anno regis Stephani a religioso viro Roberto Exoniensi presule prestito abbate, qui presens aderat, id impetrante, Domino est consecrata. Idem vero abbas, sagaci mente pertractans celestis militie principem locum eundem Deo ad serviendum et sibi ad inhabitandum delegisse, predicti pontificis consilio et comitis Raneri et baronum provincie suffragio, ut divinitati honor perpetuus impenderetur, officinas religioni idoneas construere et fratres xiij in honorem Christi Jhesu et apostolorum ejus, ut, videlicet, pro modulo suo in fide que per dilectionem operatur et spe in cultura vinee Domini Sabbaoth desudantis denarium mereretur retributionis, aggregare curavit; de redditibus ecclesie tam antiquitus datis quam a viris provincie in presentia sua ad hoc attributis victui eorum necessario sufficienter providens. Constituit autem ut vel per se vel per alium e fratribus ecclesiam de Monte in Normannia qui ex abbatis loci ejusdem precepto prioris in Cornubia fungetur officio annis singulis invisere non negligat, et argenti marchas xvj. finetenus reddat. Quod si constitutioni huic obviare, vel contra abbatem suum vel conventum in aliquo presumpserit contraire, de prioratu suo degradetur, et alius pro abbatis arbitrio et conventus abbatie consilio subrogetur. Si vero superbus fuerit et contumax et prelatis ecclesie de Monte in Normannia inobediens extiterit, omni participatione totius beneficii ecclesie totius dicte, omniumque ecclesiarum ipsi societate aliqua connexarum, excommunicationi se deleat. Fratres quidem, qui in Cornubia sancte conversationis habitum susceperint, monachatus jura in Monte Tumba profitentes, benedictionem monastici ordinis ab abbate suo ibidem suscepturos se noverint, nisi forte ei in Cornubiam venienti eos illuc benedicere placuerit. Hoc itaque tam justa Dei dispensatione tamque virorum sapientum discretione patratum, quicumque sive princeps sive potestas aliquam infringere presumpserit, videlicet, monachorum numerum qui pro facultatum ampliatione, et ipse ampliandus est, imminuat, et jam dicti loci possessiones in usus alteros convertat, ipsum, in quantum nobis a Domino collata est potestas, anathematis innodamus vinculo et hujus retributionem sceleris a justo judice suscipiat in futuro. Quicumque autem possessiones easdem conservare et pro suarum modulo facultatum, quia valuit Zachee rerum suarum multa distributio, valuerunt etiam vidue minuta duo, et regnum Dei tantum valet quantum homines, augmentare curaverunt, omnium se orationum totiusque beneficii ecclesie beate Michaelis de Monte in Normannia participes esse sciant.

He sunt possessiones quas ex dono comitis Roberti de Mortenio ecclesia beati Michaelis de Cornubia tenet: Tremaine, ubi ad duas carucas terra sufficiens habetur; Trahorabohc, ubi ad tres; Listyavehet, ubi ad tres; Treganeis, ubi ad duas; Carmahelech, ubi ad duas. Adjacet terra preter pascua ad omnia animalia necessaria: que simul caruce xii faciunt.

Num. II.

Inquisitio seu extenta prioratûs tempore Henrici sexti.

(Inter recorda curiæ Augment.)

[By virtue of a writ issued June 20, 18 Hen. VI. to require the value of the priory, and to take it into the king's hands, the following return was made:—]

Inquisitio capta apud Beaureper in comitatu Cornubie coram Johanne Nanfan vicecomite ejusdem comitatus die martis proximo ante festum S. Matthei apostoli et evangeliste, A. R. R. Henrici sexti post conquestum xix, per sacramentum xii juratorum qui dicunt etc. quod abbatissa domus de Syon juxta Braynford in comitatu Middlesex prioratum S. Michaelis in comitatu Cornub. cum pertinenciis a ix die Julii A. R. R. xv occupavit et exitus et proficua inde provenientia recepit et habuit. Item dicunt quod prioratus predictus cum pertinenciis valet per annum ultra reprisas xxxiii lib. vi sol. viii den., videlicet:

	£	s.	d.
Manerium de Monte ibidem cum pertinenciis valet per ann. ultra reprisas	5	–	–
Manerium de Tresrabo cum pertinenciis valet ultra etc.	7	6	8
Item decima garbarum parochiarum S. Hilarii, Moreske, Alwarton, et Tythydyn *, et decime pissium ibidem, valent per annum, etc.	14	–	–
Item quod oblationes in ecclesia S. Michaelis in Monte valent per ann. etc.	7	–	–

Et ego predictus Johannes Nanfan, vicecomes, in festo S. Mathei apostoli et evangeliste cepi in manus domini regis prioratum predictum, prout in brevi domini regis michi precipitur. In cujus etc.

[Some light is thrown on the possessions given to the abbey of S. Michael by the parcels conveyed to the grantee of the crown after the Reformation; yet it is difficult to identify the property mentioned in the charter of the Confessor (ante, p. 31). It may be that there was some church or religious establishment at the Mount at the time of the charter, inasmuch as it is there called "Saint Michael," and that the Confessor intended to affiliate it to the abbey. "Totam terram de vennesire" may import a conveyance of all the lands of S. Michael in devenescire, i. e. Devonshire. The port of Ruminella has been supposed to mean Romney; Domesday, however, does not show that any lands there had belonged to S. Michael. At the time of that survey the following property belonged to the abbey:

A church with tithes and land in Basingstoke, held of the king, and which had been held by bishop Walterus in the reign of Edward. (Domesday, 43.)

A church and land held of the king's manor of Celsea in Berkshire. (Ibid. 57.)

Two churches and land in the king's manor of Otone in Wilts. (Ibid. 65.)

Otterton, Doniton, and Herticombe in Devonshire, none of which belonged to the abbey temp. Edward. (Ibid. 104.)

Treiwal in Cornwall, held by Brismar in the reign of Edward. (Ibid. 120 b.)

One of the two hides of this land was usurped by the earl of Mortain, as we have seen supra, p. 31. Under the head of Comes Moritonensis we find this land called Treuthal. (Domesday, 125.) It is therefore doubtless the manor near the Mount now called Truthwall alias Trewal, though the modern manor is probably only the dismembered portion of the old one.

* Tehiddy.

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The other property given before or after the conquest is capable of partial identification with the following lands and tithes conveyed to the earl of Salisbury by patent 9 James I., viz.:

The farm and site of the Mount and priory, with the appurtenances.

The manor of Trerabo or Tresabo (called also Treraboc).

The leet of Markesion or Marghasion.

The rectory of S. Hilary.

The tithes of Marghasion, Marske, Mareske, Moresk, Alverton, Pensaunce, Canborne, Camborne, S. Clement in Marisco, near Truro, and Elogan (or Illogan).

All lands, &c. lately belonging to the priory in Mount S. Michael, Markesion, Marghasion, Lambesen (now Lamb's-down), Maresk, Moresk, Tregevers, Tregidden, Melluckhorne, Pensaunce, Gollelon, Perkin-clange, and Karnefield. Some of these names are mere synonyms.—S.]

Glasney (including Penryn).

The following charter, though but slightly connected with Glasney college, is inserted as an early, and probably unpublished, instance of an episcopal charter of enfranchisement to a borough. Many boroughs rely for proof of prescriptive incorporation on similar private charters.

Carta episcopi pro burgensibus de Penryn.

(Bronescombe regist. fol. 61 b.)

Exon. In vigilia pasche exivit littera sub hac forma:—Universis Christi fidelibus presentes litteras visuris vel audituris Walterus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem in Domino. Litteras pie memorie Willielmi quondam Exoniensis episcopi predecessoris nostri inspeximus in hec verba—"Universis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum pervenerit Willielmus miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus eternam in Domino salutem. Noveritis nos pro nobis et successoribus nostris concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse probis hominibus nostris burgensibus de Penryn et heredibus suis vel assignatis quod burgagia sua libere de nobis teneant et pro qualibet acra integra et debito modo mensurata reddant nobis et successoribus nostris duodecim denarios de redditu per annum ad duos terminos, videlicet, in festo Omnium Sanctorum et in kalendis Maii pro equis porcionibus pro omni servicio. Concessimus eciam eisdem burgensibus nostris quod cum, ipsis cedentibus vel decedentibus, antedicta burgagia debeant releviari, pro qualibet acra integra reddant nobis et successoribus nostris duodecim denarios. Qui autem majus et qui minus tenuerint consimiliter tam de redditu quam de relevio reddant secundum quantitatem tenementorum que optinuerint. Et si in misericordiam nostram vel successorum nostrorum per judicium curie racionabiliter inciderint, dabunt nobis vel successoribus nostris sex denarios de emenda pro qualibet misericordia, nisi forte, quod absit, in nos vel in aliquem ballivorum nostrorum ausu temerario manus injecerint violentas. Quare volumus et precipimus quod predicti burgenses nostri omnia supradicta habeant et possideant cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus imperpetuum. Quod ut ratum et stabile temporibus futuris perseveret, presenti pagine sigillum nostrum duximus apponendum. Datum apud Penryn die decollacionis beati Johannis Baptiste anno gracie M°CC°XXX^mo sexto, consecracionis nostre anno tercio decimo."—Nos autem omnia et singula predicta pro nobis et successoribus nostris concedimus et quantum in nobis est confirmamus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum Exonie in vigilia pasche anno Domini M°CC°. septuagesimo quinto et consecracionis nostre XVIII.

Crediton.

Statuta ecclesiæ S. Crucis.

(Penes decanum et capit. Exoniæ.)

Hic incipiunt statuta ecclesie collegiate Sancte Crucis per Thomam [Bitton] Exoniensem episcopum sagaciter et ex consilio ordinata pro proficuo ministrorum Creditonie.

Universis presentes literas inspecturis, Thomas miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus salutem et eternam memoriam rei geste. Officio convenit cure pastoralis necessitatibus ecclesiarum et utilitatibus taliter providere ut cultus divinus augeatur, et magis ac magis splendeat in ipsis et clarescat decor venustatis ac eorum preeminencia per ordinaciones congruas et salubres, toto proinde dispensato ut ecclesiarum ministri, dum reddita sibi stipendia temporalia congruis temporibus gratulantur, cum sincera devocione laudes exsolvant debitas Creatori. Sane sub anno Domini 1304, kalendis Junii, in ecclesia Sancte Crucis Criditonie, que olim in suo ordine et ordinis institutione grandis honoris prerogativa pollebat et devocionis Deo placabili fulgebat claritate, auctoritate diocesana debite visitacionis officium exercentes, invenimus quod eadem ecclesiam a suo statu prelibato miserabiliter decidit, procurantibus nonnullis indevotis ecclesie filiis, que sua non que Dei sunt querentibus, quod dolemus.

Recensitis itaque coram nobis dicte ecclesie consuetudinibus et observanciis, necnon literis appropriacionis ecclesie de Lananta in Cornubia eidem ecclesie Creditonie et ipsius canonicis per bone memorie dominum Walterum quondam Exoniensem episcopum predecessorem nostrum de consensu capituli sui facte, ac eciam aliis ordinacionibus omnibus et singulis per predecessores nostros factis, manifeste perpendimus ex eisdem ipsam circa status ipsius ecclesie Creditonie et ministrorum ejusdem ordinacionem ipsius quod patrimonii gubernacionem pro parte diminutam et in nonnullis earumdem articulis propter nimiam ipsorum generalitatem et obscuritatem vagas multipliciter et incertas.

Cupientes igitur studio quo patrem condecet et pastorem premissa in statum debitum reformare, ut in ipsa ecclesia, per hujusmodi lapsum desolata, honori restituta primitive ardor devocionis ad laudem Dei crescat futuris temporibus in eadem, habito super hiis cum dilectis in Christo filiis dicte ecclesie precentore et canonicis Creditonie, quos ad hoc duximus specialiter convocandos, diligenti tractatu, et tam ipsorum quam dilectorum in Christo filiorum decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis ad hoc accedente expresso consensu, omnibus dicte ecclesie Creditonie canonicis ac aliis qui voluerunt potuerunt et debuerunt interesse presentibus, presentique sanccionis oraculo,

1. Statuimus et ordinamus ut, quibuscumque aliis statutis contrariis a predecessoribus nostris hactenus editis non obstantibus, obsequium divinum in ipsa ecclesia Creditonie die noctuque, prout temporis qualitas et ordo poposcunt, devote et solemniter celebretur, ita quod canonici, qui matutinis vel hore prime vel tercie vel sexte vel none vel majori misse, vel vesperis in ipsa ecclesia in habitu canonicali non interfuerint, pro illo die quantum ad percepcionem cotidiane distribucionis pro residentibus minime habeantur, nisi canonico impedimento aut alia causa racionali excusentur, aut nisi eos ab itinere venientes ad domos quas ibidem habuerint pro suis residenciis faciendis declinare vel eosdem ex causa honesta vel necessaria exire contingat; quod de illis intelligi volumus qui prius in eodem termino per aliquos dies in dicta ecclesia residerint et habitum canonicalem gestaverint, ut prius dicitur.

2. Si vero aliquis ipsorum ex communi ordinacione canonicorum pro negotiis ipsius ecclesie ad alium locum contingat proficisci, quamdiu eorundem negotiorum expeditioni vacaverint pro residentibus habeantur quantum ad perceptionem cotidiane distributionis antedicte; super quibus omnibus et singulis eorum proprias ipsorum conscientias penitus oneramus, ita quod ad aliud genus probationis super hiis nullatenus astringantur.

3. Et quum ex ordinatione prefati episcopi Walteri, quicquid residuum fuerit de fructibus et proventubus

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memorate ecclesie de Lananta, que dicte ecclesie Creditonensi et ejusdem canonicis rite appropriata dinoscitur, ultra porciones sex canonicorum et vicariorum eorundem, prout in literis dictarum appropriationis et ordinacionis vidimus plenius contineri, cedere debet in usus canonicorum dicte ecclesie Creditonensis residentiariorum, nomine cotidiane distributionis dividendum inter ipsos, ut hujusmodi canonicorum residentium negotium utilius geratur, et per premiorum promptam exhibicionem cultus divinus augeatur in futurum adjiciendos.

4. Statuimus, ut statuto et ordinacione prefati episcopi Walteri, quantum ad porciones sex canonicorum prebendalium ipsis et vicariis eorundem singuli singulos viginti solidos certis terminis exsolvendis in suo robore duraturis memoratum residuum per quatuor anni terminos per equales porciones dividatur. De quatuor terminis solucionis prebendarum,

5. Primus terminus viz. a festo beati Thome apostoli usque ad festum Sancti Benedicti abbatis; secundus ab eodem festo Sancti Benedicti usque ad festum Sanctorum Gervasii et Prothasii; tercius ab eodem festo usque ad festum Sancti Mathei apostoli; quartus vero ab eodem festo Sancti Mathei apostoli usque ad dictum festum Sancti Thome apostoli, tali anno revoluto, computentur et certis limitacionibus concludantur.

6. Et de dicto residuo et porcionibus ejusdem sic divisis singulis canonicis ut premittitur residentibus, necnon pro residentibus habitis quantum ad percepcionem quotidiane distribucionis antedicte vel procuratoribus eorundem singuli quatuor denarii pro singulis diebus quibus sic residentes et pro residentibus habiti fuerint per precentorem qui pro tempore fuerit personaliter residens, quem ad hoc ex forma appropriacionis antedicte propter eleccionem intelligimus astringi, et alium canonicum ad hoc ydoneum si quis residerit, alioquin vicarium ipsius ecclesie fidedignum per canonicos ipsius ecclesie communiter eligendum et dicto precentori associandum, vel, precentore non residente, duos alios canonicos residentes; quod si nec precentorem nec alium canonicum residere contigerit, per duos vicarios ejusdem ecclesie fidedignos simili modo eligendos in fine cujuslibet termini fideliter exsolvantur.

7. Quicquam vero residuum fuerit de porcionibus per terminos sic divisis ultra quatuor denarios singulos pro diebus singulis inter residentes canonicos percipiendum, in fine cujuslibet termini inter canonicos, qui infra terminum per triginta dies residerint, dividatur; qui vero minus quam triginta dies residerit, de eodem residuo ipsius termini nichil omnino petere valeat vel habere.

8. Dictos vero precentorem et canonicos vel vicarios sic electos dicte administracioni sic preesse precipimus et precipiendo statuimus, et statuendo ac perpetua sanccione preesse debere declaramus, ut prestito ab eisdem et eorum quolibet, tactis sacrosanctis Evangeliis, juramento in presencia canonicorum, quos ad hoc sicut ad alia ipsius ecclesie negocia tractatusque communes decernimus esse vocandos, quod tam circa vendicionem et tradicionem dictorum fructuum et proventuum quam super supradictas distribuciones et soluciones canonicorum et vicariorum quibus debebuntur, ac eciam cetera omnia et singula que hujusmodi administracionem contingunt et que per eos communiter geri volumus, erunt fideles, non pretermittendo que circa ipsam gestionem et distribucionem ipsi ecclesie et canonicis ac vicariis predictis utilia esse noverint, nec admittent ea que inutilia estimaverint vel damnosa, et quod raciocinia, deductis porcionibus per terminos divisis in fine cujuslibet termini, que sit, reddi statuimus; et precipimus canonicis et vicariis quos negocium ipsius calculi contingit ex aliis, quorum interercrit, vocandis, de totali vero residuo supradicto in fine anni bona fide reddant sine mora.

9. Quod si a fine termini vel anni raciocinia, ut premittitur, reddere ac de dictis porcionibus per dictas minutas distribuciones et prelibata residua divisis absque causa racionabili satisfacere per decem dies distulerint, extunc auctoritate presentis statuti ab ingressu ecclesie ipso facto noverint se suspensos, et eorum quilibet qui in hoc culpabilis extiterit noverit se suspensum. Et si adhuc per alios decem dies moram adhibuerint in premissis, si canonici fuerint, quantum ad cotidianam distribuciones sepedictas pro residentibus minime habeantur.

10. Si vero vicarii pro singulis diebus quibus post dictos viginti dies a satisfaccione et complecione premissorum cessaverint singulos duos denarios singulis diebus fabrice ecclesie de suo solvere teneantur, quousque premissa adimplere curaverint cum effectu; ipsorum nichilominus administratorum punicionem et cohercionem ulteriorem, si hoc exigerit ipsorum protervitas, nobis et nostris successoribus reservamus.

11. Ad hec de fructibus et proventibus prebende cujuscumque canonici dicte ecclesie Criditonie ex antiqua ipsius ecclesie ordinacione pariter et consuetudine ejusdem ecclesie fabrice per unum annum integraliter sive in vita sive in morte, necnon de fructibus et proventibus prebende cujusque canonici de ultimo anno post mortem suam sibi debitis et assignatis, scriptis commemorari dignum estimamus et quod prius in perniciem ipsius ecclesie pariter et gravamen per incertitudinem vacillabat nove provisionis remedio lucescat certitudinis claritate, et amputata tumultus et invidie materia que sepius scandalum suscitant et enutriunt fraudes, insuper occasione sublata ipsius ecclesie comodo provideamus necnon vivis ejusdem ecclesie canonicis pariter et defunctis, presentis auctoritate statuimus et ordinamus ut singulorum canonicorum executores seu bonorum suorum administratores post mortem ipsorum pro singulis fructibus et proventibus unius anni singularum prebendarum dicte fabrice debitis, nisi iidem defuncti prius dum viverint satisfecerint dicte ecclesie ad opus fabrice ejusdem de summis singulorum satisfaciant, prout in sequentibus per ordinem singulatim annotatur, viz.

De prebenda precentoris qui pro tempore fuerit £8.
De prebenda de la Pole £6.
De prebenda de Hemstille £6.
De prebenda de Stowford £6.
De prebenda de Alre £6.
De prebenda de Rygge £6.
De prebenda de Wodlond £6.
De prebenda de Combe £5.
De prebenda thesaurarii qui pro tempore fuerit £5.
De prebenda de la Crosse £5.
De prebenda de Crydie £4.
De prebenda de Westsamford £4.

12. Successores vero predictorum defunctorum canonicorum pro fructibus et proventibus prebendarum ipsorum proximi anni post mortem qui in recompensacionem anni unius fructuum juxta consuetudinem et ordinacionem ipsius ecclesie antiquam fabrice predicte debitorum conceduntur, eisdem solvant dictis executoribus seu bonorum administratoribus singulas summas suprascriptas et adjiciant pro fructibus prebendarum precentoris £4.

Prebenda de la Pole 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Hemstille 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Stowford 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Alre 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Rygge 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Wodelond 60 solidos.
Prebenda de Thesaurarii 50 solidos.
Prebenda de Combe 50 solidos.
Prebenda de la Crosse 50 solidos.
Prebenda de Crydie 40 solidos.
Prebenda de Westsamford 40 solidos.

Omnibus solutis et de sumptibus per dictos defunctos in agricultura pro predicto ultimo anno factis per viros fidedignos juratos, auctoritate precentoris qui pro tempore fuerit cui super hoc committimus jurisdicionem auctoritate presentis statuti perpetuo duraturam, et ad tam executores et administratores predictos quam successores memoratos, scilicet, de dictis fructubus pro pretaxatis preciis habendis convenerint satisfaciendum de commissis et eorum singulis, prout singulas personas et fabricam supradictas contingunt, per sequestraciones bonorum et alias quascumque censuras ecclesiasticas compellendos taxandos et declarandos dictis executoribus seu administratoribus congrue satisfaciant memorati successores dictos fructus pro quibus satisfecerint ut est dictum libere percipiant et in usus suos convertant, ac eciam pro suo beneplacito disponant de eisdem.

13. Executores vero seu bonorum administratores canonicorum prebendas ac sex marcas habencium pro fructibus unius anni qui fabrice dicte ecclesie Criditonie de-

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bentur solvant dicte fabrice singulos quatuor marcas nisi prius defuncti in ultima satisfecerint pro eisdem. Prebendas proximorum annorum post mortem hujusmodi defunctorum ad voluntatem eorundem in recompensacionem omnis solucionis fabrice predicte factam convertendo, nisi successores dictorum defunctorum singulas quatuor marcas pro singulis prebendis prefatorum defunctorum de proximo anno post ipsorum mortem debitas solvere voluerint et cum effectu satisfecerint executoribus testamentorum dictorum defunctorum seu administratoribus bonorum eorundem; quo casu dicte prebende proximi anni post mortem integre pertineant ad successores antedictos.

14. Cedentes vero canonici seu resignantes prebendas suas seu quovismodo in vita sua sponte dimittentes si de prebendis suis fructus unius anni libere perceperint et quiete singuli singulos viginti solidos ad opus dicte fabrice seneschallis ejusdem seu custodibus solvere teneantur, ad quod per predictum precentorem compellantur per cohercionem et censuras prius annotatas.

15. Volumus insuper et statuimus ut ad premissas porciones dicte fabrice hujusmodi auctoritate statuti taxatas et assignatas exigendum et recipiendum necnon disponendum easdem et errogandum in usus necessarios fabrice supradicte duo vicarii dicte ecclesie magis ydonei et circumspecti, ad premissa fideliter exequanda juramenti vinculo astringendos, per collegium dictorum canonicorum communiter eligantur, actus sui racionem reddituri annuatim; quorum alterum dicto precentori per administracionem fructuum et proventuum ecclesie de Lananta gerendam et eorundem distribucionem faciendam, ut premittitur, associari.

16. Si alius canonicus quam precentor predictus in dicta ecclesia Cryditonie non residerit vel eorum utrumque ad dictas administraciones et distribuciones subeundas eligi precipimus, si forsan nec precentorum nec aliquem canonicum in dicta ecclesia residere contigerit et tam ipsos quam canonicos dicto precentori ut premittitur associatos in sue administracionis officio precipimus esse annuales reeligendos, cum per dictos canonicos in fine anni, si propter ipsorum fidelitatem et prudenciam hoc suas erit utilitas ecclesie memorate et placuerit canonicis antedictis dictumque precentorem cum in administracione sua predicta suspectus fuerit deprehensus vel inutilis et super hiis legitime convictus ammoveatur prorsus ab eadem et alius canonicus ydoneus vel vicarius ipsius loco substituatur, prout in casu cum precentor non residet, ut in superioribus est decretum; ut hii qui sunt pro tempore prestant obsequium stipendium consequantur mercedem mediocrem habeant pro modo sui laboris de residuo superius annotato deducendum et ipsius preceteris vicariis et canonicis residentibus major honoris prerogativa et gratuitorum beneficiorum exhibicio liberaliter impendantur qui insuper juxta juris exigenciam quod omnes tangit ab omnibus debet approbari.

17. De negociis et bonis communibus precentoris et canonicorum et ipsius ecclesie presentibus eisdem precentori et canonicis fieri habet prout moris est in loco capituli dicte ecclesie tractatus communes, statuimus et ordinamus ut singulis canonicis dicte ecclesie in suis stallis in choro per cedulas, causam diem et locum exprimentes, per nuncium ipsorum canonicorum juratum seperatim portandum et eorum singulis per suos vicarios per procuratores vel amicos innotescat per intervallum decem dierum ad hujusmodi tractatus super eorum negociis communibus et bonis, de quibus singulares personas singulariter in prejudicium collegii seu universitatis tractare seu quomodolibet intromittere non decet, peremptori vocandis id agatur et fiat in capitulo consentientibus omnibus personibus vel majori parte eorundem quod utilitas ipsorum et ecclesie predicte suaserit et exigere necessitas eorundem. Et cum prefatus precentor alios ipsius ecclesie canonicos quod pertinet ad ipsius ecclesie regimen et gubernacionem ex ejusdem institucione et antiqua consuetudine potestate et dignitate precellat, eidem ceteris major reverencia exhibeatur et in processionibus ac sessionibus primum optineat locum et in communibus tractatibus primam vocem.

18. Sicque cum res exigerit tam pro suprascriptis ministrorum eleccionibus et raciociniis audiendis quam aliis ipsius ecclesie et canonicorum ejusdem ecclesie negociis et bonis communibus congregacionem canonicorum faciendam in loco capituli ejusdem ecclesie inter alios ipsius ecclesie canonicos presentes autor principalis. Quod si in ipsius faciendis debitis temporibus difficultatem vel moram adhibuerit, liceat aliis canonicis presentibus vel majori parti eorundem hujusmodi convocaciones et congregaciones facere modo supradicto.

19. Custodia vero sigilli communis dicte ecclesie Cryditonie necnon cartarum privilegiorum confirmacionum et ceterarum instrumentorum et munimentorum ejusdem duobus canonicis per dictum collegium seu majorem partem ejusdem eligendis committatur: Ita tamen quod idem sigillum cum dictis ministris in cista communi ipsorum canonicorum in ipsa ecclesia reponatur. Thesaurarius insuper qui pro tempore fuerit curam habeat et custodiam cum debita diligencia librorum, vasorum, ornamentorum, vestimentorum, necnon omnium bonorum infra ipsam ecclesiam repositorum et reponendorum ad ipsam ecclesiam et ipsius canonicos communiter pertinentium. Cetera nichilominus ipsius ecclesie onera humiliter agnoscet tam in librorum emendacione quam aliis, prout hactenus ea cognoscere et supportare ex ipsius ecclesia ordinacione tenebatur vel de racionabili et approbata consuetudine optentum fuerit in eadem.

Ut autem hec omnia et singula observentur inviolabiliter in futurum et ut hec nostre sancionis provisio subsistat perpetua firmitate subnixa sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo communi decani et capituli nostri Exoniensis necnon et sigillo communi dictorum precentoris et canonicorum dicte ecclesie Cryditonie presentibus est appensum.

Nos quoque decanus et capitulum Exonie necnon precentor et canonici Cryditonie supradicti omnibus et singulis supradictis impendentes assensum ea omnia et singula in forma superius annotata approbamus, et quantum est in nobis tenore presencium confirmamus. Et in hujusmodi consensus nostri approbacionis et confirmacionis testimonium atque fidem presens instrumentum nos, videlicet, de canonicis et capitulum sigilli nostri etc.

Ottery S. Mary.

Num. I.

Incorporatio gubernatorum ecclesiæ beatæ Mariæ de Oterey.

(Pat. 37 Hen. VIII. pars 16ma.)

Rex omnibus ad quos etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos, certis de causis et considerationibus nos ad quosdam subditos nostros inhabitantes parochie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu nostro Devon pro universo commodo et communi utilitate omnium et singulorum inhabitantium ejusdem parochie incorporandum et in unum corpus erigendum specialiter moventibus et instigantibus, volumus ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris concedimus dictis inhabitantibus dicte parochie quod de cetero imperpetuum sint infra dictam parochiam de inhabitantibus ejusdem parochie pro tempore existentibus quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie de Oterey predicte, et quod iidem quatuor gubernatores in re facto et nomine imposterum sint unum corpus de se imperpetuum per nomen quatuor gubernatorum hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon incorporatum et erectum. Et ipsos quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte per presentes incorporamus ac corpus corporatum per idem nomen imperpetuum duraturum realiter et ad plenum creamus erigimus ordinamus et constituimus per presentes. Et insuper volumus et concedimus quod iidem quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon habeant successionem perpetuam ac eciam quod sint per idem nomen persone habiles et capaces in lege solummodo ad accipiendos recipiendos et habendos de

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nobis rectorias messuagia domos edificia terras tenementa glebas decimas oblaciones obvenciones penciones porciones subscriptas et cetera omnia et singula alia hereditamenta in hiis literis nostris patentibus specificata. Et nos fidelitati et circumspectioni Johannis Haydon armigeri Hugonis More Willi Trent et Willi Sherman generosorum plurimum confidentes, eosdem Johannem Haydon Hugonem More Willielmum Trent et Willielmum Sherman primos et modernos gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon ad idem officium bene et fideliter exercendum et occupandum a dato presentium durante vita eorum eligimus nominamus et constituimus per presentes. Ulteriusque ordinamus et per presentes decernimus quod quando et quociens deinceps contigerit aliquem vel aliquos dictorum quatuor gubernatorum pro tempore existente mori seu alibi extra parochiam beate Marie de Otery predicta inhabitare ac cum familia sua decedere, quod tunc et totiens bene licebit suis coofficiariis superviventibus ac inibi cum familiis suis commorantibus aliam idoneam personam vel alias idoneas personas de eisdem inhabitantibus in locum sic morientis vel morientium aut cum familia sua sic ut prefertur discedentis sive discedentium infra unum mensem post ejus vel eorum mortem aut cum familia sua decessum sequentem in dicto officio unius vel duorum gubernatorum durante vita sua succedendum eligere et nominare; et si predicti gubernatores superviventes idoneam vel idoneas personas loco morientis sive discedentis morientium sive discedentium eligere et nominare recusaverint per spacium unius mensis aut de electione infra idem tempus non concordaverint post eorum mortem vel decessum ut prefertur, tunc et deinceps licebit vicario concionatori perpetuo pro tempore existente aliquem sive aliquos de melioribus inhabitantibus dicte parochie beate Marie de Oterey eligere et nominare ad idem officium exequendum vice et loco gubernatoris sic morientis sive cum familia sua discedentis. Nos igitur intentionem et propositum nostrum in hac parte ad effectum deducere volentes de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris dedimus et concessimus ac per presentes damus et concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte totam illam ecclesiam nostram beate Marie de Oterey ac totum illud cimiterium et campanile ejusdem ecclesie ac totam illam capellam nostram vocatam Our Lady Chapell ac omnia et omnimoda les vestreys, claustra et le chapter-house cum eorum pertinentiis universis in Oterey predicta nuper collegio beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu nostro Devon modo dissoluto et nobis sursumreddito dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac eciam omnia illa messuagia et domos vocatos seu cognitos per nomen vel per nomina de le vikar's house, le secondarie's house, le querister's house et le scole house cum eorum pertinentiis universis in Oterey predicta eidem nuper collegio dudum spectantes et pertinentes, necnon omnia et singula domos edificia structuras stabula columbaria ortos pomaria gardina terras et solum ac cetera proficua commoditates emolumenta et hereditamenta nostra quecunque in Oterey predicta eisdem messuagiis et domibus spectantia et pertinentia et eidem nuper collegio beate Marie de Oterey dudum spectantia et pertinentia ac eciam omnes illas decimas nostras lane et agnellorum, necnon omnes et omnimodas oblaciones ac omnes et omnimodas decimas nostras prediales et personales cum eorum pertinentiis universis in Oterey predicta dicto nuper collegio beate Marie de Oterey dudum spectantes et pertinentes, ac eciam omnes et omnimodas alias decimas nostras annuatim et de tempore in tempus provenientes sive renovantes infra parochiam beate Marie de Oterey predicte ac dicto nuper collegio beate Marie de Oterey dudum spectantes et pertinentes ac parcella possessionum et reventionum inde existentium, exceptis tamen semper, ac nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris omnino reservatis omnibus et omnimodis decimis garbarum annuatim et de tempore in tempus provenientibus crescentibus sive renovantibus infra parochiam beate Marie predicte que ut parcelle possessionum seu proficuorum predicti collegii beate Marie de Oterey antehac habite usitate seu occupate fuerunt. Damus eciam pro consideratione predicta ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte reversionem et reversiones omnium et singulorum predictorum messuagiorum domorum edificiorum gardinorum decimarum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum superius expressorum et specificatorum et per presentes preconcessorum cum eorum pertinentiis universis et cujuslibet inde parcelle, necnon redditus revenciones et cetera annualia proficua quecunque reservata super quibuscunque dimissionibus et concessionibus eorundem premissorum aut alicujus inde parcelle factis, que quidem messuagia domus edificia gardina decime ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata (exceptis preexceptis) modo extendunt ad clarum annuum valorem quadraginta quinque librarum novemdecim solidorum et duorum denariorum. Et ulterius damus pro consideratione predicta et per presentes concedimus prefatis gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte omnia predicta ecclesiam cemiterium campanile claustra domos edificia gardina decimas ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata et per presentes preconcessa cum eorum pertinentiis universis et quamlibet inde parcellam adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout nuper gardianus sive custos et canonici dicti nuper collegii beate Marie de Oterey predicte aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum in jure ejusdem nuper collegii aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem sive sursumredditionem ejusdem nuper collegii, vel antequam nuper collegium illud ad manus nostras devenit, predictam ecclesiam cemiterium capellam messuagia domos edificia structuras gardina decimas ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius ut prefertur preconcessa cum pertinentiis aut aliquam inde parcellam habuit tenuit vel gavisus fuit, habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt, seu habere tenere vel gaudere debuit aut debuerunt, et adeo plene et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout ea omnia et singula ad manus nostras ratione vel pretextu dissolucionis sive sursumreddicionis dicti nuper collegii aut ratione vel pretextu alicujus carte doni concessionis sive sursumredditionis per dictum nuper gardianum sive custodem et ejus nuper canonicos sub sigillo communi nobis confecte aut ratione vel pretextu alicujus actus parliamenti jam facti et editi seu imposterum fiendi et edendi aut aliter quocumque modo devenerunt seu devenire debuerunt ac in manibus nostris jam existunt seu existere debent vel deberent, HABENDUM tenendum et gaudendum predictam ecclesiam cemiterium campanile capellam messuagia domos edificia structuras gardina decimas oblaciones hereditamenta ac cetera omnia et singula premissa superius expressa et specificata et per presentes perconcessa cum eorum pertinentiis universis prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis imperpetuum, TENENDUM de nobis heredibus et successoribus in socagio per fidelitatem tantum, et non in capite pro omnibus redditibus serviciis et demandis quibuscunque proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo. Et ulterius volumus ac per presentes pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis imperpetuum quod ipsi et successores sui imperpetuum habeant commune sigillum ad negocia sua premissa et cetera in hiis literis nostris patentibus contenta aut aliquam inde parcellam tantummodo tangentem deserviturum ac eciam quod ipsi per nomen quatuor gubernatorum hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie Beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon placitare possint et implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et responderi in quibuscunque curiis et locis ac coram quibuscumque judicibus in quibuscumque causis accionibus negociis sectis querelis placitis et demandis cujuscunque condicionis seu nature fuerint premissa et cetera subscripta aut aliquam inde parcellam tangentibus aut aliquibus offensis transgressionibus rebus causis vel materiis per aliquas personas seu aliquam personam factis seu perpetratis aut fiendis vel perpetrandis in vel super premissis aut aliqua inde parcella aut aliquod in presentibus specificatum tangens sive concernens. Volumus eciam pro consideracione predicta ac auctoritate nostra regia qua fungimur pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor guber-

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natoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon et successoribus suis quod iidem quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successores sui habeant teneant et gaudeant ac in usum suum proprium convertant ac habere tenere et gaudere ac in usum suum proprium convertere valeant et possint predictas decimas ac predictas oblaciones cum eorum pertinentiis universis (exceptis preexceptis) adeo plene libere et integre ac in tam amplis modo et forma prout dictus gardianus sive custos et ejus nuper canonici aut aliquis vel aliqui predecessorum suorum in jure nuper collegium illius aliquo tempore ante dissolucionem sive sursumreddicionem ejusdem nuper collegii vel antequam nuper collegium illud ad manus nostras devenit predictas decimas ac predictas oblaciones cum pertinentiis, exceptis preexceptis, aut aliquam inde parcellam habuerunt tenuerunt vel gavisi fuerunt ac in usus suos proprios convertebant seu habere tenere vel gaudere ac in usus suos proprios convertere debuerunt aut potuerunt ratione aut modo quocunque, aliqua lege actu statuto ordinacione provisione restriccione seu aliqua alia re causa vel materia quacunque inde antehac in contrarium habita facta ordinata edita seu provisa in aliquo non obstante. Damus eciam pro consideratione predicta ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte omnia et singula exitus redditus revenciones et cetera proficua quecunque predictorum messuagiorum domorum edificiorum gardinorum decimarum oblacionum et ceterorum omnium et singulorum premissorum per presentes preconcessorum cum eorum pertinentiis universis et cujuslibet inde parcelle a tempore dissolucionis sive sursumreddicionis dicti nuper collegii beate Marie de Oterey hucusque provenientes sive crescentes ac eciam totum et omnimodum plumbum ac omnes et omnimodas campanas et campanarum metalla quecunque in vel super predictam ecclesiam beate Marie de Oterey predicte et campanile ejusdem ecclesie ac in vel super predicta lez vestreys chapter-house et le cloyster et capellam vocatam Our Lady Chapell aut in vel super aliqua inde parcella existentes sive remanentes, habendum eisdem quatuor gubernatoribus ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris quoquomodo reddendo solvendo vel faciendo. Et predicti quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey concedunt pro se et successoribus suis quod iidem quatuor gubernatores et successores sui solvant episcopo Exoniensi et successoribus suis sex solidos et octo denarios, et archidiacono Exon et successoribus suis sex solidos et octo denarios pro procurationibus, et eidem archidiacono et successoribus suis duos solidos et quinque denarios pro sinodalibus, ac vicario de Sydbury in diocesi Exoniensi et successoribus suis novem solidos; ac nos tam de predicto redditu quam de omnibus aliis redditibus oneribus et denariorum summis quibuscunque de premissis per presentes preconcessis exeuntibus aut pro eisdem solvendis ac heredes et successores nostros imperpetuum exonerabunt per presentes; et quod ipsi quatuor gubernatores et successores sui predictam ecclesiam campanile domos edificia et mansiones vicario et pedagogo assignanda sumptibus suis propriis et expensis de tempore in tempus supportabunt reparabunt et manutenebunt imperpetuum, et quod nec ipsi aut successores sui eandem ecclesiam campanile domos et mansiones aut aliquam inde parcellam in alium usum convertent. In quorum omnium consideracione tam dicti inhabitantes parochie beate Marie de Oterey quam predicti quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte pro se et successoribus suis concedunt per presentes quod ipsi et successores sui annuatim et de tempore in tempus imperpetuum solvent seu solvi facient vicario concionatori perpetuo in ecclesia beate Marie de Oterey predicta per nos per presentes nominando et incorporando et successoribus suis vicariis concionatoribus in eadem ecclesia viginti libras per annum ad festa Anunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli per equales porciones solvendas nomine cujusdam annualis pencionis in dotacione vicarie sue assignande et appunctuande, ac eciam quod iidem quatuor gubernatores et successores sui gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte solvent seu solvi facient annuatim et de tempore in tempus imperpetuum magistro sive pedagogo scole nostre dicte parochie beate Marie de Oterey predicte per nos per presentes similiter incorporando et successoribus suis magistris sive pedagogis ejusdem parochie decem libras per annum ad dicta festa Anunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli per equales porciones solvendas; et quod iidem quatuor gubernatores immediate post sigillacionem harum literarum nostrarum patencium facient seu fieri causabunt sufficientem donacionem et concessionem predicto vicario concionatori et magistro sive pedagogo et eorum successoribus de una conveniente domo habitaculo sive mansione infra parochiam beate Marie de Oterey predictam pro habitacione et mansione eorumdem vicarii concionatoris et magistri sive pedagogi et successorum suorum imperpetuum; necnon quod iidem quatuor gubernatores et successores sui gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte sumptibus suis propriis annuatim et de tempore in tempus imperpetuum invenient dabunt solventque duobus capellanis presbiteris in dicta ecclesia beate Marie de Oterey predicte annuatim imperpetuum deservituris, stipendia et salaria congrua competentia et convenientia pro eorum victu et vestitu supportando et manutenendo, ad dicta festa Anunciacionis beate Marie Virginis et Sancti Michaelis archangeli annuatim per equales porciones solvendas. Et ut omnia et singula premissa debitum sortiri valeant effectum ac firmis jactis fundamentis imperpetuum duratura in suo robore et virtute durent et permaneant imperpetuum, ulterius volumus ac auctoritate nostra regia suprema et ecclesiastica qua fungimur pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus quod in ecclesia beate Marie de Oterey predicta erit vicarius concionator perpetuus per nos nominandus ac loci illius ordinario et diocesis presentandus, qui quidem vicarius concionator sic per nos nominatus et presentatus nominabitur et erit vicarius concionator perpetuus dicte ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte, habebitque successionem perpetuam; ipseque et successores sui loco rectoris erunt, residenciam inibi facient, hospitalitatem fovebunt, ac curam animarum parochianorum ibidem gerent, ceteraque omnia facient et exequentur que ad officium rectoris sive vicarii pertinere dinoscuntur, et omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria ad dictam ecclesiam beate Marie de Oterey predicte spectantia sive pertinentia agnoscent et supportabunt, preterquam in reparacione cancelli ejusdem ecclesie quociens opus fuerit, quas quidem reparaciones cancelli predicti prefati quatuor gubernatores concedunt pro se et successoribus suis quod ipsi et eorum successores gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte facient et de tempore in tempus tociens quociens necesse et oportunum fuerint supportabunt sumptibus eorum propriis et expensis perpetuis futuris temporibus. Volumus eciam ac auctoritate nostra predicta per presentes concedimus quod idem vicarius concionator et successores sui per nomen vicarii concionatoris perpetui ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey in comitatu Devon sint persone habiles et capaces ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis vicariis concionatoribus perpetuis ejusdem ecclesie de predictis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte quendam annualem redditum pencionem sive annuitatem viginti librarum per annum pro vicaria sua inibi dotanda cum clausula districtionis seu alia quacunque clausa pro securitate solucionis ejusdem annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis fiende, et per idem nomen et sub eo nomine prosequi clamare et placitare ac implacitari defendere et defendi respondere et responderi in quibuscunque curiis et locis regni nostri ac dominiorum jurisdictionum et potestatum nostrorum quorumcunque ac heredum et successorum nostrorum in et super omnibus et singulis causis accionibus sectis brevibus demandis et querelis realibus personalibus et mixtis tam temporalibus quam spiritualibus et in omnibus aliis causis et materiis quibuscunque dictum annualem redditum pencionem sive annuitatem aut aliquam inde parcellam tangentem sive concernentem. Ac ulterius sciatis quod nos singulari ducti amore et affectu quo subditos regni nostri impuberes infra dictum comitatum nostrum Devonie non parum prosequi-

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mur, ut imposterum ab incunabilis politioribus imbuti literis quam ante nostra tempora erant soliti cum ad provectiorem devenerint etatem eruditiores evadant, sic nimirum existimantes ecclesiam Christi Anglicanam, cujus vices in terra immediate gerimus, non minus in re literaria doctis quam in prudentia ad universi regni nostri commodum ornari decorarique, quandam liberam scholam grammaticam in parochia beate Marie de Oterey predicta de uno magistro sive pedagogo tenore presentium realiter et ad plenum creamus erigimus fundamus ordinamus facimus et stabilimus perpetuis futuris temporibus duraturam, ac sic stabiliter et imperpetuum inviolabiliter observari volumus et jubemus per presentes, et quod dicta scola grammatica sic per nos fundata creata erecta et stabilita vulgariter *The kynges newe grammer scole of Seynt Marie Oterey* vocetur nominetur et appelletur. Ac quod in eadem scola erit magister sive pedagogus per predictos quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et per vicarium concionatorem ejusdem ecclesie de tempore in tempus nominandus et appunctuandus, qui quidem magister sive pedagogus sic ut prefertur nominatus et appunctuatus per nomen magistri sive pedagogi dicte scole nostre parochie beate Marie predicte vocetur appelletur et nuncupetur ipsumque per idem nomen vocari et imperpetuum nuncupari volumus et jubemus per presentes. Ac eciam volumus quod idem magister sive pedagogus et successores sui magistri sive pedagogi dicte scole nostre parochie beate Marie de Oterey predicte habeant successionem perpetuam et sint persone habiles ad recipiendum et perquirendum sibi et successoribus suis magistris sive pedagogis ejusdem scole de predictis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte quendam annualem redditum pencionem sive annuitatem decem librarum per annum cum clausula districcionis seu alia quacunque clausula pro secura solucione ejusdem annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis fienda. Volumus eciam ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte quod iidem gubernatores dare possint et concedere tam prefato vicario concionatori perpetuo ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis vicariis concionatoribus ejusdem ecclesie predictum annualem redditum pencionem sive annuitatem viginti librarum per annum ac domum et mansionem convenientem predicto vicario concionatori et successoribus suis vicariis concionatoribus ibidem inhabitandis quam prefato magistro sive pedagogo dicte scole nostre parochie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus magistris sive pedagogis ejusdem schole predictum annualem redditum pencionem sive annuitatem decem librarum per annum ac domum et mansionem convenientem pro predicto magistro sive pedagogo et successoribus suis magistris sive pedagogis ibidem inhabitandis cum clausula districcionis in omnibus et singulis premissis preconcessis et aliis clausulis pro majore securitate solucionis predicte per cartas suas separales sub dicto sigillo suo communi conficiendas et sigillandas aut aliter quocunque modo; et eidem vicario concionatori et successoribus suis ac dicto magistro sive pedagogo et successoribus suis quod ipsi separatim predictos separales annuales redditus penciones sive annuitates et mansiones modo et forma predicta de predictis quatuor gubernatoribus capere et recipere possint et valeant licenciam dedimus et damus pro nobis et successoribus nostris, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis aut aliquo statuto sive ordinacione in contrarium facto non obstante. Et ut predictus vicarius concionator et successores sui ac magister sive pedagogus predictus et successores sui habeant teneant et gaudeant predictos separales annuales redditus penciones sive annuitates secundum formam et intencionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium, predicti quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte pro et in consideracione premissorum concedunt pro se et successoribus suis gubernatoribus ejusdem ecclesie quod ipsi immediate et absque ulla dilatione post confeccionem et sigillacionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium facient seu fieri causabunt tam sufficientem donacionem et concessionem per cartam suam sub dicto sigillo suo communi conficiendam et sigillandam prefato vicario concionatori perpetuo per nos heredes et successores nostros ut predicitur nominando dicte ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis vicariis concionatoribus perpetuis ejusdem ecclesie de predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum ei in forma predicta solvendo et exeunte de premissis preconcessis cum clausula districcionis in eisdem seu alia quacunque clausula pro securitate solucionis ejusdem annuitatis quam sufficientem donacionem et concessionem similiter per cartam suam sub dicto sigillo suo communi conficiendam et sigillandam prefato magistro sive pedagogo scole nostre parochie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis magistris sive pedagogis ejusdem schole de predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate decem librarum exeunte de premissis preconcessis cum clausula districcionis in eisdem seu alia quacunque clausula pro securitate solucionis ejusdem annuitatis et in forma predicta solvendum, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis, aut aliquo alio statuto lege consuetudine prohibicione causa seu materia quacumque in aliquo non obstante; salvis tamen semper ac nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris omnimodo reservatis presentacione nominatione donacione et concessione dicti vicarii concionatoris perpetui ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successorum suorum vicariorum concionatorum ejusdem ecclesie ac decimis et primis fructibus ejusdem vicarie prout justum est cum acciderit, preter primos fructus pro hac prima et unica vice tantum; proviso semper quod si predictus magister sive pedagogus aut aliquis vel aliqui successorum suorum a scola predicta per spacium unius mensis absentaverint ac alibi moram traxerint, tunc et tociens bene licebit prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus et vicario pro tempore existente alium magistrum sive pedagogum ejus loco eligere, ac eundem sic absentantem ac alibi commorantem penitus ab officio suo amovere et expellere ac dicta salaria et stipendia et cetera premissa predictos quatuor gubernatores eidem magistro ut prefertur concedenda a tempore ejus decessus penitus detrahere. Et ulterius volumus ac pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte et successoribus suis quod si contingat predictum vicarium concionatorem perpetuum aut aliquem vel aliquos successorum suorum aliquo tempore imposterum infra parochiam beate Marie de Oterey predicta minime residere, quominus hospitalitatem non fovebit ac curam animarum parochianorum ibidem non inserviet per spacium unius trimestris vel trium mensium, quod tunc et tociens bene licebit prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus et eorum successoribus de predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum per annum eidem vicario concionatori perpetuo per predictos quatuor gubernatores per cartam suam ut prefertur concedendo in manibus eorundem quatuor gubernatorum seu eorum alicujus vel aliquorum pro tempore existente retinere quadraginta solidos pro quolibet tali trimestri vel tribus mensibus quo vel quibus sic eundem vicarium concionatorem abesse ac minus residere contigerit: Ita tamen quod predicti quatuor gubernatores eorumque successores ejus loco et tempore non residencie invenient seu invenire facient unum alium honestum et eruditum presbiterum concionatorem qui pro tempore vices dicti vicarii subeat ejusque loco sit, et curam animarum ibidem geret, cetera omnia faciet et exequetur que ad officium rectoris sive vicarii pertinere dinoscuntur. Ac ulterius damus ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte ac successoribus suis gubernatoribus ejusdem ecclesie licenciam specialem liberamque et licitam facultatem potestatem et auctoritatem habendi recipiendi et perquirendi eis eorumque successoribus imperpetuum tam de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris quam de aliis quibuscumque personis et alia persona quacunque dominia maneria messuagia terras tenementa rectorias decimas et cetera hereditamenta quecunque infra regnum nostrum Anglie seu alibi infra dominia nostra quecunque, dummodo non excedant annuum valorem viginti marcarum per annum ultra et preter predictas decimas oblaciones et cetera proficua infra dictam parochiam de Oterey beate Marie, prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum dicte ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey ut prefertur per nos per

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presentes preconcessa statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendo in aliquo non obstante. Et cum per quendam actum parliamenti nostri apud London tertio die Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo inchoati et deinde usque Westmonasterium adjornati et per diversas prorogaciones usque ad et in tertium diem Novembris anno regni nostri vicesimo sexto continuati et tunc ibidem tenti inter alia edita provisa stabilita et ordinata existit quod nos heredes et successores nostri reges hujus regni nostri Anglie haberemus et gauderemus de tempore in tempus imperpetuum duraturum de qualibet tali persona et talibus personis que ad aliquod tempus post primum diem Januarii tunc proxime sequentis nominaretur eligeretur presentaretur conferetur vel aliquo alio modo appunctuaretur alicui archiepiscopatui episcopatui abbathie monasterio prioratui collegio hospitali archidiaconatui decanatui prepositure prebende rectorie vicarie cantarie libere capelle aut alicui dignitati beneficio officio aut promocioni spirituali infra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie aut alibi infra dominia nostra cujuscunque nominis nature seu qualitatis fuerint aut cuicunque fundacioni patronatui aut donacioni pertinerent primum fructum revencionum et proficuorum pro uno anno cujuslibet talis archiepiscopatus episcopatus abbathie monasterii prioratus collegii hospitalis archidiaconatus decanatus prepositure prebende rectorie vicarie cantarie libere capelle aut alicujus dignitatis beneficii aut promocionis spiritualis aut nominacionis ad quod sive ad que aliqua talis persona aut persone post predictum primum diem Januarii esset vel essent nominati electi prefecti presentati collati aut aliquo alio modo appunctuati prout in eodem actu parliamenti inter alia plenius liquet, Sciatis quod nos, volentes primum vicarium concionatorem ecclesie Beate Marie de Oterey predicte ac executores suos tam de omnibus primis fructibus revencionibus et proficuis pro predicta vicaria et dicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum ac qualibet inde parcella quam de qualibet pecunie summa ratione dicti actus parliamenti pro primis fructibus solvendis exonerare et acquietare, de gratia nostra speciali ac ex certa scientia et mero motu nostris pro nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris per presentes concedimus eidem vicario concionatori et executoribus suis quod nos heredes et successores nostri non habebimus petiemus clamabimus nec vendicabimus aliquem primum fructum aut aliquos primos fructus de et pro vicario ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte aut de vel pro predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum per annum aut de aut pro aliqua inde parcella nec pro primis fructibus eorundem aut alicujus inde parcelle pro hac unica vice tantum, sed quod prefatus vicarius concionator perpetuus et executores sui sint et erint exonerati et acquietati versus nos heredes et successores de et pro primis fructibus annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate predicta et cujuslibet inde parcelle ac de et pro omnibus et omnimodis denariorum summis quibuscunque nomine et pro primis fructibus ejusdem annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis et cujuslibet inde parcelle nobis heredibus aut successoribus nostris hac vice tantum solvenda; ac eciam perdonavimus remisimus relaxavimus et per presentes perdonamus remittimus et relaxamus prefato vicario concionatori perpetuo primos fructus revenciones et proficua annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis sue predicte et cujuslibet inde parcelle ac omnes et omnimodas pecunie summas nomine aut pro primis fructubus dicte vicarie ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte ac predicti annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis sue predicte et cujuslibet inde parcelle per predictos quatuor gubernatores hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey predicte per cartam suam sic ut prefertur concedende et pro hac unica vice nobis debitum aut solvendum; ac eciam per presentes damus et concedimus eidem vicario concionatori perpetuo omnes et omnimodas pecunie summas et quamlibet pecunie summam nobis pro primis fructibus revencionibus et proficuis annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis sue predicte et cujuslibet inde parcelle aut nomine primi fructus et pro primis fructibus ejusdem annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis ratione dicti actus parliamenti aut alicujus alterius actus legis prescripcionis consuetudinis aut aliter vel aliquo alio modo quocunque per predictum vicarium concionatorem perpetuum pro predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum per annum seu aliquam inde parcellam reddendo solvendo vel faciendo, habendum eidem vicario concionatori perpetuo ex dono nostro absque compoto seu aliquo alio proinde nobis heredibus vel successoribus nostris reddendo solvendo vel faciendo, salvis nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris primis fructibus pro predicto annuali redditu pencione sive annuitate viginti librarum per successores ipsius vicarii concionatoris perpetui imposterum reddendis juxta formam statuti predicti: volentes insuper et per presentes firmiter injungendo precipientes omnibus et singulis archiepiscopis et episcopis infra hoc regnum nostrum Anglie ac cancellario curiarum decimarum et primorum fructuum nostrorum necnon omnibus et singulis officiariis et ministris nostris quibuscunque heredum aut successorum nostrorum et eorum cuilibet, quod ipsi aut eorum aliquis aliquo modo non impedient perturbabunt vexabunt inquietabunt aut molestabunt nec impediet perturbabit vexabit inquietabit seu molestabit predictum vicarium concionatorem perpetuum aut aliquam personam quamcunque que per nos heredes et successores nostros ad vicariam predictam nunc primum nominabitur et appunctuabitur de aut pro concernentibus solucionem alicujus summe aut rei cujuscunque pro primis fructibus revencionibus et proficuis aut nomine primi fructus predicti annualis redditus pencionis sive annuitatis viginti librarum aut alicujus inde parcelle vel vicarie predicte de pro aut concernentibus solucionem alicujus summe aut rei cujuscumque pro primis fructibus pro hac unica vice tantum, sed quod omnes et singuli archiepiscopi episcopi cancellarii officiarii et ministri nostri heredum et successorum nostrorum super solam demonstracionem harum literarum nostrarum patentium permittant et fieri causabunt predictum vicarium concionatorem perpetuum et executores suos fore quietos et in pace. Volumus eciam pro consideracione predicta ac ex certa sciencia et mero motu nostris per presentes concedimus prefatis quatuor gubernatoribus hereditamentorum et bonorum ecclesie beate Marie de Oterey ac prefato vicario concionatori perpetuo et magistro sive pedagogo quod habeant et habebunt has literas nostras patentes sub magno sigillo nostro Anglie debito modo factas et sigillatas eo quod expressa mencio, etc. In cujus rei, etc. T. R. apud Westm. xxiiij die Decembris.

Per breve de private sigillo et de
Dato predicto, etc.

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B.

LIST OF PROCURATIONS PAYABLE TO THE BISHOP OF EXETER.

PROCURATIONES a locis religiosis infra diocesim Exonie nunc renunciate ac ab ecclesiis parochialibus et rectoriis ejusdem ab olim appropriatis episcopo Exoniensi singulis trienniis easdem visitanti solvi solite et consuete.

(Vesey regist. vol. ii. fol. 105, b.)

Singulis trienniis.

In primis de priore Sancti Nicholai civitatis Exonie pro prioratu 26*s.* 8*d.*
Et de priore Pyllton pro prioratu 20*s.*
Et de eodem pro ecclesia parochiali sive rectoria ibidem 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de abbatissa Canonleigh pro abbatia 26*s.* 8*d.*
Et de eadem abbatissa pro ecclesia sive rectoria de Dowland 3*s.* 4*d.*
Et de eadem de ecclesia sive rectoria de Hockworthye 3*s.* 4*d.*
Et de priorissa de Polleslo pro prioratu 26*s.* 8*d.*
Et de abbate Tavestocke pro ecclesia sive rectoria ibidem 7*s.*
Et de eodem pro ecclesia sive rectoria Sancti Thome apostoli juxta Cowyke 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de priore Frythellstocke pro ecclesia parochiali sive rectoria ibidem 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Brodewodwigeor 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Weke Sancti Germani 3*s.*
Et de priore Totton pro rectoria ibidem 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Brodeclyst 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de priorissa de Corneworthye pro rectoria ibidem 5*s.*
Et de eadem pro rectoria de Clawton 5*s.*
Et de eadem pro rectoria de Marland 5*s.*
Et de priore Sancti Dogmaelis pro rectoria de Rattrewe 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de abbate de Donkswell pro rectoria de Sheldon 2*s.* 6*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Old Donkswell 5*s.*
Et de abbate de Buckland pro rectoria de Bampton 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de abbate de Hartland pro rectoria ibidem 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Brushford 3*s.* 4*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Woulswurthy 6*s.* 8*d.*
Et de abbate Torre pro rectoria de Woulboro 5*s.*
Et de priore Launceston pro rectoria de Julytt 5*s.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Egloskery 7*s.* 5½*d.*
Et de priore Bodmyn pro rectoria ibidem 4*s.*
Et de prioratu de Tywardreth pro prioratu 19*s.* 2½*d.*
Et de eodem pro rectoria de Fowye 2*s.* 6½*d.*

C.

ALIEN PRIORIES IN DEVON AND CORNWALL.

Bishop Brantyngham's return to the writ of king Edward III. dated Westminster, March 6, A. R. 48.

(Brantyngham regist. vol. ii. fol. 7 ad calcem.)

EXCELLENTISSIMO in Christo principi domino, domino Edwardo, Dei gracia regi Anglie et Francie et domino Hibernie, suus humilis capellanus Thomas, &c. salutem in eo per quem reges regnant et principes dominantur. Sublimitati vestre regie intimamus quod super omnibus et singulis in vestro brevi contentis inquiri fecimus diligenter quatenus brevitas temporis permiserit in hac parte. Comperimus quod alienigine in diocesi nostra beneficia possident infrascripta, quidam vero absentes quidam pariter residentes ut inferius plenius continetur, prout in certificatorio officialium archidiaconorum nostrorum in nostra ecclesia Exoniensi existentium, super inquisitione hujusmodi auctoritate nostra in hac parte capta, nobis apparuit manifesta. Memorandum certificationum.

Frater *Johannes prior Tottonie* optinet ecclesiam parochialem de Clyston cujus fructus et proventus valent per annum secundum communem estimacionem £40. Idem optinet ecclesiam Totton cujus fructus et proventus valent per annum £10. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Brixham valoris per annum £40. Idem percipit annuatim ab ecclesia de Ermyngton de pensione duas marcas. Idem de ecclesia de Corneworthy de pensione 30*s.* Idem prior non residet in dicto prioratu et incumbebat eidem prioratui circiter per unum annum et dimidium.

Frater *Johannes Perfyt* optinet ecclesiam de Cowyk cum capella Sancti Thome valoris per annum 12 marcas. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Spreyton valoris per annum 100*s.* Idem optinet ecclesiam de Crystowe valoris per annum 10 marcas. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Ochampton valoris per annum £12. Idem percipit porcionem valentem annuatim ab ecclesia de Samford Courtenaye 5*s.* Idem percipit pensionem annuam de ecclesia de Whympel Courtenay duas marcas. Idem prior incumbebat eidem prioratui circiter per quatuor annos.

Frater *Radulphus Legh prior Sancti Jacobi* optinet unam porcionem in ecclesia de Tiverton valoris per annum £10. Et idem prior dictum prioratum occupavit circiter per unum annum et dimidium.

Frater *Radulphus Shalsham indigena prior de Carsewyll* optinet ecclesiam de Holecombe Rokes, que incumbit priori et conventui de Monte Acuto, et non residet in eadem; cujus fructus et proventus annui se extendunt ad £20; et optinuit circiter per septem annos.

Prior prioratus de Otterton occupat ecclesiam de Sydemouth valoris per annum £20. Idem occupat ecclesiam de

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Otterton valoris per annum £20. Idem occupat ecclesiam de Herpeford valoris per annum 100*s*. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Yartecombe, valoris per annum £20.

Prior de Lodres optinet ecclesiam de Axemuth valentem per annum £24. Dominus Adam Hertyngdon occupat eandem ecclesiam auctoritate regia, ut dicitur, et occupavit a festo nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste proxime preterito.

Frater *Gilbertus Belywo prior de Modbery* optinet ecclesiam de Modbery valentem per annum £20. Et idem prior eidem prioratui per triennium incumbebat.

Prior de Monte acuto, cujus nomen ignoramus eo quod non residet in diocesi nostra, percipit ab ecclesia de Ermyngton porcionem valentem per annum £40. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Monkelegh valoris per annum viginti marcas. Et dictus prior non residet sed habet quemdam Thomam Brok, indigenam, procuratorem suum et occupavit per triennium nomine procuratoris.

Frater *Rogerus Capy prior Barum* optinet ecclesiam Barum valoris per annum 200 marcas et residet in eodem prioratu et incumbebat eidem prioratui per viginti duos annos.

Frater Johannes Volant prior de Monte Sancti Michaelis optinet ecclesiam Sancti Hilarii valoris per annum 5½ marcas. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Moresk valoris per annum viginti marcas 6*s*. 6*d*. Idem optinet capellam Sancti Michaelis in Monte valoris per annum 24 marcas 3*s*. 9*d*. Dictus prior cum duobus monachis residet in dicto prioratu.

Frater *Willielmus de la Haye prior de Tywardryth* optinet ecclesiam Sancti Austoli valoris per annum £50 3*s*. 5*d*. Idem optinet capellam de Landreth valoris per annum £10 2*s*. 3*d*. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Fawy valoris per annum 25 marcas. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Tywardryth valoris per annum £20 3*s*. 8*d*. Idem optinet capellam Sancti Sampsonis valoris per annum £10 4*s*. 3*d*. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Lanlyvery valoris per annum £21 2*s*. Idem optinet capellam de Luxsulien valoris per annum 23 marcas 5*s*. 8*d*.

Idem *prior de Monte Acuto* supradictus optinet ecclesiam Sancti Neoti taxatam ad £10. Et idem optinet ecclesiam Sancti Vepi taxatam ad 100 solidos. Quarum valores adhuc scire nequimus propter temporis brevitatem.

Idem predictus *prior de Tywardrayth* optinet capellam de Loswythell valoris per annum 5 marcas et 2½*d*. Idem optinet ecclesiam Sancti Antonii valoris per annum 10 marcas et 12½*d*. Idem optinet ecclesiam de Treneglos cum capella de Warbestowe, valoris per annum £13 17*s*. –¼*d*. Dictus prior cum quatuor monachis residet in dicto prioratu.

Frater *Willielmus Willielmi prior de Minstre* optinet ecclesiam de Minstre valoris per annum decem marcas et 7½*d*. Idem optinet capellam de Bodiscastell valoris per annum 8 marcas 9½*d*.

Abbatissa de Fonte Ebroldi optinet capellam Rotun valoris per annum 40 marcas. Nicholaus Tamworth miles habet dictam ecclesiam ad firmam ut dicitur et habuit per duos annos et ultra.

Magister *Nicholaus Terer* optinet ecclesiam Sancte Mabere valoris per annum £40. Idem optinet in ecclesia cathedrali Exonie prebendam valoris per annum in pecunia numerata sex marcas. Idem Nicholaus percipit cotidianam distribucionem et dividendam sicut alius canonicus residens in eadem, quarum valor est incertus, et habet firmam sicut alius canonicus juxta consuetudines ecclesie prefate. Predictus Nicholaus in ecclesia cathedrali predicta ostendit nobis literas regias quas dominus rex concessit sibi quod ipse quasi indigena in regno Anglie habeatur et dictis beneficiis suis gaudere permittatur.

De temporalibus vero dictorum alienigenarum ad presens non fecimus inquiri eo quod in mandato vestro nulla mencio de eisdem extitit expressata. Et si presens certificatorium vobis sufficere minime videatur, vota vestra in hac parte nobis rescribere dignemini, et ea que pro posse adimplere celeriter curabimus cum effectu.

NOTES ON ALIEN PRIORIES.

During the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, the subject of the alien priories presents itself so frequently as to demand some notice of the nature of these establishments, and of the proceedings to which they gave occasion. The subject has indeed been already treated with some detail by the late editors of the Monasticon, and by the author of a work on alien priories, published in London, 1779, but not in such a way as to supersede the utility of a compendious statement of the practice and the law relating to these anomalous bodies.

Where lands were given to a religious house of which the principal seat was situate at an inconvenient distance from them, it was evidently necessary to put them under some local management, in order to turn them to advantage and to reap the profits for the use of the convents*. This could be done either by means of a bailiff or mere agent (ballivus) accountable to his employer, or by a farmer (firmarius) who paid a fixed rent, and took the profits to his own use. The minister's accounts show constant resort to both these modes of managing the property.

In other instances, instead of trusting entirely to the honesty or diligence of bailiffs or of third persons, the convent sent some of its own members to reside on the spot and superintend the property in person. According to the general practice of the religious orders, two monks at least were associated on any mission of this sort beyond the walls of their cloister. During their absence from their convent, they were bound, so far as circumstances would permit, to live according to the rule of their order; their dwelling assumed the ancient name of a cell (cella or obedientia); and where several where thus associated, any one of the brethren, whom the common superior named to be the rector of the rest, was called the prior, however transient his office might be. In this state of things, the cell took the form and name of a priory.

By these means many priories in connexion with distant monasteries doubtless came into existence. It is however certain that a priory might be created de novo, and affiliated to some other convent at the same time and by the same act to which it owed its own creation; as at Barnstaple†; or its affiliation might be a subsequent act not contemplated by the founder ‡.

A priory thus formed might by its constitution be more or less independent of the parent house. The whole might be so controlled by the latter, as to have no separate will or corporate character of its own, and the prior might be a mere officer, or *obedientiarius,* made and removed at the pleasure of the superior. In this case he was called a "prior dativus" and "amovibilis ad nutum."

Another priory might, either by its original constitution, or some subsequent act or compact, or by gradual usurpation and usage, have acquired the character of a distinct though subordinate and filiated convent. In this case it was said to be *conventual,* and retained little more than a nominal connexion with the parent house, paying a small periodical acknowledgment, and submitting to the exercise of some occasional symbol of superiority. Thus the prior of St. Michael's Mount was bound annually to visit in person or by proxy the Norman abbey.

* Donations to foreign convents began long before the Conquest. Lewisham and other lands in Kent were given to S. Peter, at Ghent, by a niece, or, as some say, a daughter of Alfred. See Dugd. Mon. and Miræi Diplomata, vol. iii. p. 13.

† Ante, p. 198, Num. II.

‡ See the charters No. III. in Dr. Macro's collection, printed by the Camden Society, 1840.

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The fixed sum paid by way of recognition was called the apport (*asportatum* or *apportum*); the priory had its chapter and common seal; could take or convey land to its own use, and sue or be sued*; and its prior was presentative and perpetual, *i. e.* irremoveable.

It will be readily perceived that the connexion between the head monastery and the dependent priory was liable to difficulty and derangement, when they were respectively situate within the territories of two independent states. The parent houses were for the most part Norman; and as long as England and Normandy were held in common by the same sovereign, there was nothing but distance and the danger of private spoliation to disturb the relation. But the loss of Normandy in the reign of John, and the frequent wars between the two countries after their disunion, materially altered the relative position of these religious establishments. Notwithstanding the cosmopolitan maxims of the church, which knows no country but Christendom, it combats in vain against national enmities and prepossessions. In times of peace the collection and transmission of the rents of foreign possessions was not easy†; during war it was impossible. The influence exercised by a foreign superior in the very soil of England, and the revenue derived from it, and annually exported to swell the funds of the enemy, awakened feelings of jealousy. The permanent separation of the two countries gave to the priories a character of alienage even in time of peace, and of alien enmity in war, and the prerogative of the crown to seize the lands of aliens was held to apply to ecclesiastical as well as to lay property ‡.

Hence the numerous seizures which we find recorded in our books and archives, and continually urged and enforced by the parliament. Hence, too, the distinction so often apparent in the mode of dealing with the priories, according as they were conventual or merely dependent. It was not, indeed, the practice to confiscate absolutely the property so seized. They came, like other revenues of the crown, under the management of the court of Exchequer, to whom the *custos*, or other person who collected or farmed the rents, duly accounted. Where the prior of the religious house was well affected, the custody was often granted to himself, and the ancient apport only reserved to the crown. In time of danger, or of expected invasion, the religious inmates of those priories which were near the coast or great rivers (as, indeed, most of them in the west of England appear to have been) were removed to places further inland.

By this process of seizure, the inheritance of the property was not supposed to be absolutely vested in the crown, but the lands were "in manu regis" ready to be restored when the occasion no longer justified detention; and the case was likened to that of the seizure of the temporalities of a bishop for contempt, or of the property of an outlaw §.

Some priories escaped this vexation by establishing their character as true and loyal subjects, and thereupon obtaining charters of denization or a release from all future exactions on the condition that Englishmen alone should be admitted as members ||.

In the French wars under Henry V. a general act was finally passed at the parliament of Leicester for the permanent seizure of all alien houses, not conventual; and even these were afterwards dissolved and transferred by parliamentary and ecclesiastical authority to other foundations. The convents of Shene and Sion, and the colleges of Eton and King's, Cambridge, benefited largely by this act. The last remnant went to the endowment of the noble foundation of All Souls' college, Oxford, by archbishop Chicheley.

The following notes, selected and extracted from public records and printed works, illustrate the foregoing observations, and may assist the enquiries of those who are disposed to pursue the subject further:—

29 Hen. III. (A.D. 1244-5.) A writ issued to all sheriffs to seize the lands of abbots, &c. beyond seas, and keep them quamdiu, &c. (See 1 Ab. Rot. orig. 8. Matthew Paris, 614.)

23 Edw. I. (1294-5.) Writs directed the removal of alien religious to the distance of twenty miles from the coast or rivers, and put them under the charge of certain custodes. Magister Johannes de Gloucestre was the custos for Cornwall and Devon. (See 1 Rymer, 826, last ed. Rot. pat. 24 Edw. I. m. 21 ¶.)

31 Edw. I. (1302-3.) The lands of alien religious were put under custody in the Isle of Wight, "durante guerrâ." (Rot. liberat. 31 Edw. I. m. 3.)

35 Edw. I. The statute of Carlisle forbad the sending of apports beyond sea, or levying talliages by alien priors; saving visitation for discipline.

18 Edw. II. There was a seizure in this reign of all French priories in England. (See Rot. Vascon, 18 Edw. II., printed in 2 Rym. 574, 575; 3 Monasticon, p. 208, last ed., under Spalding; ante, p. 299, &c.)

1 Edw. III. (1327-8.) A restoration of captured priories ordered, saving to the crown the apport due to the foreign house. (Claus. rot. 2 Rym. 684.)

11 Edw. III. (1337.) A general seizure of alien priories by ordinance of the council, and the custody granted to certain persons in each county, rendering a fixed rent and finding sustentation for the monks. (Rot. Vascon, printed, 2 Nichol's Alien Priories, p. 182; 2 Abbrev. rot. orig. 116.) This seizure is often recited in pleadings,

* A prior dative might in some cases sue, and have a corporate character as against every one but his sovereign (i. e. his superior). See Britton and Ward's case, Palmer's Reports, pp. 113. 219. The whole subject of the incorporation of religious houses and persons is curious and obscure. The old law on it must be sought for, not in Cawdrey's case (5 Coke's rep.), nor in that of Sutton hospital (10 id.), which can only be regarded as excellent and authentic expositions of that which is *now* law, but in the earlier authorities of the Year-books, and the venerable and veracious testimony of our public records. The extent to which "St. Peter" or the "Apostoile" (as the Pope is styled in our old books) was allowed by the king's court to have a power of spiritual incorporation, is treated of by Fineux, C. J., in the case of the provost of King's College. (Year-book, 14 Henry VIII. fol. 3. Brooke's Abridgment Corporation, pl. 31. 33, 34. Year-book, 18 Edw. IV. fol. 20.)

The corporate capacities of the mendicant orders are still more obscure. Their power of purchasing was denied by Fineux, C. J. (ubi supra); yet it is certain that, by licence from the crown, they did, in fact, purchase and hold lands wherever one of their convents was erected; nor am I aware of any express incorporation of a friary by the crown.

A papal bull settled the question respecting the capacity of the mendicant orders to purchase in a manner eminently ultramontane, by ordaining that all property given to them should vest ipso facto in the Pope himself! (See Choppini Monasticon, p. 228, ed. Paris, 1709.) This doctrine does not seem to have obtained acceptance in our courts. Indeed, we should be under great error if we supposed that the papal interference with the temporalities of ecclesiastical persons was always submitted to by the clergy. In 6 Richard II. the pope took upon himself to augment the revenues of the bishop of Coventry by a bull purporting to appropriate "ad mensam episcopi" the priory of Coventry; but the monks denied the power of the pope, refused to receive the bishop, and carried their personal resistance to the extent of breaking his lordship's head with one of their processional crosses. The anecdote is mentioned in Palmer's reports, p. 221.

† The chapter of Rouen confess that their English property in Devonshire had become rather a burden than a profit. (See the grant of Northam to bishop Grandisson in Transactions of Exeter Diocesan Archit. Soc. A. D. 1842.)

‡ Year-book, 22 Edw. IV. fol. 43. 2 Coke Institute, fol. 584.

§ See Saville's reports, p. 8. Staundford's Prerogative, p. 43 b. 55, 56. Brooke's Abridgment, title "Moigne," pl. 18; "Office," pl. 14. 47; "Prerogative," pl. 38.

|| See the cases of Farleigh, S. Neot, Montacute, Deerhurst, &c., in Dugdale's Monasticon; and that of Barnstaple, &c. ante, p. 200, Num. X.

¶ The editors of the new Monasticon (vol. vi. p. 985) speak of 1285 as the date of the first seizure. Sed quære?

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down to a late period. (See Rastal's Entries, fol. 32, b. 33, 33 b. Weever's Funeral Monuments, p. 338. Barnes' Life of Edward III. p. 113, &c.) St. Michael's Mount was committed to Ralph de Bloyon. In 19 Edw. III. (1345.) that priory was in farm to the prior himself. (See 3 Rymer, p. 60.)

12 Edw. III. A writ to the bishop of Chichester to remove instantly the alien monks of Lewes to some houses of their order further off the sea. (Rot. Aleman. 12 Edw. III. m. 10. in Hale MSS., Lincoln. Inn, No. 16.)

16 Edw. III. The lands of the religious in the Channel islands put under custody during war; but restitution made to rectors and chaplains who were faithful to the English. (Rot. Claus. in Prynne on 4 Inst. 386.)

20 Edw. III. (1346-7.) The commons pray that alien monks avoid (quit) the realm, and their priories, &c. be bestowed on Englishmen. The king replies, that he has seized and sequestered the profits. (Rot. Parl. 20 Edw. III. No. 19.)

Eod. anno. All prelates required to certify the names and value of alien priories into chancery. (Rot. Parl. 20 Edw. III., No. 46.)

35 Edw. III. (1361.) Restitution of alien priories on the return of peace. (3 Rym. 602; 2 Nichols' Alien Priories, p. 192, &c.)

43 Edw. III. (1369, 1370.) Alien priories again seized occasione guerræ, and let to the respective priors. (Rot. Parl. 43 Edw. III., No. 26., 6 Rym. 629.)

47 Edw. III. (1373.) The commons petition for the removal of alien French priors twenty miles from the coast. The king replies, that he will advise with the council. (Rot. Parl. 47 Edw. III., No. 20; Cotton Ab. 119.)

48 Edw. III. There must have been a writ to certify the priories in this year, as in 20 Edw. III. supra: See the return by Brentyngham above.

50 Edw. III. (1376.) Priories conventual and collegiate restored by authority of parliament to their respective priors. (Rot. Parl. eod. an., No. 65; Cotton Ab. 131.)

In the same year the commons petition that no aliens may be heads of foreign priories, and that French religious be banished.

1 & 2 Ric. II. (1377-8-9.) Alien religious banished by parliament, and their lands seized, except priors conventual. Rot. Parl. 1 R. 2; Cotton Ab. 162. 171; 7 Rymer, 697.)

4 Ric. II. Petition of the commons for the perpetual removal of alien priors. Reply,—le Roy s'avisera. (Rot. Parl. 4 Ric. II. No. 20.)

13 Ric. II., & 16 Ric. II. Former statutes of this reign enforced, non obstante letters patent to the contrary; but priors inducted and perpetual to enjoy their priories for a reasonable farm. (Cotton Ab. 331. 347.)

1 Hen. IV. (1399.) The king by assent of parliament restores alien priors, reserving the ancient apport to himself. (8 Rymer, 101.)

2 Hen. IV. (1401.) The commons petition for seizure according to law. (Rot. Parl. 2 Hen. IV. m. 14.)

4 Hen. IV. (1402-3.) An act for general seizure of alien priories not conventual. (Rot. parl. 4 Hen. IV. No. 11.) Under this act St. Michael's Mount, though conventual, was illegally seized, and afterwards restored. See ante, p. 28; and Rot. Parl. 5 Hen. IV. m. 12.; and Rot. Pat. 5 Hen. IV. Acts of the Privy Council, vol. i. p. 190, ed. 1834.

9 Hen. IV. The commons petition that all people should be allowed to go beyond sea, to buy the lands of alien priories.

1 Hen. V. (1413.) }
2 Hen. V. (1414.) } Under these acts the possessions of alien priors are revested in the crown for ever to the intent that service may be better done in them by English than by French, except alien priors conventual, and priors instituted and inducted, saving the rights of liege subjects therein. (See Rot. Parl. eisd. annis; 9 Rymer, 283.) *—S.

* It should have been noticed, ante, p. 28, that the edition of Rymer there cited is the Hague edition. In this article the new edition is cited as far as it goes, and then the previous English edition.

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D.

ADVOWSONS BELONGING TO THE PRINCE OF WALES, TEMP. EDWARD III.

Extract of so much of the caption of seisin of the Black Prince (11 Edw. III. 1337) as concerns his ecclesiastical patronage, jure ducatus Cornubie.

(Inter recorda Curiæ Scacc.)

Advocaciones prioratuum et ecclesiarum spectantes ad dominum ducem in Cornubia.

Prioratuum.

Prioratus de Tywardrath. Et valet per annum . . . . . 600 marcas
Prioratus de Monte Sancti Michaelis. Et valet per annum * . . . . . 200 marcas

Capella.

Libera capella Sancte Beriane. Et valet decanatus cum tribus prebendis in eadem capella . . . £120

Ecclesie.

Ecclesia Sancti Stediane. Et valet per annum . . . . . 60 marcas
Ecclesia Sancte Cride. Et valet per annum . . . . . 50 marcas
Ecclesia Sancti Michaelis in manerio de Helliston in Trigg. Et valet per annum . . . . . 25 marcas
Ecclesia de Lanteglos. Et valet per annum . . . . . 80 marcas
Ecclesia de Bliston. Et valet per annum . . . . . 40 marcas
Ecclesia de Stoke in Clymeslond. Et valet per annum . . . . . 60 marcas
Ecclesia de Calistock in eodem manerio. Et valet per annum . . . . . 40 marcas
Ecclesia Sancti Stephani de Tremeton. Et valet per annum . . . . . 120 marcas

Ecclesie spectantes ad donacionem domini ducis racione minorum etatum heredum subscriptorum etc.

Ecclesia Sancte Ladoce, cujus advocacio est de hereditate heredis Radulphi Beaupre infra etatem existentis. Et valet per annum £40
Ecclesia Sancti Lugani, cujus advocacio est de hereditate heredis Willielmi Basset infra etatem existentis. Et valet per annum . . . . . 80 marcas
Ecclesia Sancti Evinyon [?] cujus advocacio est de hereditate ipsius heredis. Et valet per annum . £20
Ecclesia de Cambron, cujus advocacio est de hereditate predicti heredis. Et valet per annum . . 90 marcas
Ecclesia de Braddon, cujus advocacio est de hereditate Simonis Flemmyng infra etatem existentis. Et valet per annum . . . . . 40 marcas
Ecclesia de Alvardiscote, cujus advocacio est de hereditate ipsius heredis. Et valet per annum . . £10

E.

COMPOSITION BETWEEN THE BISHOP OF EXETER AND EDMUND, EARL OF CORNWALL, A. D. 1270.

(Bronescombe Register, fol. 61.)

Noverint universi presentes literas visuri vel audituri quod cum inter venerabilem patrem dominum Walterum Exoniensem episcopum ex parte una et nobilem virum dominum Edmundum comitem Cornubie ex altera super quibusdam contencionibus et transgressionibus dicto episcopo et ecclesie Exoniensi illatis suborta fuisset materia questionis ac dicte partes in alto et basso arbitrio ordinacioni decreto seu laudo super dictis contencionibus et transgressionibus venerabilis patris domini Cantuariensis archiepiscopi se submisissent, tandem placuit partibus memoratis et inter easdem convenit, amicis communibus intervenientibus post tractatus varios dictam contencionem per viam compositionis pro bono pacis amicabiliter sopiri in forma subscripta, videlicet, quod dictus comes vult et concedit quod ecclesia et ministri ecclesie pacem habeant in Cornubia et aliis terris et dominiis ipsius comitis Exoniensis civitatis et diocesis, sicut habuerunt tempore domini regis Allemannie patris sui et suo usque ad tempus contencionis inter dictum dominum episcopum et ipsum mote. Vult eciam et concedit dictus comes quod pro maneriis de Polton et de Penren fiat secta ad duos comitatus et duos turnos vicecomitis in anno per quatuor liberos et legales homines tantum de utroque manerio sicut fieri consuevit tempore regis Allemannie predicti et dicti comitis usque ad tempus dicte contencionis mote. Et quod pro maneriis de Treigaer et Lawyitton fiat secta per unum liberum et legalem hominem tantum de utroque manerio ad duos comitatus et duos turnos vicecomitis in anno, sicut fieri consuevit tempore dicti regis Allemannie et ipsius comitis usque ad tempus dicte contencionis mote. Item vult et concedit dictus comes quod dictus dominus episcopus habeat forisfacturam assise panis et cervisie in maneriis suis de Polton, Penren, Tregaer, Lawitton et Sancti Germani, sicut habere consuevit tempore dicti regis Allemannie et ipsius comitis usque ad tempus dicte contencionis mote. Et quod pillorium et tumberellum liberi burgi de Penren prostrata erigantur et libertas dicti burgi integre restituatur. Item quod parcus de Gargaul reficiatur infra certum competens tempus. Et quod libertates manerii de Gargaul plene observentur, sicut in carta regis Allemannie supradicti super hoc confecta plenius continetur. Et quod eciam omnes alie libertates in predictis maneriis episcopi et aliis lese vel violate restituantur et in eum statum reducantur sicut fuerunt tempore regis Allemannie et ipsius comitis usque ad tempus dicte contencionis

* The prince at one time laid claim to the patronage of Launceston priory, but the claim was afterwards relinquished. (See the register or volume of documents respecting Launceston and other miscellaneous matters, among Tanner's MSS. Bodl. Libr. Oxon.)

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mote. Item quod diversa dampna et injurie dicto domino episcopo Exoniensi et ejus ecclesie per diversos malefactores preter conscienciam comitis, ut creditur, que idem comes plene deadvocat, multipliciter sunt illata, promittit, idem comes bona fide quod contra dictum dominum episcopum ad dampna sua recuperanda nullum tuebitur sed ipsum in juris sui prosecucione juvabit. Item quod terra et tenementa redditus et servicia, que per ministeriales dicti comitis ad opus ejus in lesionem et dampnum dicti episcopi et ecclesie sue Exoniensis injuste sunt usurpata a tempore orte turbacionis predicte, restituantur et in statum in quo prius fuerunt reducantur. Item concedit dictus comes quod si dominus Ricardus de Sephton, Johannes Goshelm, et alii qui non sunt de diocese Exoniensi aliquid extorserint vel injuste ceperint de hominibus episcopi clericis suis et bonis dicti episcopi, quod ad predictum comitem pervenerit, idem comes illud bona fide restituet; et, si idem comes hujusmodi extorta non receperit, juvabit dominum episcopum bona fide quod sibi super hoc a dictis malefactoribus plenarie satisfiet. Item vult et concedit dominus comes quod dictus dominus episcopus habeat plenam restitutionem seysinam et possessionem de omnibus libertatibus et aliis supradictis quibus idem episcopus et sui predecessores usi fuerunt et eisdem bene et in pace gaudeat sicut predictum est, salvo eidem comiti jure suo si inde loqui voluerit, ita quod predicta inviolabiliter absque impedimento dicto episcopo remaneant donec predictum comitem jus suum in premissis, si quod habuerit, per legale judicium disracionare contigerit. Premissam autem composicionem venerabilis pater dominus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis predictus pro bono pacis inter partes memoratas initam, de concilio et consensu fratrum et coepiscoporum suorum sibi assidencium, videlicet dominorum Johannis London, Walteri Roffensis Aniani Assavensis episcoporum, et domini Roberti electi Bathoniensis et Wellensis, approbavit laudavit ratificavit et confirmavit. Et in hujus rei geste testimonium et perpetuitatis fiduciam pleniorem predicte partes huic scripto ad modum cyrographi confecto sigilla sua una cum sigillo venerabilis patris predicti domini Cantuariensis archiepiscopi et aliorum prenominatorum episcoporum et electi predicti vicissim apposuerunt, et eam compositionem bona fide in omnibus et singulis in presencia predictorum prelatorum observare fideliter promiserunt. Actum et datum in capella de Lameheth die Jovis proxima post festum Sancti Gregorii pape, anno gracie MCC°LXX° quarto.

F.

RENT ROLL OF THE SEE OF EXETER, A.D. 1308.

(Stapeldon, Regist. fol. 9.)

Redditus assisi episcopatus Exoniensis solvendus per terminos et talia certa eodem modo solvenda ad certos terminos.

DEVONIA.

Redditus.—De redditu assiso tam villanorum quam liberorum manerii per annum £54 4*s.* 3½*d.*

Tauton.

Unde (inde?) solvuntur in termino Sancti Michaelis £13 16*s.* –¾*d.* In termino natalis Domini £13 9*s.* 4½*d.* In termino pasche £13 9*s.* 5¾*d.* In termino natalis beati Johannis Baptiste £13 9*s.* 4½*d.*

Nyweport.

Redditus.—De redditu burgi de Nyweport per annum £16 8*s.* 10*d.* Et solvitur redditus ejusdem burgi in quatuor terminis principalibus per equales porciones, videlicet, ad quemlibet terminum £4 2*s.* 2½*d.*

Summa totalis redditus assisi £70 13*s.* 1½*d.*

Chursect redditus.—De chursecto gallinarum ad festum Sancti Martini 30 galline *.
De redditu piperis ad festum Sancti Michaelis 2lb.

Nymeton.

Redditus.—De redditu assiso per annum £12 6*s.* 5*d.* Unde ad terminum Sancti Michaelis 63*s.* 7¼*d.* Ad terminum natalis Domini 60*s.* 7¼*d.* Ad terminum pasche 61*s.* 7¼*d.* Ad terminum natalis beati Johannis Baptiste 60*s.* 7¼*d.*

Summa £12 6*s.* 5*d.*

Redditus.—De cera ad festum Sancti Michaelis 3lb. Et una libra cymini ad eundem terminum.

Criditon.

Redditus.—De redditu manerii ibidem tam liberorum quam villanorum £34 7*s.* Unde solvuntur ad festum Sancti Michaelis £8 16*s.* 1*d.* Ad festum natalis Domini £8 8*s.* 9*d.* Ad festum pasche £8 12*s.* 7*d.* Ad festum natalis beati Johannis Baptiste £8 9*s.* 7*d.*

Criditon burgus.—De redditu burgi 59*s.* 11*d.* Unde ad festum pasche 29*s.* 11½*d.* Et ad festum Sancti Michaelis 29*s.* 11½*d.*

Summa totalis redditus £37 6*s.* 11*d.*

Molendina.—De firma duorum molendinorum Criditon £11 6*s.* 8*d.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus.
De firma molendini de Nepeworth 36*s.* solvenda in eisdem quatuor terminis.
De firma molendini de Cnolle 20*s.* solvenda ad eosdem terminos.
De firma molendini fullatici Criditon 24*s.* solvenda ad eosdem terminos.

Summa totalis firme molendinorum £15 6*s.* 8*d.*

* This is the ciric-sceat, or church-scot, of the Anglo-Saxons (see Lingard's Anglo-Saxon Church, vol. i. p. 190); but in the western dioceses it appears to have been paid in poultry, and not in grain or seed. It occurs in that form in the rentals of Winchester diocese. See the custumal of S. Swithin, penes Dec. et Cap. Winton.—S.

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Berbiagium.—De berbiagio ad terminum de la Hockeday uno anno 26 oves matrices et alio anno 12 oves matrices et 5 hoggs *.

Morcet. (Bishop's Morchard.?)

Redditus.—De redditu assiso per annum £7 11*s.* 9½*d.* solvend' ad festum Sancti Michaelis 40*s.* 4½*d.* Ad festum natalis Domini 36*s.* 6¼*d.* Ad festum pasche 38*s.* 4½*d.*
Molendinum.—Firma molendini per annum 40*s.* solvend' in terminis principalibus per equales porciones.
Dominicum.—De firma dominici per annum 50*s.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus per equales porciones.
Summa tocius redditus, firme molendini et dominici, £12 1*s.* 9½*d.*
Berbiagium.—De berbiago ad terminum de la Hockeday una ovis matrix et 1 hogg valoris 22*d.*

Clyst.

De redditu assiso ibidem £6 2*s.* 2½*d.* Unde solvendum in termino Sancti Michaelis 33*s.* 11½*d.* In termino natalis Domini 29*s.* 5*d.* In termino pasche 29*s.* 5*d.* In termino natalis beati Johannis Baptiste 29*s.* 5*d.*
Summa £6 2*s.* 2½*d.*

Flokeston.

De redditu ibidem per annum ad voluntatem 73*s.* 4*d.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus per equales porciones.
Deducto redditu dimidii marce debito dominis de Otery Sancte Marie.
Summa 73*s.* 4*d.*

Chuddelegh.

De redditu assiso per annum £14 5*s.* 2*d.* Unde solvendum in termino Sancti Michaelis £4 4*s.* 9½*d.* In termino natalis Domini 66*s.* 9½*d.* In termino pasche 66*s.* 9½*d.* Et in termino natalis beati Johannis Baptiste 66*s.* 9½*d.*
Item de redditu in termino natalis Domini 24 wodecocks, vel 12*d.* pro electione domini.
Novum Burgum.—Item de redditu novi burgi per annum 27*s.* 7½*d.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus per equales porciones.
Item de firma molendini fullatici per annum 20*s.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus per equales porciones.
Summa £16 13*s.* 9½*d.*

Berbiagium.—Item de berbiagio ad terminum de Hockeday 33 oves matrices preter decimam et alia.
Chursect.—Item de chursecto ad festum Sancti Martini 70 galli.

Teyngton.

Redditus.—De redditu assiso ibidem per annum £15 13*s.* 3¾*d.* Unde in termino Sancti Michaelis 78*s.* 4*d.* In termino natalis Domini 78*s.* 4*d.* In termino pasche, 78*s.* 4*d.*; et in termino natalis beati Johannis Baptiste 78*s.* 3¾*d.*
Summa £15 13*s.* 3¾*d.*
Item de redditu piperis in festo Sancti Michaelis 2lb.
Berbiagium.—Item de berbiagio ad la Hockeday 5 oves matrices et 5 hoggs, preter decimam.
Chursect.—Item de redditu gallinarum ad festum Sancti Martini, deductis acquietanciis et defectibus, 85 gallinæ.

Tengemue.

De redditu assiso ibidem per annum £15 16*s.* Unde solvendum ad terminum pasche £7 18*s.* Et in termino Sancti Michaelis £7 18*s.*
Stallagium †.—De stallagio ibidem et aliis proficuis aliquando plus, aliquando minus, et propterea nichil hic ponitur.
Summa £15 16*s.*

Peyngton.

De redditu assiso ibidem per annum £48 9*s.* 6¾*d.* unde solvendum in termino Sancti Michaelis £12 2*s.* 10½*d.* In termino natalis Domini £12 22½*d.* In termino pasche £12 2*s.* 11½*d.* Et in termino natalis beate Johannis Baptiste £12 22¼*d.*
Firma molendini.—De firma molendini per annum £12 18*s.* solvend' in quatuor terminis principalibus, ad quemlibet terminum 64*s.* 6*d.* Tamen firmarii recusant firmam.
Redditus de cymino ad terminum Michaelis dimidium libre.
De redditu de Rostewode ad festum Sancti Martini 10*s.* 1*d.*
Relaxacio.—De relaxacione facture 148 cleiarum falde ad le Hockeday, 4*s.* 6*d.*
De relaxacione camere forinsece purgande ad festum Sancti Michaelis 12*d.*
De relaxacione facture trium portarum bartoñ de Peyngton, Stoke, et Mergheldon ad eundem terminum 18*d.*
De relaxacione messure 20 acrarum avene de hominibus de Hareb in eodem termino 5*s.*

Chursect.—De chursecto gallorum ad festum Sancti Martini, preter acquietancias et defectus, uno anno 106 galli et alio anno 111 galli.
Berbiagium.—De berbiagio ad la Hockeday, preter defectum et acquietanciam, 124 oves matrices et 11 hoggs.

Ashperton.

De redditu assiso per annum £18 8*s.* 8½*d.* unde solvuntur in termino Sancti Michaelis £4 13*s.* 3¾*d.* In termino natalis Domini £4 11*s.* 9¾*d.* In termino pasche £4 11*s.* 9¾*d.* In termino natalis beati Johannis Baptiste £4 11*s.* 9½*d.*
De oxgabulo per annum 7*s.* 6*d.* ad quatuor terminos principales ‡.
De piscaria per annum 2*s.* in quatuor terminis principalibus.
Firma molendinorum.—De firma molendinorum in quatuor terminis £9 3*s.* 6*d.*
Summa £28 20½*d.*

* This rent of sheep (brebiage) has been adverted to ante, p. 411 n. It constantly occurs in western rentals, but has mostly become a fixed money rent, called *barbage*, paid and received without the slightest knowledge of its meaning by either party. The aliquot parts of sheep are more distinctly stated in Testa de Nevill, pp. 201—203.—S.

† Standings in fairs or markets.

‡ Oxgabulum is perhaps the render of oxen, occasionally mentioned in Domesday. See the tenement of Tremor, mentioned under Bodmin, ante, p. 411.—S.

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Ashperton, burgus.—De redditu assiso per annum £16 16*s.* 8*d.* solvuntur in quatuor terminis principalibus.
De redditu cimini ad festum Sancti Michaelis libra 1.

Summa £16 16*s.* 8*d.*

Summa totius redditus assisi maneriorum in Devon £271 10*s.* 4*d.* Unde solvuntur ad terminos

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Sancti Michaelis	74	3	8
Natalis Domini	62	11	–
Pasche	72	5	1
Sancti Johannis	62	10	7

Summa firmarum molendinorum dictorum maneriorum preter molendina de Tauton, Nymeton, Clyst, Chuddelegh et Teyngton, que sunt in manu domini £39 8*s.* 2*d.*, que solvuntur ad terminos Sancti Michaelis, Natalis Domini, Pasche, et Nativitatis beati Johannis per equales porciones, videlicet, ad quemlibet terminum £9 17*s.* ½*d.* Summa totius redditus assisi maneriorum cum firmis molendinorum £310 18*s.* 6*d.* Unde solvuntur ad terminos

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Sancti Michaelis	84	–	8½
Natalis Domini	72	8	–½
Pasche	82	2	1½
Beati Johannis	72	7	7½

Preterea solvuntur apud Peyngton in festo Sancti Martini de redditu de Rost Wode 10*s.* 1*d.*
Item de relaxationibus facture 148 cleiarum ad faldam a la Hockeday 4*s.* 6*d.*
Item de relaxationibus camere forinsece domini purgande ibidem ad festum Sancti Michaelis 12*d.*
Item de relaxationibus trium portarum de bertonis Peyngton, Stok, et Marledon ad eundem terminum 18*d.*
Item de relaxationibus messure 20 acrarum avene de hominibus de Hareb ad eundem terminum 5*s.*

Summa 22*s.* 1*d.*

Summa totius berbiagii in Devon 189 oves matrices et 17 hoggs uno anno et alio anno 184 oves et 22 hoggs, et solvuntur a la Hockeday.
Summa gallinarum de chursete 291 galline uno anno, et alio anno 296 galline, et solvuntur in festo Sancti Martini.

CORNUBIA.

Polton.

Redditus.—Redditus assisus ibidem per annum secundum compotum £57 15*s.* 3*d.* inde subtrahuntur in defectu nunc £4 15*s.* 9*d.* per annum et in acquietanciis per annum 17*s.*; et priori de Sancto Karoco pro annua pensione pro advocatione ecclesie de Alternon, quam ecclesiam canonici Exon habent in proprios usus, 66*s.* 8*d.* Et sic remanent domino £48 15*s.* 10*d.* De quibus solvuntur in festo Sancte Crucis £22 7*s.* 3*d.* et in festo Omnium Sanctorum £26 8*s.* 7*d.*

Summa £48 15*s.* 10*d.*

Firma molendinorum.—De firmis 3 molendinorum per annum 75*s.* 4*d.* ad terminos predictos equaliter.
Clefwarda*.—Item est ibidem quidam redditus qui appellatur clefwarda uno anno 20*s.* et alio anno 13*s.* 4*d.*, et solvitur totum in festo Omnium Sanctorum.
Berbiagium.—Sunt ibidem ad Calemay 206 oves matrices de berbiagio, preter defectum et acquietanciam, et 14 hoggs et dimidium, et 20 agni.
Auxilium.—Item de auxilio sokemannorum in festo purificationis £4 9*s.* 10*d.* Et 10*s.* de auxilio nativorum. Et de arura eorundem 19*s.*

Berners.

Redditus.—Redditus assisus ibidem per annum £21 19*s.* ½*d.* unde solvuntur in festo purificationis 74*s.* ½*d.* Et ad Calemay £7 5*s.* Et in festo Sancti Laurencii 74*s.* Et in festo Omnium Sanctorum £7 6*s.*
Auxilium.—Item de auxilio Sokemanorum in festo purificationis 7*s.*
Firma molendinorum.—Et de firma molendinorum duorum in quatuor terminis 46*s.* 8*d.*
Berbiagium.—Item berbiagium 8 oves dimidium. Item 8 agni di. preter decimam. Et de gabulo cum berbiagio 10¾*d.*

Lawytton.

Redditus.—Redditus assisus ibidem per annum £19 6*s.* ½*d.* unde solvuntur in festo Sancte Crucis £9 8*s.* 9¼*d.* Et in festo Omnium Sanctorum £9 11*s.* 9¼.
Auxilium.—Item de auxilio sokemanorum in festo Omnium Sanctorum 20*s.* 2¼*d.* Et de auxilio nativorum 22*s.* Sed hoc est ad voluntatem domini.
Firma molendinorum.—Item de firmis duorum molendinorum bladi et unius foler [aticum?] per annum 73*s.* 8*d.* Et duo molendina bladi sunt in manu domini que solebant reddere per annum 28*s.*
Berbiagium.—Item de berbiagio 69 oves et di ped. Item de decima 7 [*hiatus*].

Sanctus Germanus.

Redditus assisi ibidem per annum £10 11*s.* 5*d.* et solvuntur ad duos terminos, scilicet, ad Calemay et ad festum Omnium Sanctorum equis porcionibus.
Auxilium.—Item auxilium sokemanorum in festo purificacionis 5*s.* 6*d.* Item auxilium nativorum communiter 110*s.* ad voluntatem domini.
Arure.—Item dicti nativi arabunt quolibet anno 61 acras, precium acre 6*d.*

* The rent of *Clefward* seems to be a commutation for the Cliffguard service due to some castle, and already mentioned under Launceston and Buckfast. Ante, p. 23. 373.—S.

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Firma molendinorum.—Item de firma 1 molendini bladi per annum 43*s.* 4*d.* ad quatuor anni terminos. Item 1 molendinum, quod solebat reddere per annum 43*s.* 4*d.*, est nunc wastum per mortem domini Thome episcopi quia Galfridus de Hyskyn fregit bedum illius capit' in terra sua propria de tempore de quo non existat memoria wastum, et sic injuste, et nichil habet in feodo episcopi ut dicitur.

Item sunt ibidem de berbiagio 71 oves 3 ped. Inde in decima 7, in acquietancia 1 [lb.] piperis 1 ovis.

Tregaer.

Redditus.—Redditus assise ibidem per annum £19 10*s.* 9*d.* De quibus solvitur in festo Sancte Crucis £9 14*s.* 7½*d.* Et in festo Omnium Sanctorum £9 16*s.* 1½*d.*

Auxilium et arure.—Auxilium sokemanorum in festo purificationis 7*s.* Arure convencionariorum et nativorum in predicto festo valet 5*s.*

Molendinum.—Item est ibidem unum molendinum maremii quod solebat reddere per annum 40*s.* Et non est in manu domini.

Berbiagium.—Berbiagium ibidem ad Calemay remanens domino 38 oves matrices 3 ped ovium et 1 agnus preter decimam et acquietanciam.

Penryn Burgus.

Redditus assise per annum £7 13*s.* 2½*d.* Inde in defectu redditus per annum 11*s.* 11*d.*

Et sic remanet domino £7. 15½*d.* solvendum in festo Omnium Sanctorum et ad Kalemay equis porcionibus.

Penryn Forum.

Redditus assise per annum £26 7*s.* 5*d.* Inde in defectu redditus per annum 49*s.* 6*d.* et sic remanet domino £23 17*s.* 11*d.* Unde solvuntur ad Calemay £11 16*s.* 5*d.* Et in festo Omnium Sanctorum £12 - 18*d.*

Auxilium arure.—Item auxilium sokemanorum in festo purificationis 15*s.*

Relaxacio.—Item de arura relaxanda in predicto festo 3*s.* 6*d.* Item de relaxacione messure eorundem in autumpno 2*s.* ¾*d.*

Redditus.—De redditu terre locate per annum nunc 49*s.* 10*d.* solvend' ad duos anni terminos predictos.

Firma molendinorum.—Item de firma 4 molendinorum bladi et 1 molendini foleratici per annum £13 6*s.* 8*d.* solvend' in festo Omnium Sanctorum, in festo purificationis, ad Calemay, et in festo Sancti Laurencii equaliter.

Berbiagium.—Item berbiagium 22 oves et 14 hoggs, preter decimam et acquietanciam.

Kaergaul.

Redditus assise per annum £41 16*s.* 11*d.* Inde in defectu redditus per annum propter debilitatem terrarum 18*s.* 9*d.* Et pro redditu manerii priori Bodmin in festo pasche 4*s.* pro omni servicio; et sic remanet episcopo per annum £40 14*s.* 2*d.* Unde solvuntur ad pascha £10 7*d.* In festo Nativitatis beati Johannis £10 - 7*d.* In festo Sancti Michaelis £10 12*s.* 5*d.* Et in festo Natalis Domini £10 7*d.* Item in 4 acris in Sancto Colano 2*s.* de redditu per annum ad 4 predictos terminos.

Firma molendinorum.—Item de firma 4 molendinorum per annum £4 15*s.* ad quatuor predictos terminos equaliter.

Redditus et auxilium.—Item de auxilio nativorum in festo Sancti Michaelis 8*s.* Item redditus terre locate nunc 30*s.* 11*d.* in festo Sancti Michaelis.

Redditus et arure. Item de arura in festo purificacionis 13*s.* 8*d.* Item 2lb. dimidium cymini de redditu in festo Sancti Michaelis.

De berbiagio 4 oves, 1 hogastr.

Summa totius redditus assisus £195 13*s.* 8*d.* Unde solvuntur ad terminos

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Omnium Sanctorum	75	4	10
Purificacionis	–	74	–½
Invencionis Sancte Crucis	70	13	4
Pasche	10	–	13
Sancti Laurencii	–	74	–
Sancti Johannis Baptiste	10	–	13
Sancti Michaelis	12	3	10
Natalis Domini	10	–	13

Summa totius auxilii £14 - 9¼*d.* De quibus solvuntur ad terminos

Purificacionis	11	10	7
Omnium Sanctorum	–	42	2¼
Sancti Michaelis	–	8	–

Summa arure et messure relaxata per annum 73*s.* 8¾*d.* et solvenda in festo purificacionis.

Summa firmarum molendinorum, £30 8*d.*; de quibus solvuntur in terminis

	£	*s.*	*d.*
Omnium Sanctorum	8	3	8
Purificacionis	4	9	2
Sancte Crucis	8	3	8
Sancte Laurencii	4	9	2
Pasche	–	23	9
Johannis Baptiste	–	23	9
Sancti Michaelis	–	23	9
Natalis Domini	–	23	9

Preterea sunt in manu domini apud Polton 2 molendina, apud Lawitton 2 molendina, apud Sanctum Germanum 1 molendinum vacuum, et apud Tregaer 1 molendinum*.

* The head of Peyngton furnishes a good illustration of the manner in which rents or services in kind have become commuted for fixed payments. The obligation of tenure to make hurdles, or gates, and to do scavenger's work, is at first excused or released on payment of a fine; and, in the result, the fine becomes an habitual and fixed rent. The *purgatio cameræ forinsecæ* is not a singular service. "W. Yvo tenet virgatam terræ per V^s., et p̄ro uno cherset', et debet fæces domini extrahere de curiâ domini," &c. Custum. of S. Swithun's priory, Winchester, under *Enford*. cited supra.—S.

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G.

GRANT TO THE BISHOP OF THE TITHE OF ROYAL FISH.

Num. I.

Carta regis Henrici secundi pro decima craspesiorum. 1280

(Grandisson regist. vol. ii. fol. 27.)

Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie dominus Hibernie et dux Aquitanie archiepiscopis episcopis abbatibus prioribus comitibus baronibus justiciariis vicecomitibus prepositis ministris et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis salutem. Inspeximus cartam quam dominus Henricus quondam rex Anglie progenitor noster fecit Roberto episcopo Exoniensi in hec verba.—Henricus rex Anglie et dux Normannie et Aquitanie et comes Andegavie justiciariis et vicecomitibus et omnibus ministris suis Devonie et Cornubie salutem. Concedo quod Robertus episcopus Exoniensis habeat decimam omnium craspesiorum qui venerint in aliquam partem episcopatus sui ita plenarie et integre sicut unquam aliquis antecessor ejus plenius habuit tempore regis Henrici avi mei. Teste comite Reginaldo apud Westmonasterium.—Nos autem concessionem predictam ratam habentes et gratam eam pro nobis et heredibus nostris quantum in nobis est venerabili patri Waltero nunc episcopo loci predicti et successoribus suis concedimus et confirmamus sicut carta predicta racionabiliter testatur. Hiis testibus, venerabilibus patribus W. archiepiscopo Cantuariensi tocius Anglie primate, J. Norwicen et J. Cicestren, episcopis, Adamaro de Valencia comite Pembroch, Umfrido comite Hertford et Essex, Guidone de Bello Campo, comite Warwik, Rogero de Mortuo Mari de Wigemore, Hugone de Courtenay et Johanne de Crombwelle senescallo hospicii nostri et aliis. Datum per manum nostram apud Westmonasterium xii. die Marcii anno regni nostri octavo. [1280.]

Num. II.

De decima crespesiorum. 1370

(Brantyngham regist. vol. ii. fol. 27, b.)

Thomas, miseracione divina Exoniensis episcopus, dilectis filiis perpetuis vicariis Sancti Gluvyaci et de Fawy in Cornubia nostre diocesis, salutem, graciam et benediccionem. Quia Dominus, universorum conditor, cujus est terra et plenitudo ejus, orbis terrarum et universi qui habitant in ea, in signum universalis dominii, decimas et primicias sibi reddi precepit, ac per hoc quisque fidelis de omnibus, que licite possit adquirere, decimas erogare tenetur, nisi a prestacione ipsarum specialiter eximatur, ea siquidem sane perpendens excellentissimus in Christo princeps et dominus noster dominus Edwardus Dei gracia rex Anglie et Francie et dominus Hibernie, ad quem crespesia in Anglia pertinere noscuntur, decimam eorundem infra nostram diocesim contingencium ubicunque per suam cartam nobis et successoribus nostris concessit; ad petendum igitur, exigendum et recipiendum hujusmodi decimam crespesiorum per totam Cornubiam ubi contigerint et ad usum nostrum convertendum necnon ad compellendum quascunque personas hujusmodi decimam detinentes ad solutionem ejus per quascunque censuras ecclesiasticas vices nostras committimus et plenariam potestatem. Datum in manerio nostro de Clyst xx^mo. die mensis Februarii anno M°.CCC°.LXX^mo. sexto.

H.

MANUMISSIONS ENTERED IN THE BODMIN GOSPELS*.

(Quatuor Evangelia. Add. MSS. Mus. Brit. 9381.)

1. [*Fol.* 1 *a, a fly-leaf.*] Hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum. húna. et soror illius dolo. quos [lib]eravit byrhtflæd pro redemptione animæ suæ super altare sancti petroci [c]oram istis testibus. leufric prespiter. budda prespiter. morhaytho prespiter. deui prespiter. hresmen diaconus. custentin laicus. wurlowen laycus. ut libertatem habeant cum semine suo sine fine. et maledictus sit qui fregerit hanc libertatem.
2. Rumun liberavit. haluin super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. clerici sancti petroci:
3. budic. glowmæth. quos liberavit uulfsie episcopus super altare sancti petroci.
4. hæc est nomen qui liberavit duihon super altare sancti petroci. sancti leofftan. coram istis testibus. byrhsie presbiter. morhatho diaconus. britail. Johann.
5. ✠ hæc sunt nomina illarum fæminarum quas liberavit rum. addalburg. et ogurcen. coram istis testibus videntibus; Osian. presbiter cantgethen diaconus. leucum. clericus.
6. wulsige cemoyre† wulsige episcopus liberavit inaprost [maprost?] cum filiis ejus pro anima eadgar rex ⅂ pro anima sua coram istis testibus byrhsige presbiter. electus presbiter. abel presbyter. morhatho diaconus [*erasure?*] canretheo diaconus. riol diaconus.

* The extracts are printed without altering the small initial letters of the names, or improving the latinity. A more critical knowledge of the Saxon language will probably detect some errors in the copy, as there is certainly occasional ambiguity in the original entries.

† The two first names are so placed as to make it uncertain to what entry they belong. The handwriting is that of No. 6.

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7. Hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum quos liberabit ælfsie super altare sancti petroci pro redemptione anime sue. onwen. ewsannec. iesu. coram istis testibus. byrhtsie presbiter. mermen presbiter. agustinus lector. morhaitho diaconus. riol diaconus. . . .
8. [h]oc est nomen illius fæmine. gluiucen. quam liberavit ordulf pro anima ælfsie super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus morhatho diacono. tithert clerico.
9. [h]er ys thæs mannes nama the byrhsie gefreode et petrocys stowe byhstan hate bluntan sunu on æthelhide giwitnyse hys agen wyf ⁊ on byrhisiys mæse preostes ⁊ on riol ⁊ myrmen ⁊ wunsie morhæththo ⁊ cynsie priost.
10. [*Fol.* 1 *b, title-page.*] Hc sunt nomina mulierum medhuil. adlgun. quas liberavit eadmunt rex super altare sancti petroci palam istis testibus cangueden diaconus. ryt clericus. anaoc tithert.
11. hec sunt nomina hominum quos liberavit eadmund rex pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci. tancwoystel weneriet coram istis testibus wulfsie presbiter. adoyre milian clericus atque in eadem die mandavit* hanc fæminam arganteilin eisdem testibus.
12. Hæc sunt nomina hominum quos liberaverunt clerici petroci sulleisoc ousduythal pro anima eadgari regis super altare sancti petroci in festivitate sancti micaelis coram istis testibus. byrhsie presbiter osian presbiter austius lector riol diaconus.
13. hoc est [nom]en mulieris meore. quam liberavit ullfrit pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus mermen presbiter morhaitho diaconus guaithrit clericus.
14. ✠ hec sunt nomina mulierum quas liberavit wulsie epīs et clerici sancti petroci. proscen. wuencen. onncum. illcum super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus byrhsie presbiter riol diaconus morhatho diaconus wuathrit clericus.
15. ✠ Hoc est nomen illius mulieris wencenethel quam liberavit ordgar dux pro anima sua super altare petroci sancti coram istis testibus wulfsie episcopus. leumarh presbiter grifiuth presbiter morhaitho diaconus.
16. [*Fol.* 2 *a, margin at bottom.*] Hoc est nomen illius hominis iliuth cum semine suo quem liberavit æthelræd rex super altare sancti coram istis testibus æthelwerd dux testis osolf prepositus . . . . mermen prespiter. riol prespiter . . . . clericus lecem clericus. blethros clericus.
17. [*Fol.* 2 *b continued, fol.* 3 *a at bottom.*] ✠ hoc est nomen istius hominis. madsuth quem liberavit. iosa. pro redemptione animæ suæ super altare sancti petroci. coram istis testibus videntibus. tittherd presbiter. athalberth presbiter. budda presbiter. brytthael presbiter. cenmyn presbiter. hii sunt laici tethion filius wasso et ungust cilisri [cilifri?]. et quicumque fregerit hanc libertatem anathema sit. et quicumque custodierit benedictus sit.
18. [*Fol.* 3 *a, at top.*] Hec sunt nomina illarum feminarum quas liberavit ermen. pro anima matris illius guenguiu. ⁊ elisaued super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus videntibus. osian presbiter. leucum clericus. ret clericus.
19. [*Fol.* 3 *b, bottom.*] ✠ hoc est nomen istius hominis terithian cum semine suo quem liberavit ordulf filius brun super altare sancti petroci pro redemptione anime sue. ut libertatem habeat ab eo et a semine suo perpetualiter. coram istis idoneis testibus. leofric presbiter. prudens presbiter. adalberd presbiter. tittherd. presbiter. budda. presbiter. boia. diaconus.† moraytho diaconus. quicumque fregerit hanc libertatem anathema sit. et quisquis custodierit benedictus sit:,
20. [*Fol.* 4 *b, bottom, fol.* 5 *a, at bottom.*] ✠ hoc est nomen illius mulieris. ælfgyth. quam liberavit æthelflæd pro anima sua et pro anima domini sui æthelwerd dux super cimbalum ‡, sancti petroci in villa que nominatur lyscerruyt. coram istis testibus videntibus. æthæstan presbiter. wine presbiter. dunstan presbiter. goda minister. ælfwerd scir locc. æthelwine muf. ealdred fratre ejus. eadsige scriptor. et hii sunt testes ex cleri sancti petroci. prudens presbiter. boia [*cut off*] . . . . . frice diaconus bryhsige clericus. ut libertatem . . . . . [*Fol.* 5 *b, bottom.*] Et postea venit æthelwærd dux ad monasterium Sancti petroci et liberavit eam pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci coram istis testis videntibus buruhwold bisceop. germanus abbas. tittherd presbiter. wulsige diaconus. wurgent filius samuel. ylcærthon prepositus tethion consul . . . . . [*fol.* 6 *a*] filius mor. et ipse adfirmavit ut quicumque custodierit hanc libertatem benedictus sit et quicunque fregerit anathema sit a domino deo celi et ab angelis ejus amen.
21. [*Fol.* 7 *a, bottom.*] ✠ hoc est nomen illius hominis quem liberavit. cenmenoc. pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci. benedic. coram istis testibus videntibus. osian. presbiter. morhaitho. diaconus.
22. [*Fol.* 7 *b, bottom.*] hoc est nomen illius anaguistl quem eadgar rex liberavit pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus videntibus. wulfsige presbiter ⁊ grifiuth presbiter ⁊ conretheu diaconus ⁊ byrehtsig clericus et elia laicus.
23. wuennmon ⁊ hire team oioruiw [moriuw?] hire swuster ⁊ et hire team ⁊ wurgustel ⁊ his team. wuarun gefreod her on tune. for eadryde cynige. ⁊ for æthelgar biscop an thas hirsdes gewitnesse the her on tune syndun.
24. Hoc est nomen illius hominis quem liberavit perem. pro anima sua. gurient. super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus adelces. presbiter. morhaedo diaconus. guaedret. clericus. vale vive in Christo.
25. [*Fol.* 8 *a, blank leaf.*] ✠ wunstan. blethros. hincomhal. benedic. wurcant. otcer. onnwuen. argantinoet telent.
26. ✠ Marh gefreode lethelt ⁊ ealle hire team for eadwig cyninge on his agen reliquias §. ⁊ he hie het lædan hider to mynstere ⁊ her gefreogian on petrocys reliquias on thæs hirsdes gewitnesse.
27. Her kyth on thissere bec that æilsig bohte anne wif mann ongynethel hatte ⁊ hire sunu gythiccael ‖. æt thurcilde mid healfe punde æt thære cirican dura on bodmine ⁊ sealde æilsige portgereua et maccosse hundredes mann. iiii. pengas to tolle. tha ferde æilsig to the tha menn bohte ⁊ nam hig ⁊ freode uppan petrocys weofede; æfre sacles. Ongewittnesse thissa godera manna that thæs isaac messe preost. ⁊ blethcuf m̃. p̃. ⁊ wunning m̃. p̃. ⁊ wulfger. m̃. p̃. ⁊ grifiuth m̃. p̃. ⁊ noe m̃. p̃. ⁊ wurthicith m̃. p̃. ⁊ ælsig diaconus. ⁊ maccos. tethion modredis sunu. ⁊ kynilm. ⁊ beorlaf. ⁊ dirling ⁊ gratcant. ⁊ talan. ⁊ gif hwa thas freot abrece hebbe him with criste gemene. amen.
28. Hoc est nomen illius mulieris codguio quam liberata fuit pro anima maccosi centurionis super altare sancti petroci in vigilia adventus domini istis testibus videntibus boia decanus. gedricus presbiter. sewinus presbiter. eli diaconus. wulgarus diaconus. godricus diaconus. elwine diaconus. edricus clericus. elwinus. elwerdus. sicteicus. waso wulwerdus. et alii quam plurimi de bonis hominibus. Si quis tam temerarius sit qui hanc libertatem fregerit anathema sit a deo et ab angelis ejus. amen fiat.
29. [*Fol.* 8 *b, a blank leaf.*] Hæc sunt nomina illorum quos liberavit pro anima etgar rex super altare sancti petroci guene arganbri ⁊ iunctor dedit unum pro anima etgar rex id est nomen brethoc coram istis testibus grifiud. loumarch. presbiter. gaudrete clericus.

* Mandavit here evidently means *sent away* or liberated.

† *Boia* is mentioned as a clerk of S. Petrock in Doomsday, under the head of the terra regis in Pendavid, Cornwall. See ante, p. 411. He was probably then the prior.

‡ Quære, if *symbolum* be not intended?

§ i. e. relics which were the private property of the master.

‖ i. e. *Judicael*, or *Giguel*, as now called in Bretagne: See Manet. Pet. Bretagne, vol. ii. p. 132.

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30. Her kyth on thissere bec that ælfric ælfwines sunu wolde theowian putraele him to nyd theowedinge. tha [cam.] putrael to boia ⁊ bed his fore spece to ælfrice his brethere. tha sette boia thei spece with ælfrice that thes that putrael sealde ælfrice viii ora æt there cirican dura æt bodmine. ⁊ gef boia sixtig penga for there forspæce. ⁊ dide hine sylfne . . . . . ⁊ his ofspreng æfre freols ⁊ saccles fram tham dæge with ælfrice ⁊ with boia ⁊ with ealle ælfwines cyld ⁊ heora ofspreng on thissere gewittnisse isaac messe preost ⁊ wunning p̃. ⁊ sewulf p̃. ⁊ godric diaconus. ⁊ cufure prauost ⁊ wincuf. ⁊ wulfwerd. ⁊ gestin thes bisceopes stiwerd. ⁊ artaca ⁊ kinilm. ⁊ godric mãp. ⁊ wulfger. ⁊ ma godra manna.
31. ✠ Hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum quos liberavit ælfsie pro anima eadgari regis super altare sancti petroci. guentunet. cenhuidel. david. anau prost. coram istis testibus. byrhtsie. presbiter. riol diaconus. anaoc. clericus. tidherd clericus. beniamin clericus.
32. ✠ hoc est nomen illius mulieris quam liberavit gratcant. ourdylyc et filio suo wurci. super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. hedyn. presbiter. lowen . . . . . diaconus. leucum. clericos. blethros. clericos. boia discipulus cenmyn clericos. beniammen clericos.
33. [*Fol.* 13 *a.*] Hoc est nomen illius mulieris. i. medguistil. cum progenie sua. l. bleidiud. ylcerthon. byrchtylym. quos liberaverunt cleri sancti petroci super altare illius petroci pro remedio eadryd rex et pro animabus illorum. coram istis testibus comuyre prespiter. grifiud prespiter. oysian. prespiter. loumurch diaconus. wudrit clericus. loucum clericus. tithert clericus.
34. [*Fol.* 129 *b, along the margin.*] Hær cyth on thison bec that ælwold gefreode hwatu far hys sawle a pætrocysstow adegye ⁊ æfter degye. ⁊ ælger ys gewittnisse ⁊ godric ⁊ walloth ⁊ gryfyith ⁊ bleithcuf ⁊ salaman. ⁊ hebbe he godes curs ⁊ sc̃s. petrocus ⁊ ealle welkynes sc̃as. the that brece dæ ydon ys . . amen.
35. [*Fol.* 137 *a, blank leaf at end.*] [cust]entin liberavit proscen pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. mermen presbiter. riol diaconus. cantgueithen diaconus. tithert clericus et aliis multis.
36. ✠ wulsie episcopus liberavit aedoc filiam catgustel pro anima sua ⁊ edgari regis super altare sancti petroci.
37. cyngelt ⁊ magnus ⁊ sulmeuth ⁊ iustus ⁊ rumun ⁊ wengor ⁊ luncen ⁊ fuandrec ⁊ wendeern ⁊ wurthylic ⁊ cengar ⁊ inisian ⁊ brenci ⁊ onwean ⁊ sunduran [rinduran ?] ⁊ lywci.
Hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum illarumque quos liberavit wulfsige episcopus super altare sancti petroci pro anima sua et pro anima eadgari regis [*an erased line here*].
38. ✠ hec sunt nomina illarum fæminarum quas liberavit ermen pro anima matris illius id est guentuiu. et elisaued. coram istis testibus. freoc. presbiter ⁊ osian presbiter ⁊ leucum monachus.
39. ✠ hoc est nomen illius hominis qui liberavit. osferd. pro anima eatgari regis. gurheter. super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. comoere episcopus. agustinus lector. byrhsie sacerdos.
40. ✠ hec est nomen qui liberavit eusebi. pro anima sua. ceenguled. super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. grifiud. leumarh. riol.
41. ✠ hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum quos liberavit anaoc pro anima sua. otcer. rannoeu. muel. patrec. iosep. super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus videntibus. cemoere episcopus. osian sacerdos. leucum clericus. guadret clericus.
42. ✠ hæc sunt nomina illorum hominum. agustin. ælchon. sulcen. loi [loc ?] milcenoc. guenneret. gurcencor. riol. anaudat. eulcen. gurcantcest. eniud. oncenedl. lucco. iudhent.
43. ✠ [*Fol.* 137 *b.*] thes sint tha menn tha wulfsige biscop [ge]freode for eadgar cing ⁊ for hyne [sylfne] æt petrocys wefode. leubelec. welet . . . . . nwalt. beli. iosep. dengel. proswitel. tancwestel. ⁊ thas gewitnese. byrhsige. mæsse prost. mermen. masse prost. * mar. catuutic. wenwiu. puer methwuistel. iosep. thys syndun thara manna namana the wulfsige biscop gefreode [æt petroc ys wefode †] for eadgar ⁊ for hine sylfne. ⁊ birhsi ys gewitnese masse prost. ⁊ mermen masse prost ⁊ morhith . . . . . .
44. ✠ diuset ⁊ ealle here team. thys sindun thara manna namana the wunsie conmonoc ‡ gefreode at petrocys stowe . . . . . eadgar cinig on ealle thæs hiredys gewitnesse. iarnwallon ⁊ wenwænthlon ⁊ mæilloc §.
45. ✠ hæc sunt nomina filiorum wurcon. æthan. iudn . . . . . wurfwothu. guruaret. quorum filii et nepotes posteritasque omnis defenderunt se per juramentum eadgari regis permisu quoniam accusatione malefici dicebantur patres eorum fuisse coloni regis. comoere. episcopo. teste. ælfsie præside teste. doengand. teste. march. teste. elfnoth. teste. byrhtsie. prespitero. teste. macurth prespitero. teste. abel prespitero teste §. [*The margin is here partially covered with a semi-transparent paper.*]
46. hoc est nomen illius viri quem liberavit byrhgyuo. salenn. pro anima sua super altare sancti petroci coram istis testibus. leof presbiter osian presbiter. morcant.

ANALYSIS OF THE MANUMISSIONS.

	Names of persons freed.	Names of manumitting persons.
1.	Huna	Byrhtflæd.
	Dolo (fem. [1])	
2.	Haluin [Halmn ?]	Rumun.
3.	Budic	Vulfsie, episcopus.
	Glowmæth	
4.	[2]	. . . . .
5.	Addalburg (fem.)	Rum.
	Ogurcen (fem.)	
6.	Inaprost [Maprost ?] cum filiis . . .	Wulsige, episcopus.
7.	Onwen	Ælfsie.
	Ewsannec	
	Jesu	
8.	Gluiucen (fem.)	Ordulf.
9.	Byhstan, son of Blunt	Byrhsie.
10.	Medhuil (fem.)	Eadmunt, rex.
	Adlgun (fem.)	

[1] Where the sex is mentioned, it is indicated in this list.

[2] Omitted, because it is not clear which is the party freed.

* The five names after this seem to be a fresh set of emancipations by the same bishop? † Interlined. ‡ Commonk? § The three last appear to be the names of emancipated persons, and not of witnesses. They are the "team" of Diuset?

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	Names of persons freed.	Names of manumitting persons.
11.	Tancwoystel	Eadmund, rex.
	Weneriet	
	Arganteilin (fem.)	
12.	Sulleisoc	Clerici Petroci.
	Ousduythal	
13.	Meore (fem.)	Ullfrit.
14.	Proscen (fem.)	Wulsie, episcopus, et clerici S. Petroci.
	Wuencen (do.)	
	Onncum (do.)	
	Illcum (do.)	
15.	Wenceuethel (fem.)	Ordgar, dux.
16.	Iliuth, cum semine	Aethelred, rex.
17.	Madsuth	Josa.
18.	Guenguiu (fem.)	Ermen.
	Elisaved (fem.)	
19.	Terithian, cum semine	Ordulf filius Brun.
20.	Ælfgyth (fem.)	Ælthelflæd.
21.	Benedic?	Cenmenoc?
22.	Anaguistl	Eadgar, rex.
23.	Wuenmon and her team	Eadryde, king[1].
	Moriuw (Oioruiw?) and her team	Aethelgar, bishop.
	Wurgustel and his team	
24.	Gurient	Perem.
25.	[2]	
26.	Lethelt and her team	Marh.
27.	Anne? (fem.)	Aeilsig.
	Ongynethel Hatte? (fem.) and her son	
	Gythiccael	
28.	Codguio (fem.)	Maccos, centurio.
29.	Guene	Etgar, rex.
	Arganbri	
	Brethoc	Junctor.
30.	Putrael	Aelfric and Boia, or both?
31.	Guentunet	Aelfsie.
	Cenhuidel	
	David	
	Anau prost	
32.	Ourdylyc (fem.)	Grateant.
	Wurci, her son	
33.	Medguistel (fem.) cum progenie	Clerici S. Petroci.
	Bleidiud	
	Ylcerthon	
	Byrchtylym[3]	
34.	Hwatu	Aelwold.
35.	Proscen	Custentin.
36.	Aedoc, daughter of Catgustel	Wulsie episcopus.
37.	Cyngelt[4]	Wulfsige, episcopus.
	Magnus	
	Sulmeuth	
	Justus	
	Rumun	
	Wengor	
	Luncen	
	Fuandrec	
	Wendeern	
	Wurthylic	
	Cengar	
	Inisian	
	Brenci	
	Onwean	
	Sunduran [Rinduran?]	
	Lywci	
38.	Guentuiu (fem.)	Ermen[5].
	Elisaved (do.)	
39.	Gurheter	Osferd.
40.	Ceenguled	Eusebi.
41.	Otcer	Anaoc.
	Rannoeu	
	Muel	
	Patrec	
	Josep	
42.	[6]	
43.	[7] Leubelec	Wulfsige, biscop.
	Welet	
	...nwalt	
	Beli	
	Josep	
	Dengel	
	Proswitel	
	Tancwestel	

[1] The manumission is *for* Eadryde and Aethelgar.

[2] Omitted, because the entry contains only a list of nine names without further explanation. They are probably manumitted persons.

[3] These three last seem to be the names of the progeny?

[4] This list contains persons of both sexes, but they are not distinguished in the entry.

[5] See ante, No. 18.

[6] Omitted, as being only a list of unconnected names. They are probably manumitted persons.

[7] Some doubtful names in this entry are here omitted.

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	Names of persons freed.	Names of manumitting persons.
44.	Duiset, and her team	Wunsic conmonoc.
	Iarnwallon	
	Wenwænthlon	
	Mæilloc	
45.	Wurcon.	
	Aethan.	
	Judn....	
	Wurfwothu.	
	Guruaret [1].	
46.	Salenn	Byrhgyvo.

[1] These persons were charged with being coloni, but were acquitted.

The names of five kings occur: viz.—

Eadmund [A.D. 941 to 946 [2]] occurs in No. 10, 11.
Eadryd [A. D. 946 to 955] occurs in No. 23, 33.
Eadwig [A. D. 955 to 959] occurs in No. 26.
Eadgar [A. D. 959 to 975] in No. 6, 12, 22, 29, 31, 36, 37, 39, 43, 44, 45.
Æthelred [A. D. 978 to 1016] in No. 16.

[2] Eadmund the First is assumed to be the king intended.

The other principal lay persons named are—

Æthelwerd, dux, in No. 16, 20, contemporary with Æthelred and with Buruhwold, bishop. Æthelwerd, dux, is mentioned in a charter of Æthelred. (Palgrave's English Commonwealth, vol. ii. p. 265.)
Ordgar, dux, in No. 15, contemporary with Wulfsie, bishop. If Ordgar be the founder of Tavistock abbey and father of Eadgar's queen, he died A. D. 971. (See Palgrave, ubi supra, p. 265.)
Tethion, consul, No. 20, contemporary with Wulfsie, bishop.
Ælfsie, preses, No. 45, contemporary with Eadgar.
Æilsige, portreeve of Bodmin.
Maccos, centurion or hundredsman.
Osolf, prepositus.
Ylcærthon, prepositus, &c. &c.

The principal ecclesiastics whose names occur in the above entries, are—

Æthelgar, bishop, in No. 23, contemporary with Eadryd, king.
Wulfsie or Wulfsige, bishop, is mentioned in No. 3, 6, 14, 15, 36, 37, 43. He appears to be contemporary with king Eadgar and with Ordgar, dux.
Comoere or Cemoere, bishop, occurs No. 39, 41, 45. as contemporary with king Eadgar.
Buruhwold, bishop, occurs in No. 20, but not in connexion with the name of any king. He was contemporary with Æthelwerd, dux.

Of these, none except the last are noticed in any catalogue of Cornish bishops that have fallen under our notice; nor indeed does it distinctly appear that they were bishops of that see. They may have been bishops of other sees, or suffragan bishops, or chorepiscopi. An Æthelgar is mentioned as bishop of Crediton, A. D. 938. (See Palgrave's English Commonwealth, vol. ii. p. 249.)

Germanus, abbot, is mentioned, No. 20, and was, therefore, contemporary with Buruhwold, bishop.

There is nothing in the entries repugnant to the opinion that they were contemporaneous with the events commemorated. In general, each entry seems to have been made at a different time, or, at least, in a different hand.

The name of Morhaytho occurs in thirteen instances as an attesting witness, and those of Tithert, Byrhsie or Byrhsige, Osian, Mermen, Griffiuth, Riol, and others also occur repeatedly—all ecclesiastics.

An examination of the names of persons mentioned in the manumissions, will, perhaps, suggest to the reader observations of some historical interest. If they are to be relied upon as genuine, they establish the complete ascendancy of Saxon authority, both ecclesiastical and lay, during the period embraced by them. The majority of the names of the clergy and of the attesting witnesses seem to be Saxon. But the distinct character of the names of the liberating and of the liberated parties is very clearly marked. I apprehend that in the long list of the latter it will be difficult to detect more than one or two unequivocal Saxon names, nearly all the rest of them bearing strong indications of Celtic nationality; whereas the names in the second column are for the most part familiar Saxon or Teutonic ones. Some of the names appear among both classes, and are not of a national character; *e. g.* Scriptural names, as Jesu, Isaac, Noe, Elie, Salaman, Samuel, David, Benjamin, Joseph, Elisaved, &c.; or Latin ones, as Prudens, Justus, Augustinus, Magnus, Electus, Eusebius, and Benedictus.

As there is nothing in the gospels themselves, or in the title-page of the work, (which has been partially effaced for the purpose of recording the manumissions,) to indicate the ownership of the book, and nothing is known respecting the pedigree of the volume, these entries are the only authority for ascribing it to the canons of S. Petrock at Bodmin. They seem, however, to afford sufficient evidence of the property. It appears from them:—

1. That the manumissions were at the altar of S. Petrock.
2. That the altar was in a conventual minster or church. No. 20, 26, 44, &c.
3. That relics of the saint were preserved there. No. 26.
4. That the clerks of S. Petrock were dwelling there, who not only attested the manumissions by others, but were themselves the donors of freedom on several occasions. No. 12, 14, 20, 33. &c.
5. That the church or convent was at Bodmin. No. 27, 30.

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It may be added, that they prove the clerks, or at least the persons employed to record the manumissions, to have been very moderate Latin scholars.

On the disputed question as to the seat of the earliest Cornish see, the entries throw no clear light. The late Mr. Davies Gilbert, who first printed the manumissions in a work which typographical inaccuracy has unfortunately deprived of much of its value[1], regards them as decisive proofs that the see was at Bodmin. The evidence, however, is by no means conclusive or even very cogent. It has been already noticed that the simple affix of "episcopus" does not necessarily show that the party was a Cornish bishop. Judging from the attestations of ancient acts, bishops of the middle ages must have been more locomotive as well as gregarious than they now are, if the long lists of their signatures to one instrument are to be taken as proof of personal and contemporary presence. Yet it is difficult to believe that some of the bishops here named, (Wulfsie for instance, whose enfranchisements are numerous, and who must, therefore, have had considerable property in the county) was not intimately connected with the church whose patron saint was selected by him to be the witness of his beneficence[2].

The theory of Dr. Whitaker is, that the seat of the bishopric was at first at Padstow, whence it was removed, after the destruction of the convent by the Danes, to S. Germans. (See W. of Malmesbury, de Gestis Pontificum, p. 257, and Roger of Wendover, vol. i. p. 372, ed. 1843.)

On this we may observe that Petrochistow, in the above manumissions, is evidently synonymous with the site of the monastery—that is, with Bodmin[3]. The name of Padstow in our earliest records, is Aldestow or Oldstow, and it certainly belonged to the priory: what name it bore at the Domesday survey does not appear. There is nothing in the entries to confirm or to contradict the opinion of a removal from Bodmin to S. German's sometime during the period included in them.

Liskeard is mentioned in an entry (Num. 20), which shows that the manumission of a bondman was not complete without the confirmation of the lord (dominus) of the enfranchising party.

From the Saxon entry (No. 30), it appears that a bondman might purchase his own freedom.

The public making of sales, &c. at the church-door, and payment of toll thereupon to the borough-reeve and hundredor, is illustrated by No. 27 and 30.

The mode of disproving a charge of villenage by the sequela or descendants of a supposed colonus of the king, is shown in No. 45.

The subject of manumission among the Anglo-Saxons is treated of by Hickes, Dissert. Epistol. p. 13, et seq.; and see Lye's Dictionary, vol. ii. ad fin. S.

[1] Parochial History of Cornwall, vol. iii., under Ruan Lanyhorne.

[2] No. 30 mentions "*the bishop's* steward."

[3] See No. 9, 34, 44. This mode of denoting the chef-lieu of a saint by the word *stow* is familiar; thus we have in Cornwall, Davidstow, Jacobstow, Morwinstow, Warbstow, &c. Aldestow or Padstow may possibly have been a still earlier site of the priory. Dr. Whitaker (vol. i. p. 32.) charges Dr. Borlase with inventing a new name for the Alan river in order to explain the name of Hegelmithe or Heylemuthe, mentioned by Malmesbury and Wendover. Yet nothing is more certain than that the *Eyle* was one of the old names of part of the Padstow river. (See Plac. de Quo Warranto, fol. 110, printed ed.)

I.

CATALOGUE OF THE PARISH CHURCHES, AND THE SAINTS TO WHOM THEY ARE DEDICATED, IN CORNWALL AND DEVON.

"Nos martyribus nostris non templa, sicut Diis gentiles, sed memoriæ, sicut hominibus mortuis, quorum apud Deum vivunt spiritus, fabricamus: nec ibi erigimus altaria, in quibus sacrificemus martyribus; sed uni Deo, et martyrum et nostro, sacrificium immolat sacerdos; quia Dei sacerdos est, non illorum.—St. Augustin.

CORNWALL.

In the county and archdeaconry of Cornwall are eight deaneries; viz.—

East,	Pydre, or Pyder,
Kerrier,	Trigge or Trigg major,
Penwith,	Trigg minor,
Poudre, or Powder,	West.

As every printed list of the saints, to whom the churches within the diocese of Exeter were dedicated, is defective and erroneous, we have endeavoured to supply the deficiency to the best of our power. For this purpose we have thoroughly sifted the episcopal registers, and examined many ancient wills and documents. In some instances we meet with parish churches which are no longer known by their ancient names; e. g.—Aldestowe, (Bronescombe, register, fol. 41,) now called Padstow. Again, bishop Stafford (Reg. vol. i. fol. 46.) licensed a chapel for the Kendal family at their seat of Treworgy, "in parochia de Reprenne." This Treworgy is in the parish of Duloe. Very frequently the names of the manors only, on which the churches were erected, are mentioned in the registers: thus numerous institutions are recorded to the parochial church of Pouton, alias Nansant, alias Lansant, now St. Breocks; and to the parish church of Elerkey, now Veryan, (a corruption of Symphorian) to whose honour the church is

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named. The divisions and boundaries also have greatly varied; for instance, what is now Cury parish, was formerly within the parish of St. Corentinus, and contained a small chapel, licensed by bishop Stafford in favour of the monks of Hales, who might come down to visit their property there. (Compare bishop Stafford's register, vol. i., fol. 4 and 87.)—As to the saints to whose memory the churches were dedicated, the acts of very many, especially of those honoured in Cornwall, have perished irrecoverably, either during the lapse and accidents of ages, especially the Saxon and Danish invasions, or in consequence of the indiscriminate destruction of manuscripts at the suppression of monasteries. By the voice of the public and the authority of the bishops, these worthies had received the honours of sanctity, and the fame of their holiness and distinguished merits obtained for England itself the title of "the Island of Saints." See Dr. Lingard's History and Antiquities of the Anglo-Saxon Church, v. ii., 89.

Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Deanery.	Date of Dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Advent S. with Lanteglos*, near Camelford,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Adwen,	Said to be brother to S. Nectanus; but in the Inquisitiones Nonarum the name is Sancta Athewenna.
Agnes S. with Pieransabulo,	V.	Pydre,		S. Agnes.	
Allen, S.	V.	Poudre,		S. Alunus or Elwinus.	
Alternon,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Nonna,	The mother of S. David.
Anthony S. in Meneage, often called Antoninus the Martyr,	V.	Kerier,		S. Anthony.	Dependent on Tywardreth priory.
Anthony S. in Rosland,	C.	Poudre,	Oct. 3, 1259,	S. Anthony.	Patron, the priory of Plympton.
Anthony, East, or Aunton,	V.	East,	Oct. 14, 1259,	S. James.	The abbot and convent of Tavistock were patrons.
Torpoint chapel,	C.	East.			
Austell S. with	V.	Poudre,	Oct. 9, 1259,	S. Austolus.	The chantry within this church of Manacutell occurs in bishop Vesey's reg. vol. i. fol. 7.
Blazey, S.	V.	Poudre,		S. Blaze.	
Blisland,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Protasius, M.	Borlase calls the saint Proto or Pratt.
Boconnock with Broadoak,	R.	West,	Oct. 18, 1321.		
Bodmin,	V.	Trigge Minor,		S. Petrock.	
Botusfleming,	R.	East,	Oct. 18, 1259.		
Boyton,	C.	Trigge, Major.			Northcote chapel in this parish was licensed by bishop Lacy, Aug. 24, 1434.
Breage with Germoe, Cury, and Gunwallo,	V.	Kerrier,		S. Breaca.	
Breock S. de Nansant, alias Lansant, alias Pouton, with Trefos, Wadebridge chapel,	R.	Pydre,	Sept. 24, 1259,	S. Briocus.	The chapels of SS. Michael and Bruerdus licensed Aug. 23, 1385, by bishop Brantyngham. The chapel of S. Lawrence licensed by bishop Lacy, Aug. 2, 1450.
Bruerd, S. or Simonward,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Bruerdus.	The chapels of S. Michael and S. James occur 1422. For its taxation see Bronesc. reg. fol. 88.
Broadoak or Braddock, with Boconnock,	R.	West,		S. Mary.	
Budock, with S. Gluvias.	V.	Kerier,		S. Budocus.	
Penwerris chapel.					
Burian, S., with SS. Sennan and Levan,	R.	Penwith,	Aug. 26, 1238,	S. Buriana.	Festival kept May 29. In the Inquisitiones Nonarum, p. 348, capella Sancti Silvani is mentioned.
Callington, with Southhill,	R.	East,	Aug. 31, 1438,	S. Mary.	
Calstock,	R.	East,		S. Andrew.	Chapel of S. Cyriacus and Julitta existed in 1410. Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 125.
Camborne,	R.	Penwith,		S. Meriadocus,	Sometimes called, in latter times, S. Martin, in the registers. S. John's chapel, at Treslothan, consecrated July 25, 1842.
Cardinham,	R.	West,		S. Meubredus,	The martyr, Bothe's reg. fol. 22.
Clere, S.	V.	West,		S. Clarus.	
Clement, S. or Lamoresk, hodie Moresk,	V.	Poudre,	Oct. 8, 1259,	S. Clement.	
Cleder, S. or Clether,	V.	Trigge Major,	Oct. 23, 1259,	S. Clederus,	Brother to S. Nectanus.
Colan,	V.	Pydre,		S. Colanus.	
Columb, S. Major,	R.	Pydre,		S. Columba.	S. Thomas's chapel licensed Dec. 21, 1374.
Columb, S. Minor,	C.	Pydre,		S. Columba.	
Constantine,	V.	Kerier,		S. Constantinus.	The saint said to have been king of Cornwall and Devon in the 6th century, and to have renounced the sceptre for the religious habit.
Cornelly,	C.	Poudre,		S. Cornelius.	

* We may take this occasion to observe that the syllable *Lan*, with which names of places in Cornwall often begin, does not necessarily designate either the site of a church or church property. This is well known by Welsh etymologists, and by those of French Britanny.—See Lobineau, Vie des Saints, vol. i. p. xl. 8vo. ed. There is a catalogue of Cornish Saints in Ritson's Life of Arthur; and some light is thrown on them in the above work of Lobineau.—S.

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Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Deanery.	Date of Dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Crantock or Carantock,	C.	Pydre,		S. Carantocus.	The chapel of S. Ambrusca stood in the churchyard.
Creed, with Grampound,	R.	Poudre,		S. Crida.	
Crowan,	V.	Penwith,		S. Crewena.	Bronescombe's reg. fol. 41 : a chapel here was dedicated to S. Augustine.
Cubert or Cuthbert,	V.	Pydre,		S. Cuthbert.	
Cuby, see Tregony,		Poudre,		S. Keby.	The saint generally believed to have been a native of Cornwall, and a disciple of S. Hilary, bishop of Poictiers, who died in 368.
Cury, olim S. Corentine with Breage, Germoe and Gunwallo,	V.	Kerier,		S. Corentinus.	Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 4 and 87.
Davidstow,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. David de Treglast.	Parish church appropriated by bishop Brewer to the hospital of S. John, at Bridgewater. Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 4. Chapels of SS. Augustine, Helen, and Michael licensed by bishop Lacy, Aug. 30, 1445.
Dennis S. with S. Michael Carhays, and S. Stephen's,	V.	Poudre,		S. Dennis.	
Dominick, S.	R.	East,	Oct. 19, 1259,	S. Dominica.	Chapels of S. Ilduictus or Iltutus at Alton, (Brantyng. reg. vol. i. fol. 61, 1375, and Staff. 1419.) and of S. Etheldred, licensed April 9, 1405.
Duloe,	R.&V.	West,	Oct. 15, 1321,	S. Keby.	Bishop ; S. Mary's chapel at Hill licensed Aug. 28, 1402.
Egloshayle,	V.	Trigge Minor.			Church appropriated to the office of subdean of Exeter by bishop Quivil in 1284. Reg. fol. 129.
Egloskerry, or Eglos-cruc, with Tremaine,	C.	Trigge Major,		S. Ide and S. Lydy.	Vesey's reg. vol. i. fol. 13. In Brantyngham's reg. vol. i. p. 112, is the bishop's monition for repair of the chancel, "parochialis ecclesie Sanctorum Ide et Lyddy de Egloscruc." In fol. 16 it is called Sancta Ida ; and in Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 31, "ecclesie Sancte Ide alias Egluscruke."
Eglosros, see S. Issey,		Pydre.			
Elerkey, see Veryan,		Poudre,		S. Symphorianus.	
Endelion, S.	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Endelienta,	Sister of S. Nectanus and S. Tethe.
Enoder, S.	V.	Pydre,		S. Ennodorus.	S. Mary's chapel at Mosal, corrupted into S. Michael, was destroyed in 1414. (Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 203.)
Erme or Herme, S.	R.	Poudre,		S. Hermes.	
Erney, S. Chapel, with Landrake,	V.	East.			
Erth, S.	V.	Penwith,		S. Ercus.	There was a saint of this name, the first bishop of Slane, anno 513. Can S. Ercus be a corruption of S. Enurchus, the bishop of Orleans, 340, whose feast in the calendar is marked September 7? S. Mary Magdalene's chapel at Boswythgy, licensed July 20, 1398.
Ervan, S.	R.	Pydre,		S. Hermes.	
Eval, S.	V.	Pydre,		S. Uvelus.	Stap. reg. fol. 175 b.
Ewe, S.	R.	Poudre,		S. Ewa or S. Eustachius.	Vesey's reg., vol. i. fol. 19.
Falmouth *,	V.	Kerier,	Cons. Aug. 22, 1665,	Per nomen Caroli regii et martyris,	Patent Book, fol. 76.
Feock, S.	V.	Poudre,		S. Feoca.	
Felack, S. or Phillack and Gwythian,	R.	Penwith,		S. Felicitas, Virgin Martyr.	Bp. Bronescombe assigned to the vicar of S. Felicitas all the obventions of its church and of Connerton chapel (the tithe of its sheaf excepted), as also a glebe of five acres, with the tithes of sheaf de Runnier, Penpol, Nanteren, and Trethinegy. (Reg. fol. 7.

* The act of parliament in 1664 (16th Charles II.), after setting forth that Gluvias parish, though very extensive, had but one parish church, and a chapel called S. Budock's, and that Falmouth town, formerly called Smithick, had, by reason of its convenient situation for shipping and trade, recently grown very populous, insomuch that where there were not above ten houses, they had increased to two hundred, his majesty had therefore erected it into a corporation town to be called Falmouth, after the name of the harbour ; and whereas it was three long miles distant from the parish church of Gluvias and a church had been recently erected at Falmouth and duly licensed by the ordinary, who was also willing it should be made parochial, and distinct from the mother church of Gluvias, it was accordingly made a separate parish.

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Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Deanery.	Date of Dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Filley, or Fillye, or Philleigh, olim Eglosros,	R.	Poudre,		S. Filius de Eglosros.	Bp. Stapeldon's reg. fol. 68. Thomas Carminow presented to Eglosros, September 28, 1387. (Brant. reg. vol. ii. fol. 54.)
Forrabury, with Minster,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Symphorianus.	
Fowey,	V.	Poudre,	July 3, 1336,	S. Nicholas.	Then "de novo constructa." S. Fimbarr was patron of the old church.
Gennis, S. or Jennis,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Genesius (cum capella, S. Gregorii).	Inquisit. Nonarum, fol. 346. The tithes of Treworgy in this parish were specially reserved to Launceston priory. (Bronsc. reg. fol. 8.) The vicar was allowed a moiety of the mortuaries of the chapel of S. Julitta here. (Bronesc. reg. fol. 42.)
Germans, S.	C.	East,	Aug. 28, 1261,	S. Germanus.	
Hessonford Chapel,		East,	Sept. 26, 1833,	S. Anne.	
Germoe, with Breage, Cury, and Gunwallo,	V.	Kerier,		S. Germocus.	
Gerrans,	R.	Poudre,		S. Gerendus.	
Gluvias, S. with Budock,	V.	Kerier,	July 25, 1318,	S. Gluviacus, Martyr.	Originally called Betheldan. (Stap. reg. fol. 128) See ante, p. 48.
Penwerris Chapel,	C.	Kerier,			
Goran, S.	V.	Poudre,		S. Goronus.	S. Goron, an hermit contemporary with S. Petrock. (Leland's Collectanea, 1175.)
Grade,	R.	Kerier,		The Holy Cros & S. Gradus.	
Grampound, with Creed,	R.	Poudre,	Licensed Aug. 13, 1421,	S. Mary.	
Gulval or Lanesly,	V.	Penwith,		S. Gudwal.	S. Gudwal, a British saint, flourished in the sixth century in this diocese, whose feast was kept June 6. An ancient calendar styles him bishop of S. Malo.
Gunwallow, with Breage, Germoe, and Cury,	V.	Kerier,		S. Winwolaus,	Of noble Welsh extraction; abbot of Landeveneck in Bretagne. Ob. March 3, 529.
Gwennap,	V.	Kerier,		S. Weneppa,	Said to be sister to S. Nectanus. Chapel of the Holy Trinity mentioned in Brones. reg. fol. 41.
Gwinear,	V.	Penwith,		S. Winnierus.	Michael Lecerdekne, treasurer of Exeter cathedral, left by will, dated January 5, 1441, forty shillings towards the building of the tower, or purchase of bells ecclesie Sancti Wynneri.
Gwithian and Fillack,	R.	Penwith,		S. Gothianus.	
Helland,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Helena.	
Helston, with Wendron,	V.	Kerier,		S. Michael.	
Hilary, S. or Ilarii, with Hermes, Chapel of,	V.	Penwith,		S. Hilary.	On March 22, 1309, bishop Stapeldon allowed the inhabitants of Marazion to have service three times a week in S. Hermes' chapel there. (Reg. fol. 39.) The chapel was rebuilt and re-opened September 9, 1839. (Stapel. reg. fol. 31.)
Marazion,	C.	Penwith,		S. Hermes.	Chapels of S. John the Baptist, S. John the Evangelist, and St. Constantine, licensed June 24, 1449. (Lacy, reg. vol. iii. fol. 186.)
Illogan,	R.	Penwith,		Ylloganus or Euluganus.	
Portreath,			Cons. July 3, 1842,	S. Mary.	
Trevennion.					
Issey, S. or Eglosros, S.	V.	Pydre,		S. Filius.	Lacy, reg. vol. ii. fol. 74—78.
Ive, S.	R.	East,	Late in 1338,	S. Ivo.	This bishop was a native of Persia, and preached the Gospel in England early in the seventh century. His body "in pontificalibus" was discovered April 24, 1001, and was translated from Huntingdonshire to Ramsey. But the church cannot be called from S. Ivo, bishop of Chartres *. (Grand. reg. vol. ii. fol. 220.) At Treby was formerly a cell dependent on S. John's of Jerusalem.) (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 377.)
Ives, S.	C.	Penwith,		S. Hya, Ia, or Ya.	S. Hia, an Irish virgin, said to have died at Hayle in Cornwall about the middle of the fifth century. (Dr. Lanigan's Hist. Eccl. of Ireland, vol. i. pp. 297. 301.) Pope Alexander V., October 28, 1409, and John XXIII., November 18, 1410, recommended bishop Stafford to make "capellas Sancti Tewynnoci et Sancte Ye" parochial with font and cemetery, but dependent on Lelant. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 133.)

* Who was canonized only in 1347, having died May 19, 1303.

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Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Deanery.	Date of Dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Jacobstow,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. James.	
John, S.	R.	East,		S. John the Baptist.	S. Goron's chapel, in S. John's parish, licensed by bishop Stapeldon, July 15, 1309. (Reg. fol. 43.)
Juliot, S.	C.	Trigge Major,		S. Julitta.	
Just, S.	V.	Penwith,		S. Justus.	
Just, S. with S. Mawes or Mauditus in Ross.	R.	Poudre,	Aug. 14, 1261,	S. Justus.	S. Mawe's chapel, mentioned August 18, 1427. See Lacy, reg. vol. iii. fol. 102.
Kea, olim Landege and Kenwyn,	V.	Poudre,	Sept. 27, 1259.		Kenwen and Tregesdon chapels dependent on Landege. (Bronesc. reg. fol. 44.)
S. John's Chapel,	C.	Poudre.			
Chacewater Chapel,	C.	Poudre.			
Keverne, S.	V.	Kerier,		S. Keveran or Kieran.	Bishop Nevil's reg. fol. 21. Appropriated to the abbey of Beaulieu, December 5, 1330.
Kew, S. or Lanow,	V.	Trigge Minor.			
Keyne, S.	R.	West,		S. Keyna,	Said to have been aunt to S. David.
Kilkhampton,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. James.	S. Christina's chapel "de Stowe," consecrated June 16, 1519.
Ladock,	R.	Poudre,		S. Ladoca.	
Lamoresk, see S. Clement.				S. Clement.	
Lamorran,	R.	Poudre,	Aug. 2, 1261.		a. Lanmoran a. 969 BCS. 1231
Landege, see Kea.					
Landewednack	R.	Kerier,		S. Winwolaus.	The chapel of the Holy Cross at Rosewyk was dedicated by bishop Bronescombe, on Easter-day, 1261.
Landrake, with S. Erney,	V.	East,		S. Peter.	
Landulph,	R.	East.			
Laneast,	C.	Trigge Major,		S. Welvela and S. Sativola.	1. DCNQ. 17, 247.
Lanesly, see Gulval.					
Lanhydrock, see Lanlivery,	C.	Pydre.			
Lanivet,	R.	Pydre,	High altar late in 1338.		Chapel of S. Benedict is mentioned in Vesey's reg. May 6, 1535.
Lanlivery and Lanhydrock,	V.	Poudre,		SS. Manaccus and Dunstan.	Bothe's reg. fol. 21. Chapel of S. Nicholas at Bodardell, licensed April 13, 1387. (Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 172.)
Lanreath or Lanreythow,	R.	West,	Oct. 17, 1321,	S. Sancredus; also SS. Manaccus & Dunstan.	Here was a chapel of the Holy Trinity in 1269. (Bronesc. reg. fol. 41.)
Lansalloes or Lancelwys,	R.	West,	Oct. 16, 1331,	S. Ildierna.	The chapel of S. Peter de Porthpyre (Polperro) is mentioned by bishop Brantyngham in 1392. (Reg. fol. 150.)
Lanteglos near Fowey,	V.	West.			With its chapel of S. Saviour, appropriated by bishop Quivil to S. John's hospital, Bridgewater. (Grand. reg. vol. ii. fol. 4.)
					Chapel of the Holy Trinity at . . . . . Polruan. (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 412.)
Lanteglos juxta Camelford with Advent,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Julitta.	Inquis. Nonan. fol. 346. Chapel of S. Thomas the Martyr, Camelford, was licensed January 4, 1312.
Launcels,	V.	Trigge Major,	Oct. 16, 1321,	S. Andrew.	Chapel of S. Mary's, at Camelford, was licensed January 29, 1396.
Launceston, with the curacies of S. Mary, S. Stephen, and S. Thomas.	C.	Trigge Major.			S. Stephen's, at Launceston, was consecrated October 23, 1259; S. Mary Magdalene's parish chapel, June 18, 1524.
Lawhitton,	R.	East.			Chapel of S. George, licensed for the Beuyle family, August 8, 1387. (Brant. vol. i. fol. 175. Lacy's reg. vol. ii. p. 32.)
Lelant Euny, olim Lanant, with S. Towednack,	V.	Penwith,		S. Ewinus.	The papal recommendation to bishop Stafford to erect S. Tewynnoc into a parochial chapel, was not carried into effect, as S. Ives was (ante p. 439), till 130 years later, viz. June 27, 1542, when bishop Vesey directed his suffragan, William of Hippo, to consecrate its cemetery. 2 Ves. reg. 109.
Lesnewth or Lesnewith,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Michael.	
Levan, S. with S. Burian and S. Sennan,	R.	Penwith.		S. Livinus.	
Lewannick,	V.	East,		S. Martin.	
Lezant or Lanzante,	R.	East,	Sept. 25, 1259,	S. Briocus.	
Linkinhorne,	V.	East,		S. Milorus.	
Liskeard,	V.	West,		S. Martin.	The Lady chapel in the park, where there was a hermitage, and a chapel at La Melen, in 1441 and 1442, are mentioned in Lacy's reg. vol. iii.
S. Dogmael's chapel.					

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Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Deanery.	Dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Looe West, in Talland	V.	West,	Oct. 1259,	S. Mary.	
Lostwithiel,	V.	Poudre,		S. Bartholomew.	Chapel of S. Peter at Poldew.
Ludgvan or Ludevon,	R.	Penwith,		S. Ludowanus.	
Luxulion,	V.	Poudre,		S. Cyrus, and S. Julitta.	
Mabe, with Milor,	V.	Kerier.			
Mabyn, S.	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Mabena.	S. Mary's chapel de Kylquyt (Colquite) was licensed by bishop Lacy, March 1, 1425. 3 Reg. fol. 52.
Madron or Madern, with Morva, Penzance chapel.	V.	Penwith,		S. Madernus or Paternus.	Chapel of S. Morwetha, licensed April 17, 1409; of S. Bridget, October 28, 1437; of S. Mary at Penzance, June 15, 1397; and of S. Gabriel and S. Raphael at Penzance, August 12, 1429.
Penzance, S. Mary's new chapel			Reopened Aug. 30, 1836.		
Maker, see Devon,	V.	East,		S. Julien.	Chapel at Innesworth, licensed Aug. 1, 1331. (Grandis. reg. vol. ii. fol. 32.
Manacon or Monathon,	V.	Kerier,		S. Antoninus.	See bishop Redmayne's register, fol. 6.
Marham church,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Morwenna.	
Martin, S. juxta Looe, with East Looe chapel,	R.	West,	Built in 1436, licensed Nov. 18 that year,	S. Martin. S. Anne.	
Martin, S. alias Dydemin and Mawgan,	R.	Kerier,		S. Martin.	The cemetery Sancti Martini alias Dydemini, consecrated in 1385. (Brant. reg. vol. ii. fol. 36. 39.)
Mawgan, S.	R.	Pydre,		S. Mauganus.	The chapel of S. Mary de Cornanton, licensed August 7, 1331.
Mawgan, S. and Martin, S.	R.	Kerier,		S. Mauganus.	
Mawnan,	R.	Kerier,		S. Maunanus and S. Stephen.	
Mellion, S. (Melan),	R.	East,		S. Melanus,	This abbot, in Britany, born in South Wales, was the friend of S. Sampson, and died about 617. He is often called S. Meen. S. Eligius's chapel occurs as licensed in favour of the Dirlington family, November 22, 1448. (Lacey's reg. vol. iii. fol. 302. S. Melan's church, appropriated to the vicars choral of S. Peter's, Exeter, February 10, 1508-9, by bishop Oldam. (Vesey's reg. vol. ii. fol. 7.)
Menheniot,	V.	East,		S. Antoninus.	
Merryn or Merin, S.	V.	Pydre.			
Merther,	C.	Poudre,		S. Coanus.	
Mevagissey,	V.	Poudre.		S. Mewa and S. Ida.	
Mewan, S.	R.	Poudre,		S. Mewanus.	
Michael, S. Carhays,	V.	Poudre,	Oct. 5, 1259,	S. Michael.	
Michael, S. Penkevil,	R.	Poudre,	Aug. 13, 1261,	S. Michael.	
Michaelston,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Michael.	
Milor, with Mabe, S. Peter's chapel, Flushing.	V.	Kerier,	Aug. 5, 1842.	S. Milorus or Melorus.	Chapel of S. Laudus, or Lo, with its cemetery, made parochial in March, 1308-9. (Stapel. reg. vol. ii. fol. 27, ad finem.)
Minster, with Forrabury,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Merthiana.	
Minver, S. Porthilly chapel. S. Enodor's chapel.	V.	Trigge Minor.		S. Menefrida,	Sister of S. Tethe. Bishop Lacy, September 14, 1434, altered the parish wake, and that of S. Guinedocus's chapel, from July 24 to 13. (Reg. vol. iii. fol. 108.)
Morwinstow,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Morwenna.	Appropriated by bishop Quivil to S. John's hospital at Bridgewater. S. Mary's chapel at Milton licensed March 20, 1408. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 84.)
Moresk, see S. Clement.					
Morval,	V.	West,		S. Wenna.	
Morvah, with Madron,	V.	Penwith.			
Mullion,	V.	Kerier,		S. Melanus.	
Neot, S.	V.	West,	Oct. 14, 1321,	S. Neotus.	
Newlyn, S.	V.	Pydre,	Friday after S. Matt. (Sept.) 1259,	S. Newelina.	
North-hill,	R.	East.			
Otterham,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Denis.	

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Paul, S.	V.	Penwith,		S. Paulinus.	Chapel of S. Mary at Mousehole often occurs in the registers. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 203.)
Petrockstow or Padstow,	V.	Pydre,		S. Petrocus.	Olim, Allestowe, Aldestowe, and Oldstow (Bronescombe's register, fol. 42, &c.) Bishop Stafford, September 28, 1415, licensed the celebration of divine service "in capellis Sancte Trinitatis, sanctorum Michaelis, Petroci Germani et Wethenye infra limites Parochie Sancti Petroci de Padistow." (Reg. vol. i. fol. 213.)
Pelynt,	V.	West,		S. Mary.	Chapel of S. Nynnina occurs Staff. reg. vol. ii. fol. 106. (June 18, 1409.) In the Inquisitiones Nonarum, A.D. 1342, S. Neomena.
Penryn,				S. Mary.	
Petherwin South, with Trewen,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Paternus.	North Petherwyn, though in the same deanery and archdeaconry, is in the hundred of Blacktorrington, Devon.
Petherick, little, or Petrock S. Minor,	R.	Pydre,		S. Petrocus.	
Perran Arworthal, with S. Stithians,	V.	Kerier,		S. Pieran.	
Perran-Uthnoe (Lanuthnoe, (Bronescombe's reg. fol. 41),	R.	Penwith,		S. Pieran.	S. James's chapel at Goldsithney, licensed July 12, 1450.
Perran-sabulo, with S. Agnes,	V.	Pydre,	The present church, July 18, 1805.	S. Pieran.	S. Agnes' chapel occurs January 15, 1374. (Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 58.)
Pillaton,	R.	East,	Oct. 16, 1259.		
Pinnock, S.	R.	West,		S. Pynocus.	Chapel of All Saints licensed for the Carminow family, June 13, 1437.
Poughill,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Olave.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 197.
Poundstock,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Neot.	
Pouton, see S. Breock.				S. Breock.	
Probus,	V.	Poudre,		S. Probus.	William, provost of S. Omer, was preferred by king John, in 1211, to this church; and to S. Burian's, void by the promotion of Walter de Gray to the see of Worcester. (Patent Rolls, vol. i. p. 111.)
Quethiock,	V.	East,		S. Hugh.	Chapel of S. Mary at Towen, licensed by bishop Lacey. (Vol. iii. fol. 106.)
Rame,	R.	East,	Oct. 15, 1259, Oct. 10, 1321,	S. Germanus.	S. Michael's chapel in Rame-head, licensed for the Dauney family, February 2, 1397, and April 1, 1425.
Redruth,	R.	Penwith,		S. Euinus or Erminus.	Stapeldon's reg. fol. 112.
S. Uny, new chapel,				cons. Sept. 9, 1833.	
Roach,	V.	Poudre,		S. Goemandus or Conandus.	
Ruan-lanyhorne,	R.	Poudre,	Oct. 17, 1321,	S. Rumonus.	Called Ecclesia de Lanreython in Stapeldon's register.
Ruan Major,	R.	Kerier,		S. Rumonus.	
Ruan Minor,	R.	Kerier,		S. Rumonus.	Often described as "in terrâ aridâ."
Saltash,	V.	East,		S. Stephen.	S. Fide's chapel, licensed January 8, 1433; S. John the Apostle's, December 8, 1437. Saltash church was appropriated to Windsor college, June 18, 1351.
Chapel,	C.	East.			
Sampson, S. in Golant or Gullant Manor,	C.	Poudre,	May 7, 1509,	S. Sampson.	Oldam's reg. ad calcem, fol. 38.
Sancred, S.	V.	Penwith,		S. Sancredus.	New church of S. Mary's, consecrated September 7, 1838.
Sennen, with S. Burian and S. Levan,	R.	Penwith,		S. Senara.	Stap. reg. fol. 108. 111. S. Sennen, or Senan, an Irish bishop, the bosom friend of S. David of Wales, ob. March 1, about 544.
Sheviock or Seviock,	R.	East,	Oct. 13, 1259,	S. Peter and S. Paul.	Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 501.
Sithney, S. Bartholomew.	V.	Kerier,	Aug. 3, 1842,	S. Siduinus or Sithuinus.	Query, S. Swithun? St. Bartholomew's chapel at Porthleven was consecrated August 3, 1842.
South Hill, with Callington,	R.	East,		S. Sampson.	High altar dedicated November 4, 1333. (Grand. reg. vol. ii. fol. 172.
Stephen, S. in Newport,		Trigge Major,		S. Stephen.	
Stephen, S. with S. Dennis in S. Michael Carhays,	V.	Poudre,		S. Stephen.	
Stephen, S. in Brannel, juxta Hyndemor,	V.	Poudre,	Aug. 20, 1261,	S. Stephen.	

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Stithians, S. with Pieran Arworthal,	V.	Kerier,		S. Stedianus.	
Stoke Climsland,	R.	East,	Oct. 6, 1324.		
Stratton,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Andrew.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 113. S. Christina's.
S. Michael's chapel at Budeham,			Sept. 29. 1835.		
Stow chapel,			June 16, 1519,		Oldh. reg. fol. 47.
Talland, with West Looe,	V.	West,		S. Tallanus.	S. Nicholas's chapel de Porpyghen, or Porthbigan, now Portlooe, licensed October 3, 1433.
Tamerton, North,	C.	Trigge Major.			
Tethe, S.	V.	Trigge Minor,		S. Tetha.	
Temple or Temple Grafton (no church),	C.	Trigge Minor.			
Thomas, S. see Launceston,	C.	Trigge Major,		S. Thomas.	
Tintagell, with Bossiney,	V.	Trigge Minor,		S. Marcelliana or S. Materiana.	Compare Bronsc. reg. fol. 4. 7. The chapels of S. Pieran and S. Denis, in Tintagell, were licensed May 8, 1457. (Nevyll, reg. fol. 35.)
Towednack, with Euny Lelant,	V.	Penwith.			
Tregony, S. James,	V.	Poudre,		S. Jacobus.	
and Cuby or Keby,	V.	Poudre,		S. Kybius.	
Tremaine, see Egloskerry,	C.	Trigge Major.			
Treneglos and Warbstow,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Gregory, sometimes S. George.	
Tresmeer,	C.	Trigge Major,	Sept. 1505,	S. Winwolaus.	S. Winwaloe was the first abbot of Landevenac, founded by count Grallo in Britanny, and died, according to Usher, in 504. (See Dr. Lanigan's Eccl. Hist. of Ireland, vol. i. p. 493.)
Trevalga,	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Petrocus.	Staff. reg. vol. ii. fol. 13.
Trewen, with South Petherwin,	V.	Trigge Major.			
Truro,	R.	Poudre,	Sept. 28, 1259,	S. Mary.	S. George's chapel in Truro, "de novo constructa," licensed by bishop Lacy, December 7, 1420.
Tudy, S.	R.	Trigge Minor,		S. Uda, S. Tudius.	Both occur in the episcopal registers; but probably Uda, the sister of S. Ercus, and S. Ja. was the original name. A chapel of S. Nicholas formerly existed in "Tynteyn, in parochia Sancte Ude."
Tywardreth,	V.	Poudre,	July 30, 1347,	S. Andrew.	
Tregaminion chapel,	C.	Poudre.			
Veep, S.	V.	West,	de novo constructa, July 1, 1336,	S. Vepus, alias S. Vepa.	Both names occur in the episcopal registers; and singularly enough, bishop Grandisson, on the church being rebuilt, dedicated it to S. Cyrus and S. Julitta.
Veryan or Elerkey,	V.	Poudre,		S. Symphorianus.	Much trifling is to be found on this and other saints in Whitaker's Cornwall, vol. i. p. 199.
Warbstow, see Treneglos,	V.	Trigge Major,		S. Werburgha.	This abbess ob. at Trentham, at the close of the seventh century.
Warleggan,	R.	West,		S. Bartholomew.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 122.
Week, S. Mary,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Mary.	Appropriated to the priory of Tywardreth in the twelfth century. At Goscot was the chapel of S. Laurence. (Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 83.)
Wendron, S. with Helston,	V.	Kerier,		S. Wendrona.	A chapel at Merther park, in the parish of S. Wendron, dedicated to S. Decumanus, licensed August 18, 1427. The great tithes of Wendron were appropriated to the abbey of "Rewley regalis loci juxta Oxon." (Stapl. reg. 180.)
Helston chapel.					
Wenn, S.	V.	Pydre,		S. Wenna.	
Whitstone,	R.	Trigge Major,		S. Nicholas.	Stapl. reg. fol. 42. The chapel of the Holy Trinity licensed for the Halseacre family, April 22, 1429.
Winnow, S.	V.	West,		S. Winnocus.	S. Martin's chapel licensed by bishop Brantyngham, July 4, 1389. "Quam Johannes Moyle sumptibus suis construxit apud Bodinalgan."
S. Nighton's chapel.					
Withiel,	R.	Pydre,		S. Clement.	
Zennor, or Senar,	V.	Penwith,		S. Senara.	See Stap. reg. fol. 108, ordinatio vicarie Sancte Senare *.

* The chapels, of S. Mary the Virgin, in the parish of Illogan, was consecrated July 3, 1842; of S. John, in the parish of Camborne, July 25, 1842. The church of the district of All Saints, Tuckingmill (being part of the parishes of Camborne and Illogan), was consecrated on July 7, 1845. The church of the district of Christ Church, Lannarth (being part of the parish of Gwennap), was consecrated July 15, 1845.

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The Scilly Islands in the archdeaconry of Cornwall.

Of these numerous islands, which have been subject to the see of Exeter ever since Cornwall was united to it, *circ.* 1032, six only are now inhabited. Five are provided with places of worship, viz., S. Mary's, whose church was dedicated Sept. 7, 1838; Tresco, Boyher, S. Martins, and S. Agnes have indeed humble chapels; S. Sampson, with its small population, has none.

DEVONSHIRE.

In this county are the three archdeaconries of Exeter, Barnstaple, and Totnes.

In the archdeaconry of Exeter are nine deaneries, viz.:—

Aylesbeare,
Cadbury,
*Christianity, or Exeter,
Dunkeswell,
Dunsford.
Honiton,
Kenn,
Plymptree,
Tiverton.

In the archdeaconry of Barnstaple are six deaneries, viz.:—

Barnstaple,
Chumleigh,
Hartland,
Shirwell,
Southmolton,
Torrington.

In the archdeaconry of Totnes are eight deaneries:—

Holsworthy,
Iplepen,
Moreton,
Okehampton,
Tamerton,
Tavistock,
Totnes,
Woodleigh.

Parish, whether Rectory, Vicarage, or Perpetual Curacy.		Archdeaconry and Deanery.		Date of dedication and Saint.		Remarks.
Abbotsham,	V.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Helen.	Patrons: formerly the abbot and convent of Tavistock, now the crown.
Alphington,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Michael.	
Alverdiscott,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		All Saints.	
Alvington, East,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Andrew.	
Alvington, West,	V.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		All Saints.	
Alwington,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Andrew.	The chapels at Mydleton, Marleburg, and Hywish, are mentioned in bishop Bronescombe's taxation of the rectory in 1269. Salcombe chapel, dedicated to S. John Baptist, was licensed December 5, 1420.
Andrew, S. (Plymouth,)	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Andrew.	S. Charles' church was consecrated September 2, 1666; Trinity chapel, August 26, 1842; S. Paul's chapel at Stonehouse, September 27, 1833.
Anstey, East, or Anstey Cruwys,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Michael.	
Anstey, West,	V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	Nov. 12, 1319,	S. Petrock.	
Arlington,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. James.	
Ashburton,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Andrew.	S. Laurence's chapel in the borough, erected in 1314. (See bishop Brantyngham's reg. vol. i. fol. 12.)
Ashbury.	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Mary,	
Ashcombe,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Nov. 22, 1259,	S. Nectanus?	
Ashford,	V.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,	Early in 1339,	S. Peter.	Grandis. reg. vol. ii. fol. 220.
Ashprington,	R.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. David.	In the registers we meet with the chapels of S. David, S. James, and of S. John the Baptist, at Painsford. The present chapel at Painsford was rebuilt by John Kelland, esq., and consecrated by the title of S. Mary, August 4, 1687.

* See note, p. 127 of this Monasticon.

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Ash-Reigny or Rings-ash,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. James.	
Ashton,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,	Nov. 22, 1259,	S. Nectanus.	
Ashwater,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Peter.	
Atherington,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Mary.	
Aveton Giffard,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Andrew.	The chantry in this church was called "de Lyneton."
Awliscombe.	V.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Michael.	
Axminster,	V.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Mary and S. John the Baptist.	We meet with S. John the Baptist's chapel at Smallridge, S. Thomas's at Dounsheys, S. Anne's at Uphay.
Axmouth,	V.	Exeter,	Honiton,			S. Leonard's chapel at Done is mentioned by bishop Stafford. (Reg. vol. i. fol. 289.) Bindon chapel was licensed July 16, 1425.
Aylesbeare,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	The taxation of S. Luke's chapel at Newton Poppleford, July 16, 1331, is in Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 4.
Bampton,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton.		S. Mary.	S. Luke's chapel in the north aisle of the church. Petton chapel, probably dedicated to S. Petrock, is also named.
Barnstaple,	V.	Barum,	Barnstaple,	Sept. 9, 1318,	S. Peter.	The wake was transposed from September 9 to October 6, by bishop Lacy, August 24, 1452. (See reg. vol. iii. fol. 370.) The church of the Holy Trinity consecrated June 21, 1845.
Beaford,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. George.	
Beer, see Seaton,					S. Michael.	
Beer Ferrers,	R.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Andrew.	The church was rebuilt early in the fourteenth century, by Sir William de Ferrers.
Belston,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Mary.	
Berry-Nerber,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	The Church depended on S. Pancras priory, Lewes.
Berry-Pomeroy,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Mary.	In this parish was the chapel of SS. Margaret and James.
Bickington,	C.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Mary.	This chapel, and the one at Buckland in the Moor, are daughter churches of the parish church of Ashburton, and the same curate was accustomed to officiate in both chapels on Sundays and festivals. (See Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 137.)
Bickington Abbot's,	P.C.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. James.	Granted to Hartland abbey.
Bickington, High,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Mary's.	A chapel of S. Catharine's was licensed November 28, 1443.
Bickleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary's.	S. Mary's chapel at Chudderleigh, licensed April 11, 1408.
Bickleigh,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton,			The endowment of the vicarage and Shipstor chapel may be seen in Grandisson's reg. vol. i. fol. 110.
Bicton,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	Rebuilt and consecrated August 15, 1839. Originally a daughter chapel of Otterton.
Bideford,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,	Nov. 1259,	S. Mary.	S. Anne's chapel was at the end of Bideford bridge; S. Margaret's chapel was also in this parish.
Bigbury,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Laurence.	In the will of Wm. Poundestock, rector, April 9, 1411, we meet with the chapel of S. Michael de la Burgh, and of S. Milburge.
Bittadon,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Blackauton,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Michael.	Street church, in this parish, dedicated September 9, 1836.
Blackborough,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		All Saints.	Rebuilt and consecrated April 16, 1839.
Bovey, North,	R.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. John the Baptist.	
Bovey, South, or Bovey Tracy,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		SS. Peter and Paul, and S. Thomas the archbishop.	Granted by bishop Brewer to S. John's hospital, Bridgewater.
Bow, see Nymet Tracy,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chumleigh,		S. Martin.	
Bradford,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		All Saints.	Belfry rebuilt in 1438.
Bradninch,	P.C.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Dionisius.	
Bradstone,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,	Sept. 1261,	S. Nonna,	Mother of S. David.

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Bradworthy,	V.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Peter.	
Brampford Speke,	V.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Peter.	
Branscombe,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Winifred.	
Bratton Clovelly,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton.			
Bratton-Fleming,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Braunton,	V.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Brannock.	Bp. Lacy licensed S. Gregory's chapel at Northcombe, February 6. 1428, and S. Michael's in 1435.
Brendon,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Brendonus.	
Brent or South Brent,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Petrock,	In some instances the patron saint is called S. Patrick.
Brent Tor or North Brent,	P.C.	Totnes,	Tavistock,	Dec. 4, 1319,	S. Michael.	
Bridestow,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Brigida.	
Bridford,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,	Nov. 1259,	S. Thomas of Canterbury.	Brantyngham petitioned the holy see to appropriate Bridestow, and Pouton (or S. Breock's), ad mensam episcopi; but, it seems, without effect. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 37.)
Bridgerule,	V.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Michael.	
Brixham,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Mary.	
Brixham Lower,	P.C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	Sept. 9, 1824.		S. Catharine's chapel licensed for the Penyll's family at Lupton, December 19, 1409.
Brixton,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton.			License for cemetery, April 18, 1477. S. Martin's chapel at Harston licensed June 25, 1399.
Broadwoodkelly,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		All Hallows.	
Broadwood Wiger,	P.C.	Totnes,	Tavistock.			The chapel of S. Nicholas de la More is mentioned in bishop Grandisson's taxation of the parish, vol. iii. fol. 62.
Brushford,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh.			
Buckerel,	V.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	
Buckfastleigh,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		Holy Trinity.	
Buckland Brewer,	V.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Mary.	License for rebuilding it, June 25, 1399. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 28.)
Buckland, East,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Guy.	
Buckland Egg,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Edward.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 196.
Buckland Filleigh, or Fitzwalter,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Mary.	
Buckland in the Moor,	C.	Totnes,	Moreton.			
Buckland Monachorum,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Andrew.	S. John Baptist's chapel at Horebrigge is mentioned.
Buckland Toussaints,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	July 27, 1779,	All Saints.	Capella Sancti Petri de Bokland. (Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 61.) New church was dedicated July 27, 1779.
Buckland, West,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Budeaux, S.	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Budocus.	
Budleigh, East,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		All Saints.	
Bulkworthy,	C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland.			
Bundleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh.			
Burlescombe,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary.	A chapel of the Holy Trinity at Westleigh. (Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 220.)
Burrington,	V.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		Holy Trinity.	For its taxation in 1310, see Stapl. reg fol. 50.)
Butterleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,	Nov. 23, 1319.		
Cadbury,	V.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Michael.	
Cadeleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Mary.	
Calverleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary.	
Carswell, Abbot's,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen.		S. Mary.	Formerly belonging to the abbey of Sherborne.
Carswell, King's,	P.C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen.			Week S. Mary's chapel licensed January 17, 1433.
Chagford,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,	July 30, 1261.		
Challacombe,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell.			
Charles,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. John Baptist.	Charnes. (Brones. reg. fol. 96.) S. Petrock's chapel was licensed May 9, 1424.
Charles, king and martyr,	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,	Sept. 2, 1666.		The church of Charles, Plymouth, was consecrated July 1, 1829.
Charleton,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh.			
Chawleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh.			S. Mary's and S. Giles's chapels were licensed August 26, 1400; S. James's the same year. (Staff. reg. vol. i.)
Cheldon,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton.			
Cheriton, Bishop,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Mary.	Crockernwell chapel, dedicated to S. Mary Magdalene, was licensed July 22, 1390. (Brantyngham's reg. vol. i. fol. 209.)
Cheriton Fitzpaine,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury.			
Chittlehampton,	V.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Herygh, according to William of Worcester, was brother to St. Ia or Ives: others make the patron S. Hierytha.	S. John's chapel, at Chittleholt, ded. October 30, 1838.

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Chivelstone,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh		S. Sylvester.	
Christow,	V.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Christina.	
Chudleigh,	V.	Exeter.	Kenn,	Nov. 6, 1259,	S. Martin and S. Mary.	
Chulmleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. M. Magdalen.	
Church-Staunton,	R.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Paul.	
Churchstow,	V.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Mary.	
Churchton-Ferrers,	C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen.			
Clannaborough,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Petrock.	
Clawton,	P. C.	Totnes,	Holsworthy.			
Clayhanger,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Peter.	
Clay-Hydon,	R.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Andrew.	
Clist, Broad,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	between 1395 and 1419,	S. John the Baptist.	Chapel of S. John, at Colump. S. John consecrated September 11, 1608. The chapel of the Holy Evangelists, at Killerton, consecrated September 21, 1841.
Clist-Fomison, see Sowton.						
Clist-Honiton,	P. C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare.			
Clist Hydon,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Andrew.	
Clist S. George, or Clist-Wick,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. George.	
Clist S. Lawrence,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Laurence.	
Clist S. Mary,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	
Clovelly,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		All Saints.	Wm. Cary obtained the royal license in 1388 to erect this into a collegiate church, but the foundation was never completed.
Cockington,	P. C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. George and S. Mary.	
Coffinswell,	C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen.			
Colaton-Raleigh,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. John the Baptist.	Chapels of SS. Andrew and Theobald are named in Taxation, May 8, 1347. (Grand. reg. vol. i. fol. 147.)
Colebrooke,	V.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Andrew.	
Coleridge,	V.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Mary.	
Columpton,	V.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	
Colyton,	V.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Andrew.	
Combe-Martin,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn.			Its altars were dedicated November 10, 1259. (Bronesc. reg.)
Comb-Pyne,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Comb-Raleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton.			
Cookbury,	C.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Nicholas.	
Cornwood,	V.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,	Aug. 9, 1315,	S. John the Baptist and the seven Macchabees.	Stapl. reg. fol. 107.
Cornworthy,	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,	June 19, 1336,	S. Michael.	S. John's chapel at Ivy Bridge was dedicated October 5, 1835.
Coryton,	R.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Peter.	
Cotleigh,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,	Sept. 1, 1261,	S. Andrew.	
Countisbury,	P. C.	Exeter,	Honiton.			
Creacomb,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell.			
Crediton,	V.	Barnstaple,	South Molton,		S. Mary.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 49.
Cruwys Morchard, see Morchard Cruwys.		Exeter,	Kenn,		Holy Cross.	Possbury chapel dedicated October 18, 1836.
Culm Davy,	C.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell.			
Culmstock,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		All Saints.	
Dartmouth new church	P. C.	Totnes,	Totnes,	Oct. 3. 1833,	S. Petrock.	
Dartington,	R.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Mary.	
Dawlish,	V.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Gregory.	Starcross chapel dedicated September 14, 1838.
Denbury,	R.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	Aug. 27, 1318,	S. Mary.	
Dene-Prior,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. George.	
Diptford,	R.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Mary.	
Dittisham,	R.	Totnes,	Totnes,	Oct. 4. 1333,	S. George.	
Dodbrooke,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Thomas.	
Doddiscombesleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Michael.	
Dolton,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Edmund.	
Dowland,	P. C.	Barnstaple,	Torrington.			
Down-East,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. John the Baptist.	
Down S. Mary,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Mary.	License for rebuilding it, November 15, 1413. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 179.)

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Down-West, V.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell.			
Drew's Teignton, see Teignton Drew's.					
Dunchideock, R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		Holy Trinity.	
Dunkeswell, P.C.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,	Dec. 5, 1259,	S. Nicholas.	The church of the Holy Trinity, on the site of the ancient abbey church, consecrated September 21, 1842.
Dunsford, V.	Exeter,	Dunsford,	July 29, 1262,	S. Mary.	S. Constantine's chapel licensed March 13, 1421.
Dunterton, R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		All Saints.	
Egg Buckland, see Buckland Egg.					
Eggesford, R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh.			
Ermington, Sinecure R. and a V.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Peter.	
Exbourne, R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Mary.	
Exeter, The Cathedral.	Exeter,			S. Peter and S. Paul.	
Allhallow's, Goldsmith Street, R.				Allhallows.	
Allhallows on the Walls, R.				Allhallows.	New church consecrated September 22, 1845.
Bedford chapel, P.C.					Consecrated August 4, 1832.
S. David, P.C.				S. David.	New church consecrated September 25, 1817.
S. Edmund on the Bridge, R.				S. Edmund.	King and martyr. Rebuilt and consecrated September 20, 1834.
S. George, R.				S. George.	Demolished in 1844, and united to S. John.
S. John the Evangelist, R.				S. John the Evangelist.	
S. Kerrian, R.				S. Kerrian.	
S. Laurence, R.				S. Laurence.	
S. Martin, R.				S. Martin.	
S. Mary Arches, R.				S. Mary.	
S. Mary Major, R.				S. Mary.	High altar dedicated November 6, 1336.
S. Mary Steps, R.				S. Mary.	
S. Olave, R.				S. Olave,	King of Norway martyred 1028. Built in king Edward III.'s reign.
S. Pancras, R.				S. Pancras.	
S. Paul, R.				S. Paul.	
S. Petrock, R.				S. Petrock,	Died abbot of Bodmin, June 4, 564.
S. Sidwell, P.C.				S. Sativola.	Rebuilt in 1812. Chapel of S. James dedicated November 26, 1836.
S. Stephen, R.				S. Stephen.	
The Holy Trinity, R.				The Holy Trinity.	Church taken down in 1819. New church consecrated January 12, 1821.
Exminster, V.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Martin.	
Exmouth, C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	Oct. 14, 1824,	Holy Trinity.	
Farringdon, R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare.			
Farway, R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Michael.	
Feniton, R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Andrew.	S. Stephen's chapel licensed June 26, 1426.
Fen-Ottery, see Ottery, Fen,					
Filleigh, R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Paul.	New church and churchyard consecrated August 17, 1732.
Fremington, V.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		All Saints.	
Frithelstock, P.C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Gregory.	
Georgeham, R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. George.	
Germans Week, or Week S. Germans, C.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Germans.	
Gidleigh, R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		Holy Trinity.	
Giles, S. in the Heath, P.C.		Trigg Major, in the archdeaconry of Cornwall.		S. Giles.	
Giles, S. in the Wood, or Stow, P.C.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Giles.	
Gittisham, R.	Exeter,	Honiton.			
Goodleigh, R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Gregory.	Lacy, vol. iii. fol. 337.
Haccombe, R.	Exeter,	Kenn,	July 19, 1328,	S. Blase.	Dedicated with its two altars and cemetery.
Halberton, V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Andrew.	
Halwell, C.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Peter and S. Paul.	
Harberton, V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Andrew.	
Harford, R.	Totnes,	Plympton.			

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Harpford,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Gregory.	
Hartland,	P. C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Nectan.	
Hatherleigh,	V.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. John the Baptist.	
Heanton Punchardon,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Augustine.	
Heavitree,	V.	Exeter,	Exeter,		S. Michael.	The church is pulled down, and a new one in progress.
Hembury, Broad,	V.	Exeter,	Plymtree,	Dec. 1259.	S. Andrew.	
Hemiock,	R.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Mary.	
Hempstone, Broad,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,			Rebuilt, 1402. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 52.)
Hempstone, Little, or Hempstone Arundell,	R.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. John the Baptist.	For rebuilding, in 1439, Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 198.
Hennock,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Mary.	
Highampton,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		Holy Cross.	
Highbray,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		All Saints.	
Highweek,	C.	Totnes,	Moreton,		All Saints.	New chapel and cemetery ded. April 19, 1428.
Hittesleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Andrew.	
Hockworthy,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton.			
Holbeton,	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,	June 18, 1336,	All Saints.	
Holcombe-Burnel,	V.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. John the Baptist.	
Holcombe-Rogus,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		All Saints.	
Hollacombe,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Petrock.	
Holne,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Mary.	
Holsworthy,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Peter and S. Paul.	
Halwell,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Peter.	
Honeychurch,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Mary.	
Honiton,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Michael.	New church of S. Paul consecrated, April 24, 1838.
Horwood,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Michael.	
Huish,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. James.	
Huish-North,	R.	Totnes,	Plympton,	June 15, 1336.		
Huish, South,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh.			
Huntsham,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton.			
Hunshaw,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Mary Magdalene.	
Huxham,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare.			
Ide,	P. C.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Ida.	New church dedicated September 19, 1834.
Ideford,	R.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Mary and S. Martin.	
Iddesleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. James.	
Ilfracombe,	V.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		Holy Trinity.	S. Matthew's chapel dedicated Sept. 21, 1835.
Ilsington,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Michael.	
Instow,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. John the Baptist.	
Inwardleigh,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton.			
Ipplepen,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Andrew.	
Jacobstow, or Stow S. James,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton.		S. James.	
Kelly,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,	Oct. 24, 1259,	S. Mary.	Brantyngham's reg. vol. ii. fol. 124.
Kenn,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Andrew.	
Kennerleigh,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Clement.	The first mention of chapel of S. Clement de Kynwarthlegh is Sept. 30, 1334.
Kentisbear,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	Cemetery and three altars Dec. 9, 1259. S. Anne's and S. John Baptist's chapels May 25, 1400.
Kentisbury,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,			
Kenton,	V.	Exeter,	Kenn,		All Saints.	
Kilmington,	C.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Giles.	S. Christina's Chapel in the north aisle ded. Jan. 18, 1509.
Kingsbridge,	V.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	Aug. 26, 1414,	S. Edmund.	Staff. reg. vol. ii. fol. 275.
Kingston,	C.	Totnes,	Plymton,		S. James the Apostle.	
Kingswear,	P.C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Thomas of Canterbury.	
Knowstone,	V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Andrew.	
Lamerton,	V.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Peter.	
Landcross,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		Holy Trinity.	
Landkey,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Paul.	Bishop Brantyngham licensed S. Mary's chapel at Herford (Reg. vol. i. fol. 72.)

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Langtree,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington.			Bishop Veysey licensed S. Mary's chapel at Crosshill, April 22, 1528. (Reg. vol. ii. fol. 63.) At Slowford was S. Nicholas' chapel (Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 171.)
Lapford,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Thomas of Canterbury.	S. James's chapel, in Lapford, licensed, July 6, 1434.
Leigh, North,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton.			
Leigh, South,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Laurence.	Chancel enlarged in 1339.
Leigh, West.	V.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Peter.	S. Anne's chapel licensed, June 11, 1457.
Leonard, S.	R.	Exeter,	Exeter,		S. Leonard.	Old church taken down April 28, 1831, and New church consecrated, Jan. 2, 1833.
Lew, North,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Thomas of Canterbury.	
Lew, Trenchard,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Peter.	
Lidford,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Petrock.	For bishop Bronescombe's ordinance of August 20, 1260, respecting the hamlets of Balbeneye and Pushyll, see his register, fol. 16.
Lifton,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Mary.	S. Peter's chapel licensed Oct. 16, 1399, Catharine's chapel at Ashleigh, November 2, 1452.
Linton,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Mary.	S. John the Baptist's chapel was at Forshyll, Linton.
Littleham,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,	Oct. 24, 1319,	S. Swithun.	
Littleham and Exmouth,	V.C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Margaret and S. Andrew.	
Loddiswell,	V.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Michael.	
Loxbear,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton.			
Loxhore,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Michael.	
Luffincot,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. James.	
Lundy Island,					S. Helen.	
Luppit,	V.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Mary.	S. Mary's chapel at Mirihull occurs in 1382. Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 99.
Lustleigh,	R.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. John the Baptist.	
Lympstone,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	Sept. 24, 1409,	S. Mary.	
Maker,	V.		East, in the archdeaconry of Cornwall,		S. Julian and S. Mary.	On August 16, 1269, bishop Bronescombe assigned to the vicar of Maker all the alterlage, the tithe of fish, a manse, with eight acres of the glebe, and one mark in money from the sheaf. S. Julian was first bishop of Mans, in France. Many churches built under the Norman kings bear his name, especially during the reign of Henry II., who was baptized in S. Julian's church at Mans. His feast was kept January 27.
Mamhead,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Thomas.	
Manaton,	R.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Winifred.	
Marlborough,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh.			
Marldon,	C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	before July 17, 1348.	S. John Baptist.	
Martinhoe,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,	early in 1339,	S. Martin.	Grand. reg. vol. ii. fol. 220.
Marwood,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Michael.	
Maryansleigh,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Marina.	
Marychurch,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Mary.	
Marystow,	V.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Mary.	Chapels of S. John and S. Nicholas occur in Brant.'s reg. vol. i. fol. 89.
Meavy,	R.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Peter.	S. Matthew's chapel licensed Nov. 23, 1433.
Meeth or Methe,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Michael.	Stapel. reg. fol. 79. S. Martin's chapel de Hele occurs in 1383. Brant. reg. vol. i. fol. 105.
Membury,	C.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. John the Baptist.	Cemetery dedicated July 22, 1316.
Merton,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Martin.	
Meshaw,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. John the Baptist.	
Millbrook, in Maker parish.	P.C.		East, in the archdeaconry of Cornwall.			
Milton Abbot or Milton Leigh,	V.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Constantinus and S. Eligius,	
Milton Damerel,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		Holy Trinity,	With Cookbury chapel, ded. August 9, 1315, to S. John the Baptist and the seven Machabees, with three altars and its adjoining cemetery. (Stapeldon's reg. fol. 107.)

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Milton, South, C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh.		
Modbury, V.	Totnes,	Plympton,	S. Peter.	S. John Baptist's chapel at Brownstone consecrated April 10, 1844.
Molland Botreaux, V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. Mary.	
Molton, North, V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	All Saints.	Richard de Ramides, rector of North Molton, by will, dated March 23, 1398, left forty shillings "fabrice navis ecclesie mee."
Molton, South, P.C.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. Mary Magdalene.	
Monkleigh, V.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,	S. George.	
Monk-Okehampton, R.	Totnes,	Okehampton.		
Monkton, C.	Exeter,	Honiton,	S. Mary Magdalene.	
Morchard Bishop, R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,	S. Mary.	
Morchard Cruwys, R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	All Hallows.	
Morebath, V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,	S. George.	
Moreleigh, R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	All Saints.	
Moreton-Hampstead, R.	Totnes,	Moreton,	S. Andrew.	
Morthoe, V.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,	S. Mary.	Here was the chantry of S. Catharine and S. Mary Magdalene, founded by William de Tracy, clerk, very early in the 14th century.
Musbury, R.	Exeter,	Honiton,	S. Michael.	
Nether-Exe, P.C.	Exeter,	Cadbury.		
Newport, C.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,	S. John the Baptist.	
Newton-Abbot, Donative C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	S. Leonard.	
Newton-Ferrers. R.	Totnes,	Plympton,	Holy Cross.	
Newton-Popleford, C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	S. Luke.	
Newton S. Cyres, V.	Exeter,	Cadbury,	S. Cyrus and S. Julitta.	
Newton S. Petrock, R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,	S. Petrock.	
Newton Tracy, R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,	S. Thomas of Canterbury.	
Nicholas, S. V.	Exeter,	Kenn,	S. Nicholas.	
Northam, V.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,	S. Margaret.	S. Mary's Chapel at Appledore, consecrated Sep. 25, 1838.
Nymet, Broad, or Nympton, Sinecure R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh.		
Nymet-Rowland, or Nympton, R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,	S. Bartholomew.	
Nymet Tracy, or Bow, R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,	S. Martin.	S. Martin's chapel de Bowe is described as being in Nymet Tracey parish. (Staff. reg. vol. i. fol. 39.)
Nympton Bishop's, V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. Mary.	At Grilleston bishop Brantyngham licensed S. Nicholas chapel, Oct. 16, 1374.
Nympton, Kings', R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. James.	
Nympton, S. George, R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. George.	
Offwell, R.	Exeter,	Honiton,	S. Mary.	
Ogwell, East, R.	Exeter,	Kenn,	S. Bartholomew.	
Ogwell, West, R.	Exeter,	Kenn.		
Okeford, R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	S. Peter.	July 29, 1261, bishop Bronescombe assigned to the vicar all the obventions, the whole glebe, a house and garden, one acre of land, one acre of meadow, and 40s. to be paid yearly by the rector, who was to retain the tithe of sheaf and hay, and also the parsonage. (Reg. fol. 20.)
Okehampton, V.	Totnes,	Okehampton,	S. James.	Lacy's reg. vol. ii. fol. 129.
Otterton, V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	S. Michael.	
Ottery Fen, V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	S. Gregory.	
Ottery, S. Mary, V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	S. Mary.	S. John the Apostle's chapel at Tipton, consecrated April 29, 1840; SS. Philip and James at Escot, May 1, 1840.
Paignton, V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	S. John the Baptist.	
Pancras, S., see Rose Down,			S. Pancras.	

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Pancras-Week, or Week S. Pancras,	C.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Pancras.	
Parkham,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. James.	
Parracombe,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell.			
Paul, S. Stonehouse,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Paul.	
Payhembury,	V.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	
Penny-Cross, or Weston-Peverel,	C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Pancras.	
Peter's Marland,	C.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Peter.	
Petherwin, North,	V.		Trigge Major, in the archdeaconry of Cornwall,		S. Paternus.	
Petrock, S.	P.C.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Petrock.	
Petrockstow, or Stow S. Petrock,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Petrock.	
Pilton,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Mary.	
Pinhoe,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Michael.	
Plympton, S. Mary,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,	Oct. 29, 1311.	S. Mary.	
Plympton, S. Maurice, or Earl,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Maurice.	Olim S. Thomas the Martyr and archbishop of Canterbury.
Plympstock,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		All Saints.	
Plymtree,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. John the Baptist.	
Poltimore,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	
Pool South,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	Aug. 24, 1318.	S. Nicholas and S. Cyriacus the martyr.	
Portlemouth or Portmouth,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Onolaus.	Vesey's reg. vol. i. fol. 103. Query, S. Olaus, or Olave?
Poughill,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Michael.	
Powderham,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Nov. 24, 1259.	S. Clement.	Pope and martyr.
Puddington,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Thomas the Apostle.	
Putford, East,	C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland.			
Putford, West,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,			In this parish was a chapel of S. Mary.
Pyworthy,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Swithun.	
Rackenford,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		All Saints.	
Rattery,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,			The endowment of Rattery, dated October 1, 1284, is in Quivil's reg. fol. 126.
Revelstoke,	C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Peter.	Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 22.
Rewe,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	
Ringmore,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		All Hallows.	
Ring's Ash, see Ash-Reigny,						
Roborough,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Peter.	
Rockbear,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	For its endowment, dated April 1, 1335, see Grandisson's reg. vol. iii. fol. 32.
Rose-Ash,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Peter.	
Rose-Down, or Rouse-Down, olim Ralph-Down, now S. Pancras,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Pancras.	
Rumonsleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Rumon.	
Salcombe,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	licensed Aug. 1, 1539,	S. John the Baptist.	Veysey's reg. vol. ii. fol. 81. Rebuilt and consecrated, April 11, 1844.
Salcombe-Regis,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Peter.	
Sampford-Courtenay,	R.	Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Andrew.	
Sampford-Peverel,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,	April 12, 1318,	S. John the Baptist.	
Sampford-Spiney,	P.C.	Totnes,	Tamerton.			
Sandford,	P.C.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Swithun.	Allowed a burial-ground, May 1, 1524.
Satterleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Peter.	Was rebuilding in 1435.
Saviour, S.	C.	Totnes,	Totnes,	Oct. 13, 1372,	S. Saviour and Holy Trinity.	
Seaton, with S. Michael's at Beer,	V.C.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Gregory.	
Shaugh, or Shaugh Prior,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Edward.	

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Shebbear,	V.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Michael.	At Alnethecote, now Cott, was S. Stephen's chapel, licensed Dec. 5, 1426; another at Loddeford for the Hankfords, Dec. 13, 1420.
Sheldon,	P.C.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,	Dec. 7. 1259,	S. James.	
Sherford,	C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,	Sept. 1457,	S. Martin.	With its cemetery. (Nevyll's reg. fol. 36.)
Shillingford, St. George,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. George.	
Shepstor,	C.	Totnes,	Tamerton.			
Shipwash,	C.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,	Nov. 1358,	S. Laurence.	See the composition. (Grandisson's reg. vol. i. fol. 210.)
Shirwell,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Shobrooke,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury.			
Shute,	C.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Michael.	
Sidbury,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Giles.	
Sidmouth,	V.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Giles.	All Saints' chapel at Sidmouth; consecrated, April 30, 1840.
Silverton,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. Mary.	S. Catharine's chapel, at Clist Sackville, licensed Oct. 27, 1438.
Slapton,	P.C.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. James.	
Sourton,	C.	Totnes,	Tavistock.			Sourton chapel made parochial in 1450. (See Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 442.)
Sowton (formerly Clist Fomison),	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Michael.	Church rebuilt, and consecrated Sept. 19, 1845.
Spreyton,	V.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Michael.	
Starcross, (district)	P.C.	Exeter,	Kenn.	Feb. 4, 1828.		
Staverton,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Paul.	Stapledon's reg. fol. 84.
Stockleigh, English,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,	July 23, 1261,	S. Mary.	
Stockleigh, Pomeroy,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Mary.	
Stoke Canon,	P.C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary Magdalene.	The new church re-opened, August 8, 1836.
Stoke Damerel,	R.	Totnes,	Tamerton.			S. Aubyn chapel; S. John's chapel; S. Michael chapel, consecrated Aug. 1, 1845.
Stoke-Fleming,	R.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Peter.	S. Petrock's, Dartmouth, consecrated, October 3, 1833.
Stokenham,	V.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Michael.	Capella Sancti Brendani, licensed by bishop Lacy, June 24, 1421; S. Mary's at Stert, or Holesand. (Oldham's reg. fol. 9.)
Stoke-in-Teignhead,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,		S. Andrew.	High altar dedicated May 13, 1336. (Grand. reg. vol. ii. fol. 198.)
Stoke-Rivers,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell.			
Stoke S. Gabriel,	V.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		SS. Mary and Gabriel.	S. Michael's chapel de Wadeton, licensed, November 12, 1323.
Stonehouse, East,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton.			
Stoodleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Margaret.	
Stowford,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock.			
Stow, or S. Giles in the Wood (see the latter).						
Stow, S. James (see Jacobstow,					S. James.	
Stow, S. Petrock (see Petrockstow),					S. Petrock.	
Sutcombe,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Andrew.	At Sutcombe was a chapel of S. Leonard, licensed in 1417.
Swymbridge,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. James the Apostle.	
Sydenham, South, or Sydenham-Damarel,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Mary.	
Talaton,	R.	Exeter,	Plymtree,		S. James.	SS. Philip and James's chapel, at Escot, consecrated, May 1, 1840.
Tamerton-Foliot,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton,	Aug. 22, 1318,	S. Mary.	
Tavistock,	V.	Totnes,	Tavistock,	May 21, 1318,	S. Eustachius.	
Tavy S. Mary,	R.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Mary.	
Tavy S. Peter,	R.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Peter.	
Tawstock,	R.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Peter.	Holy Trinity chapel, at Harracott, consecrated, July 7, 1842. S. Lawrence's chapel occurs Aug. 3, 1400. (Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 45.)
Tawton, Bishop's,	V.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Peter.	New chapel at Newport, consecrated, July 10, 1829. Its predecessor was called S. John the Baptist's.
Tawton, North,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Peter.	
Tawton, South,	V.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Andrew.	

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Tedburn, S. Mary,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Mary.	
Teign Grace, or Teign Brewer,	R.	Totnes,	Moreton,		SS. Peter and Paul.	License for re-opening the present church, June 13, 1788.
Teignmouth, East,	P.C.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Oct. 21, 1823,	S. Michael.	
Teignmouth, West,	C.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Sept. 11, 1821.	S. James.	
Teignton, Bishop's,	V.	Exeter,	Kenn,		All Saints.	Probably erected in Richard the First's time.
Teignton, Drew's,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		Holy Trinity.	
Teignton, King's,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Michael.	High altar dedicated May 1, 1318.
Templeton,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Margaret.	
Tetcot,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,	in 1338.	All Saints and the Holy Trinity.	
Thelbridge,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. David.	S. Leonard's chapel licensed March 25, 1442.
Thomas, S. (now) the Apostle,	V.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Oct. 4, and cemetery 5, 1412,	S. Thomas the Martyr.	S. Andrew's chapel, at Exwick, consecrated, September 26, 1842.
Thornbury,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,	in 1339,	S. Peter.	Grand. reg. vol. iii. fol. 220; rebuilt in 1524.
Thorncombe,	V.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Mary.	S. Melor's chapel, in Thorncombe, licensed in 1411.
Thorverton,	V.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Thomas of Canterbury.	
Throwley,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,			S. Mary's chapel, at Wallen, licensed, May 14, 1332.
Thrushelton,	C.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. George.	
Thurleston,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh.			
Tiverton,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Peter and S. Paul.	S. George's, consecrated, Oct. 11, 1733; S. Thomas's chapel, at Chevithorn, consecrated, June 13, 1843.
Topsham,	P.C	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Margaret.	S. Luke's chapel, at Wear, dedicated, Nov. 17, 1838.
Tor-Brian,	R.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		Holy Trinity.	
Tor-Mohun,	P.C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Saviour.	Torquay chapel consecrated Aug. 14, 1823.
Torrington, Black,	R.	Totnes,	Holsworthy,		S. Mary.	S. Catharine's, at Totley, and S. Mary's, at Wytheley, were licensed by bishop Stafford, in the beginning of the fifteenth century.
Torrington, Great,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Michael.	Stafford's reg. vol. ii. fol. 153.
Torrington, Little,	R.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		S. Giles.	Brant. reg. vol. ii. fol. 20, ad calcem.
Totnes,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,		S. Mary.	
Townstall,	V.	Totnes,	Totnes,	High altar dedicated May 15, 1318,	S. Mary Magdalene.	Chapel of the Holy Trinity at Bowdon, licensed Dec. 14, 1417.
Trentishoe,	R.	Barnstaple,	Shirwell,		S. Peter.	
Trusham,	R.	Exeter,	Kenn,	Nov. 21, 1259,	All Saints.	
Twitchen,	C.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Peter.	
Uffculm,	V.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary.	Huggeburn. (Bronescombe reg. 35.)
Ugborough,	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,	Feb. 21, 1322–3.		S. Andrew's chapel, at Filcham, licensed, Dec. 14, 1400.
Uplime,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		SS. Peter and Paul.	
Uplowman,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,	April 13, 1318,	S. Peter.	
Up-Ottery,	V.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. Mary.	
Upton-Hellions,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,		S. Mary.	On the Wednesday before the Feast of S. Laurence, 1269, bishop Bronescombe united the chapel of Credie Wiger to the parish church of Upton Hyluin, with the consent of John Wiger, the patron of both places.
Upton-Pyne,	R.	Exeter,	Cadbury,	Sept. 26, 1328,	S. Mary.	
Virginstow,	R.	Totnes,	Tavistock,		S. Bridget the Virgin.	Veysey's reg. vol. i. fol. 97.
Walkhampton,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton.			
Warkleigh,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. John.	
Washfield,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary.	
Washford-Pyne,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Peter.	
Wear-Giffard,	R.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		Holy Trinity.	
Week S. German's (see Germans-week),		Totnes,	Okehampton,		S. Germanus.	

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Welcombe,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland,		S. Nectan.	
Wembury,	P.C.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Werburge.	
Wemworthy,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Michael.	S. Bridget's chapel, licensed Jan. 9, 1420.
Werrington,	Donative C.		Trigg Major in the archdeaconry of Cornwall,		S. Martin.	
Weston Peverel (see Penny-cross).						
Whimple,	R.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Mary.	Foundation of the new church laid, April 23, 1845.
Whitechurch,	V.	Totnes,	Tamerton,		S. Andrew.	
Whitstone,	R.	Exeter,	Dunsford,		S. Catharine, virgin martyr.	
Widecombe in the Moor,	V.	Totnes,	Moreton,		S. Pancras.	
Widecombe-Raleigh,	C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,		S. Michael.	
Widworthy,	R.	Exeter,	Honiton,		S. Cuthbert.	
Willand,	R.	Exeter,	Tiverton,		S. Mary.	
Winkleigh,	V.	Barnstaple,	Torrington,		All Saints.	
Witheridge,	V.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	before Nov. 4, 1282,	S. John the Baptist.	
Woodbury,	P.C.	Exeter,	Aylesbeare,	Sept. 23, 1409,	S. Swithun.	Church of the Holy Trinity, in the hamlet of Salterton, endowed by Miss Marianne Pidsley; consecrated, Sept. 24, 1844.
Woodland,	P.C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,	erected in 1536.	S. John the Baptist.	Veysey's reg. vol. ii. fol. 82.
Woodleigh,	R.	Totnes,	Woodleigh,		S. Mary.	
Woolborough,	Donative C.	Totnes,	Ipplepen,		S. Mary.	
Woolfardisworthy,	P.C.	Barnstaple,	Hartland.			S. James's chapel licensed by bishop Stafford, July 17, 1400.
Woolfardisworthy,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,	July 28, 1262,	Holy Trinity.	Rebuilt and consecrated Nov. 7, 1845.
Worlington, East,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Mary.	
Worlington, West,	R.	Barnstaple,	Southmolton,		S. Mary.	The Parish of Affeton has been merged in West Worlington for nearly 400 years.
Yarnscombe,	V.	Barnstaple,	Barnstaple,		S. Andrew.	Chapel of S. John occurs in little Yarnscombe, Aug. 23, 1310. (Stapled. 54.)
Yartecombe,	V.	Exeter,	Dunkeswell,		S. John the Baptist.	High altar dedicated, October 17, 1311. (Stapledon's reg. fol. 64.)
Yealmpton,	V.	Totnes,	Plympton,		S. Bartholomew.	The composition between this church and S. Peter's chapel at Revelstock, may be seen in Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 22.
Zele-Monachorum,	R.	Barnstaple,	Chulmleigh,		S. Peter.	

Some other churches and chapels have been recently consecrated; viz.

Illogan,	S. Mary,	July 3, 1842.
Camborne,	S. John,	July 25, 1842.
Barnstaple,	Holy Trinity,	June 24, 1845.
Camborne and Illogan,	All Saints, Tuckingmill,	July 7, 1845.
Gwennap,	Christ Church, Lannarth,	July 15, 1845.
S. Germans,	S. Luke,	July 31, 1845.

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*TAXATIO ECCLESIASTICA PAPE NICHOLAI IV.

This important record, begun in the year 1288 and finished in 1291, has been printed with so many inaccuracies in the names (at least as regards the diocese of Exeter), that we have deemed it desirable to reprint this portion with corrections; for which purpose we have diligently collated it with other MSS.; especially with one that belonged to David Anselm, rector of Tettebourn S. Mary's, in the early part of the fourteenth century. This MS. is bound up with bishop Bronescombe's register. Some explanatory additions are occasionally made in parentheses.

EXON' DIOCESIS.

Spiritualitates et temporalitates { Archidiaconatus Exon', Barnastapl', Cornub', et Totton. } Exon' Dioc.

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Exon' Sp'. Decima. £ s. d.
ARCHID' EXON'.		
Decima civitat' Exon'.		Decima.
Capella Sĉi Laurencij	nichil ꝑpter pauꝑtatem.	
Capella Sĉi Stephi . . .	0 2 0	nil pauꝑtatem.
Capella Sĉi Martini vix sufficit ad sustentac̃oem uni' capl̃li. nil.		
Capella ƀe Marie Maioris .	1 0 0	ñl.
Capella Sĉi Jacobi vix ut supra		
Capella Sĉe Trinitat' vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Leonardi . . .	0 6 8	ñl.
Capella Sĉi Georgii . . .	0 2 0	ñl.
Capella Sĉi Johis de Arcubꝫ vix suf' ut sup' p't' pensionem		
Capella ƀe Marie de Gradubꝫ	2 0 0	4 sol.
Capella omn' Sĉor' supꝑ muros vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Edm̃i vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Olavi vix ut sup'		
Capella ƀe Marie de Arcubꝫ vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Petroci vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Keranij . . .	0 6 8	
Capella Sĉi Pancracij vix ut sup'		
Capella Sĉi Pauli	0 2 0	ñl.
Capell' omn' Sĉor' in Aurifabria vix ut supra		
Prebenda Robti de Litelbury de Castro (Heighes) . .	10 0 0	1 0 0
Prebend' dñi Henrici de Esse (Cutton)	5 13 4	0 11 4
Prebend dñi Phi de Dutton (Carswell)	6 13 4	0 13 4
Prebend Abbis et Conventus de Thorr (Ashclyst) . .	2 10 0	0 5 0

* The bishops charged with making this survey, were Oliver Sutton, of Lincoln, and John de Pontissara, of Winchester. The latter was peculiarly fitted for his office, having been canon of our cathedral, rector of Tavistock, and archdeacon of Exeter.

Our readers are aware, that Pope Innocent IV. (not the *Twenty-second*, as asserted in the above-mentioned printed copy) caused another valor of the first-fruits and tenths to be taken, in 1253, of all our ecclesiastical benefices, and gave them to king Henry III. for three years. This is often called the *Norwich* taxation, from its having been made by Walter de Suffield, bishop of that city.

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Exon' Sp'. Decima. £ s. d.	
Ecclia Sĉi Nichi	2 13 4	0 5 4	
Prior Plumpton ꝑcipit de Capella Sĉi Johis de Arcubus	1 0 0	0 2 0	Pens' sunt alibi beneficiati.
	ꝑ annum.		
Prior Sĉi Nichi Exon' ꝑcipit' de Ecclia Sĉi Olavi . .	0 8 0	0 0 9½	
	ꝑ annum.		
Decanus et Capłm bi Petri Exon' ꝑcipit de div'sis capllis in civ' Exon' . .	1 13 4	0 3 4	
Sm̃a . . .	34 10 8		
Inde decime	3 9 0¾		
Decanatus de Ken.			
Ecclia de Cowyk	6 13 4	0 13 4	
Ecclia de Alfington . . .	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecclia de Exmistr' . . .	17 6 8	1 14 8	
Ecclia de Pouderham . . .	3 0 0	ñl'q non excedit.	
Ecclia de Kenton . . }	33 6 8	3 6 8	
Vicaria ejusdem Ecclie }	3 10 0	0 7 0	
Ecclia de Mammeheved . .	2 0 0	ñl.	
Ecclia de Assecumbe . .	3 6 8	ñl.	
Ecclia de Stok (in Teignhead)	7 6 8	0 14 8	
Ecclia de Cumb' (in Teignhead)	9 6 8	0 18 8	
Ecclia de Estwoggewill .	3 6 8	ñl.	
Ecclia de Westwoggewill .	0 10 0	ñl.	
Ecclia de Donsidiok . .	0 10 0	ñl.	
Ecclia de Trysine (Trusham)	0 10 0		
Ecclia de Ken	15 0 0	1 10 0	
Capella de Shillingford . .	0 10 0	ñl.	
Capella de Haccomb . . .	1 0 0	ñl.	
Prior Plimpt' ꝑcipit de Ecclia de Exmistre Exon'*	3 6 8	0 6 8	Pensiones.
	ꝑ annu'.		
Idem Prior ꝑcip' de Ecclia de Stok	2 0 0	0 4 0	
Sm̃a . . .	120 10 0		
Inde decima	12 1 0		
Decanat' de Donekeswell.			
Ecclia de Aulescumb . . .	10 0 0	1 0 0	
Vicaria de eadem	1 0 0	ñl.	
Ecclia de Shildene . . .	3 6 8	ñl.	habet plura.
Ecclia de Donekeswell . .	5 0 0	0 10 0	

* The taxation is £6 13*s.* in the Exeter copy.

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	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
Ecctia de Hemyok . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Ecctia de Staunton . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Ecctia de Hidon (Clayhidon)	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Ecctia de Hertecumb (Yarcombe)	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Vicar' de eadem	1	6	8	ñl.			
Ecctia de Uppotery . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1	6	8				
Ecctia de Luppit	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Ecctia de Combe Sĉi Nichi .	4	0	0	0	8	0	
Sm̃a . . . 85 17 0							
Inde decima 7 18 0							

Decanat' de Plymtre.

Ecctia de Reuwe (Rewe) .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Ecctia de Silverton . . .	8	13	4	0	17	4	
Ecctia de Butterlegh . . .	0	4	0	ñl.			
Ecctia de Braneys . . .	8	13	4	0	17	4	
Ecctia de Columpton . .	13	6	8	1	6	8	
Vicar' ejusdem non extendit	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Kentelesbear . .	6	6	8	0	12	8	
Ecctia de Blakeburgh . .	0	4	0	ñl.			
Ecctia de Brodhembury . .	12	0	0	1	4	0	
Vicar' de eadem	0	15	0	ñl.			
Ecctia de Bokerell . . .	6	6	8	0	12	8	
Vicar' de eadem	0	10	0	ñl.			
Ecctia de Fineton	6	0	0	0	12	0	
Ecctia de Taleton	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia de Clist Sĉi Laurencij	3	13	4	ñl.			
Ecctia de Payhembur' . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
Vicar' de eadem	0	16	8	ñl.			
Ecctia de Clysthydon . .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
Ecctia de Plymptre . . .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
Sm̃a . . . 99 16 4							
Inde Xa . . 9 19 7½							

Decanat' de Tiverton.

Porcio Robti de Litelbury * in Ecctia de Tiv'ton . .	7	1	0	0	14	1¼	
Porĉo Riĉi de Roffa in eadem	7	9	2	0	14	11	
Porĉo Baronis de Clare in eadem	7	1	0	0	14	1¼	
Prior Sĉi Jacobi juxta Exon' in eadm	4	3	8¾	0	8	4½	
Ecctia de Bicklegh . . .	4	6	8	0	8	8	
non excedit. Ecctia de Samford (Peverell)	3	4	10¾				
Ecctia de Lomene (Uplowman)	4	9	4	0	8	11¼	
Ecctia de Hollecumb' (Rogus)	6	0	0	0	12	0	
non excedit. Vicar' de eadem	0	6	8				
Ecctia de Bampton . . .	16	10	7½	1	13	0¾	
Ecctia de Morbath . . .	4	2	4	0	8	2¾	
non excedit Vicar' de eadem	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Clehangre . . .	4	2	0	0	8	2¼	
Ecctia de Halberton . . .	13	12	0	1	7	2¼	
non excedit Vicar' de eadem	3	16	4				
Ecctia de Honesham . . .	3	0	5				
Ecctia de Burdelescumb .	3	0	0				
Ecctia de Okworthi . . .	2	10	0				
Vicar' de eadem	0	9	8				
Ecctia de Uffcolm . . .	17	4	4	1	14	4	
non excedit { Ecctia de Wyldelond (Willand)	1	0	0				
non excedit { Ecctia de Wasfeld (Washfield)	3	11	8				
non excedit { Ecctia de Lokesber . . .	2	0	0				
(202 b.) { Prior Bathon' percipit de Ecctia de Bampton . .	2	10	0	0	5	0	
Rector capelle castri de Toriton percipit in Ecctia de Hunshm	0	8	0	0	0	9¾	
Abbatissa de Legh pcip' de eadem	0	1	0	0	0	1¼	
Sm̃a . . 124 8 10							
Inde Xa . 12 8 10½							

* He had been appointed to the prebend of Hayes in the castle of Exeter, June 4, 1278.

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
Decanat' de Donesford.							
Ecctia de Holecomb' (Burnell)	1	13	4	non exced.			
Ecctia de Legh (Doddescomb)	3	13	4				
Ecctia de Assereston (Ashton)	1	13	4				non excedit
Ecctia de Cristennestowe .	3	6	8	0	6	8	h't plur'.
Vicar' de eadem	1	6	8				non exced'.
Ecctia de Brideford . . .	4	13	4	0	9	4	
Ecctia de Donesford . . .	8	3	4	0	16	4	
Ecctia de Teyngton (Drew)	9	13	4	0	19	4	
Ecctia de Chaggeford . .	9	13	4	0	19	4	
Ecctia de Gideleg' . . .	1	0	0				non exced'.
Ecctia de Thornlegh (Throwlegh)	3	0	0	0	6	0	
Ecctia de Tauntonn (South Tauton)	13	6	8	1	6	8	
Vicar' de eadem	2	6	8				non exced'.
Ecctia de Spretton (Spreyton)	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Vicar' de eadem	0	13	4				non exced'.
Ecctia de Ot'legh (Hittislegh)	0	13	4				
Ecctia de Cheriton Episcopi	6	0	0	0	12	0	
Ecctia de Tetburn . . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
Ecctia de Whiteston . . .	4	0	0	0	8	0	h't pla.
Ecctia de Wolderingg (Olderidge)	0	5	0				non exced'.
Priorissa de Polslo pcipit de Ecctia de Ashton . . .	0	15	0	0	1	6	
Sm̃a . . . 87 10 0							
Inde decima 8 15 0							

Decanat' de Cadebur'.

Ecctia de Donne (S. Marie)	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Neuetone (S. Cyriaci)	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia de Schokbrok . . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
Ecctia de Stoklegh Pom'ay .	2	13	4				} non exced'.
Ecctia de Stoklegh Engleys	0	6	8				
Ecctia de Churiton (Fitzpaine)	6	13	4	0	13	4	} (203)
Ecctia de Poghull	1	13	4				} non exced'.
Ecctia de Cadelegh . . .	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Cadebury . . .	2	10	0				
Vicar' de eadem	0	16	0				
Ecctia de Thorverton . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia de Brampford . . .	2	0	0	0	4	0	h't pl'ra.
Vicar' de eadem	0	6	8				non exced'.
Ecctia de Uppeton Pyne .	2	6	8				
Abbas Buffestr' pcipit de Ecctia de Donne . . .	2	0	0	0	4	0	
Prior de Plympton pcipit de eadem et Nyweton . . .	2	0	0	0	4	0	
Sm̃a . . . 49 19 4							
Inde decima 4 19 11¼							

Decanat' de Honeton.

Ecctia de Honeton . . .	15	0	0	1	10	0	
Ecctia de Gidesham . . .	4	4	0	0	8	4½	
Ecctia de Cotlegh . . .	4	13	4	0	9	4	
Ecctia de Uffewill' . . .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
Ecctia de Stretweye (Farewaye)	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia de Suthlegh . . .	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Ecctia de Axmistre cum capellis	51	6	8	5	2	8	
Ecctia de Thorncumbe . .	4	0	0				} non exced'.
Vicar' de eadem	3	6	8				
Ecctia de Uplym	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia de Musebury . . .	8	13	4	0	17	4	
Ecctia de Cumbe Coffyn (als Combpyne)	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Ecctia Sĉi Pancracii . . .	2	0	0	0	4	0	h't pta.
Vicar' de eadem	1	6	8				non exced'.

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		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Ecctia de Axemue . . .	8	13	4	0	17	4	
non exced'.	Vicar' de eadem	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Seton	6	13	4	0	13	4	
non exced'.	Vicar' de eadem	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Northlegh . . .	4	5	0	0	8	6	
	Ecctia de Wydeworthi . .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Sm̃a . . 157 2 4							
	Inde Xa 15 14 $2\frac{3}{4}$							

Decanat' de Aylesber'.

	Ecctia de Otery Sc̃e Marie .	20	0	0	2	0	0	
	Vicar' de eadem	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Sidemue . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Vicar' de eadem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Oterington . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
non ex'.	Vicar' de eadem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Bodlegh cum capella de Wydcumb . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
non ex'.	Vicar' de eadem	3	6	8				
	Ecctia de Coleton (Ralegh) .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Bukington (Bicton)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Lumeneston (Lympston)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Clistwik . . .	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Clist Sc̃e Mar' .	1	0	0				
	Ecctia de Clist Fomesoun (Sowton)	0	10	0				
	Ecctia de Pynho	3	10	0	0	7	0	
	Ecctia de Hokesham . . .	0	6	8				
	Ecctia de Poltimor' . . .	2	13	4	0	5	4	
	Ecctia de Cliston (Broadclist)	13	6	8	1	6	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Wimpel' . . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Rokbear . . .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Aylesbear . . .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Faringdon . . .	2	16	8				
	Ecctia de Dodyngton . .	0	13	4				
	Capella de Clystsechevyle .	1	0	0				
	Prior Sc̃i Nich̃i p̃cip' de ecctia de Clyston	0	5	0	0	0	6	
	Prior de Oterington p̃cip' de eadem	0	6	8	0	0	8	
	Prior de Barnastapel p̃cipit de capella de Clistsechevile	0	3	0	0	0	$3\frac{3}{4}$	
	Ecctia de Herpford . . .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Sm̃a . . 127 0 1							
	Inde decima 12 14 $1\frac{1}{2}$							
	Sm̃a tōl Archid' Exon' . . .	885	12	10				
	Inde decima	88	0	11				

TAXACIO ECCL'IAR' DECANI ET CAPITULI EXON' Q' NON SUNT IN ARCHID' SET IN JURISDICTIONE.

	Ecctia Sce Sativole . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	5	0	0	0	10	0	
h̃nt pl'.	Ecctia de Clisthoneton . .	2	13	4	0	5	4	
	Ecctia de Stok (Canonicorum)	3	6	8	0	6	8	
non ex'.	Ecctia de Columstok . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	3	6	8	0	6	8	
	Ecctia de Coliton	10	13	4	1	1	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Brankiscombe .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	3	6	8	0	6	8	
	Ecctia de Sidebiry . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	3	13	4	0	7	4	
	Ecctia de Saltcumbe . . .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Ecctia de Toppish̃m . . .	5	0	0	0	10	0	
h̃et pl'.	Ecctia de Yde	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Ecctia de Doulyis	9	6	8	0	18	8	

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Vicar' ejusdem	5	6	8	0	10	8	P'or Sc̃i Nichi.
	Ecctia de Seintemaricherche	13	6	8	1	6	8	
	Ecctia de Staverton . . .	7	6	8	0	14	8	Exon' on'.
	Vicar' ejusdem	4	0	0	0	8	0	non exced'.
	Ecctia de Aspton (Ashburton)	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	3	13	4	0	7	4	non exced'.
	Ecctia de Colebrok . . .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	3	6	8	0	6	8	non exced'.
	Ecctia de Liteh̃m	7	0	0	0	14	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	3	6	8	0	6	8	non exced'.
	Ecctia de Sc̃o Pirano . .	7	0	0	0	14	0	non on' Cornub'.
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0				non exced'.
								de istis t'bz Ecctiis respondet Coll' in Archid' Cornub'.
	* Ecctia de Egloscrok (Egloskerry)	6	13	4	0	13	4	* non on' Cornub'.
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	10	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Sc̃o Winnoco . .	2	10	0	0	5	0	no' on' Cornub' h't pl̃a.
	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Sm̃a taxac̃ois Ecctiar' p'dcar'	181	0	0				
	Inde Xa	18	2	0				

Taxacio dignitatu' cathedralis Exon' Ecctie.

Decanus Majoris Ecctie Exon' p't' Ecctiam Coleton q' taxat' in Arch' Exon' .	56	0	0	5	12	0
Cantor' Exon' p't' Ecctiās de Chuddelegh et Peingtone que alibi taxat'	30	0	0	3	0	0
Cancellar' Exon' p't' Ecctiam Sc̃i Newelline q' tax' in Arch' Cornub'	10	0	0	1	0	0
Thesaur' p't' Ecctiam Sc̃i Proby q' tax' in Archid' Cornub'	20	0	0	2	0	0
Sm̃a taxac̃ois Ecctiar' p'dc̃ar	116	0	0			
Sm̃a decime	11	12	0			

DECANAT' SC̃I GERMANI.

Taxacio pecul' Jurisdicc̃ois d̃ni Ep̃i.

Ecctia Sc̃i Germani . . .	10	0	0	1	0	0
Ecctia de Lanrak	4	13	4	0	9	4
Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0			non ex'.
Sm̃a taxac̃ois Ecctiar' p'dcar	16	13	4	Sm̃a tax'.		
Sm̃a decime.	1	9	4			

Decanat' de Penryn. Cornub'.

Ecctia de Sc̃o Budoco . .	6	0	0	0	12	0
Ecctia de Sc̃o Gluviaco appropriat' Canonic' de Penryn	2	0	0	0	4	0 h't pl'.
Ecctia de Sc̃o Meloro cu' Scũario	6	13	4	0	13	4
Ecctia de Sc̃o Gerendo . .						
Porcio Rectoris in eadem .	2	6	8	0	4	8 non pl'.
Porcio Prioris Sc̃i Anton' in ead'	2	6	8	0	4	8 h't pl'.
Ecctia de Sc̃o Anton' in Roslond	3	0	0	0	6	0
Sm̃a taxac̃ois Ecctiar' p'dcar'	22	6	8			

Cornub'.

Decanat' de Lawhitton.

Ecctia de Lawhitton . . .	2	0	0			
Ecctia de Piderwyne (South)	6	0	0	0	12	0

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		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0			
	Ecctia de Lansant	5	0	0	0	10	0
	Sm̃a taxac̃ois istar' Ecctiar'	15	0	0			
	Decanatus de Polton'.						
	Ecctia de Sc̃o Uvelo	6	13	4	0	13	4
non excedit	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0			
	Ecctia Sc̃i Hermetis	2	10	0			
	Ecctia Sc̃i Nansfonteyn	1	10	0			
	Ecctia de Nansant	4	6	8	0	8	8
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	6	8			
	Ecctia de Eglesheil	5	0	0	0	10	0
	Vicar' ejusdem	ñl					
	Sm̃a taxac̃ois istar' Ecctiar' cum Vicar'	23	6	8			
	Sm̃a decime	1	17	0			
	Ecctia Crideton.						
	Prebenda P'centoris	4	0	0			
	Prebend' Rad'i Germayne	3	10	0	0	7	0
	Prebend' Hugonis Sp'lot	2	0	0	0	4	0
	Prebend' Phi' de Colbegh	3	0	0	0	6	0
habent plura	Prebend' Johis Stronga	3	0	0	0	6	0
	Prebend' Johis de Brideport	2	0	0	0	4	0
	Prebend' Mag̃ri Ric̃i Par'	2	10	0	0	5	0
	Prebend' Walt'i de Iuelcestr'	3	10	0	0	7	0
	Prebend' Robti Scardeburgh	2	10	0	0	5	0
plur'.	Prebend' Radi' le Botiller	3	10	0	0	7	0
non ex'.	Prebend' Mag̃ri Wlti de Kilkenny	3	0	0			
	Prebend' Mag̃ri Robti de Ros	2	10	0	0	5	0
	Ecctia Morcestr' Epi'	6	13	4	0	13	4
	Ecctia Peynton	20	0	0	2	0	0
	Vicar' ejusdem	5	6	8	0	10	8
	Sm̃a tocius taxac̃ois om̃ium Eccliar' p'dcar' cum p'bend' et vicariis	421	6	8			
	Sm̃a tocius taxac̃ois omn' Ecctiar' que non excedunt sex marc'	51	6	8			
	Et Mc̃md' q'd dc̃a sum̃a	51	6	8			
	continet' infra sum̃am p'dcam'	421	6	8.			

TAXACIO ECCL'IAR' ARCHID' BARN'.

		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.
	Decanatus Barn'.						
	Ecctia Barn'	6	10	0	0	13	0
	Ecctia de Pilton	6	13	4	0	13	4
	Ecctia de Filelegh	1	6	8			
	Ecctia de Chitelhampton	9	16	8	0	19	8
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	13	4			
	Ecctia de Bokington (Bickington)	5	0	0	0	10	0
	Ecctia de Adrinton (Atherington)	7	4	0	0	14	5
	Ecctia de Hernescombe (Yarnscombe)	4	0	0			
	Ecctia de Housaue (Hunshaw)	2	0	0			
	Ecctia de Worwode (Horwood)	1	0	0			
	Ecctia de Westlegh	5	0	0	0	10	0
non ex'.	Ecctia Ynestowe	3	6	8			
	Ecctia de Frementon	17	6	8	1	14	8
	Vicar' ejusdem	3	6	8			
	Ecctia de Taustok	20	0	0	2	0	0
	Prior Barn' pcip' de Ecctia Barn'	1	10	0	0	3	0
	Idem Prior pcipit de Ecctia de Fremynton	0	8	0	0	0	9¾
	Sm̃a	95	2	0			
	Inde decima	9	10	2½			

		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Decanatus de Chamlegh (Chumleigh).							
	Ecctia de Numettracy (als Bow)	4	5	0	0	8	6	
	Ecctia de Borriton (Burrington)	8	13	4	0	17	4	
	Ecctia de Tawton (North)	8	13	4	0	17	4	
	Ecctia de Bondlegh	4	5	0	0	8	6	
	Ecctia de Colryg	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	13	4				
	Ecctia de Britesforde (Brushford)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Wemworthy	4	0	0	0	8	0	
	Ecctia de Chulmelegh	8	13	4	0	17	4	
	Ecctia de Lappeford	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Sele (Monachorum)	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Ecctia de Eggenesford	0	10	0				
	Ecctia de Cloneburgh' nichil ppter pauptatem							
	Prior Sc̃i Nic̃hi Exon' pcipit de Ecctia de Tawton	1	6	8	0	2	8	
	Abbas Buffestr' pcipit de Ecctia de Sele (Monachorum)	2	13	4	0	5	4	
	Sm̃a	62	13	4				
	Inde X^{a}	6	5	4				
	Decan' de Molton.							
	Ecctia de Morcestr' Crues	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Ecctia de Potynton (Puddington)	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Wolferdesworthy	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Wasford (Pyne)	2	13	4				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Wytherygh	20	0	0	2	0	0	
	Ecctia de Theleburgg	1	10	0				
	Ecctia de Estwolrington	1	10	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Westwolrington	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Affeton	0	10	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Cheedelington (Cheldon)	0	13	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Romoundeslegh	1	0	0	0	2	0	h't pl'.
	Ecctia de Satterlegh	1	0	0	0	2	0	h't pl'.
	Ecctia de Nymeton (Nympton) Regis	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Nymeton Sc̃i Georgii	2	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Sat'legh nichil ppt' paupt'							
	Ecctia de Warklegh	0	13	4				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Suthmolton	13	6	8	1	6	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	1	10	0				
	Ecctia de Northmolton	33	6	8	3	6	8	
	Ecctia de Molonde	1	13	4				
	Ecctia de Knouston	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Esse (Rose Ash)	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Ecctia de Meshaw	1	0	0	0	2	0	
	Ecctia de Westansteye	2	13	4				
	Ecctia de Estansteye	1	0	0				
	Ecctia de Croucumbe	1	0	0				
	Ecctia de Rakeneford	4	2	0	0	8	2½	
	Ecctia de Okeford	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Stodlegh	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Marielegh nichil ppt' pauptatem							
	Abbas de Hurtilonde pcipit de Ecctia de Molond	3	16	8	0	6	8	
	Idem Abbas pcipit de Ecctia de Knoueston	3	6	8	0	6	8	
	Sm̃a	130	8	4				
	Inde decima	13	0	10				
	Decanat' de Torrington.							
	Ecctia de Methe	4	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Petrokstowe	4	2	0	0	8	2½	
	Ecctia de Boklonde (Fillegh)	3	6	8				non ex'.

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		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Ecctia de Sebbeare	10	6	8	1	0	8	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	1	13	4				
	Ecctia de Merlonde	3	6	8				
	Ecctia de Hiwis (als Huish)	1	10	0	0	3	0	
	Ecctia de Marton	7	6	8	0	14	8	
	Ecctia de Langetre	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Ecctia de Newton (Petroci)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de ꝑva Toriton	4	13	4	0	9	4	
	Ecctia de Beafford	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Ecctia de Esse Regny	8	13	4	0	17	4	
	Ecctia de Duelton (Dolton)	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia de Dulonde (Dowland)	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Rowburgh	5	13	4	0	11	4	
	Ecctia de Wynklegh	13	6	8	1	6	8	
	Ecctia de Edeslegh	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Prior de Cowyk ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Meth	0	2	0	0	0	$2\frac{3}{4}$	
	Prior Bodmyne ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Neweton	0	7	0	0	0	$8\frac{3}{4}$	
	Ecctia de Magna Toriton	20	0	0	2	0	0	
	Sm̃a	120	1	0				
	Inde decima	12	0	$1\frac{1}{4}$				

Decanatus de Hurtilonde.

	Ecctia de Hurtilonde	26	13	4	2	13	4	
	Ecctia de Clovely	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Parkham	13	6	8	1	6	8	
non ex'.	Ecctia de Adlington (Alwington)	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	13	4				
	Ecctia de Northam	14	15	2	1	9	$6\frac{1}{2}$	
	Ecctia de Budeford (Bideford)	13	6	8	1	6	8	
	Ecctia de Alfredeston (Alverdiscot)	4	13	4	0	9	4	
	Ecctia de Were (Gifford)	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Monklegh	4	13	4	0	9	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	10	0				
	Ecctia de Litheleħm	3	6	8				
	Ecctia de Lankras	0	10	0				
	Ecctia de Fridelestok	4	13	4	0	9	4	
	Ecctia de Bocclonde (Brewer)	13	6	8	1	6	8	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
	Ecctia de Abbotesham	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Sm̃a	127	8	6				
	Inde decima	12	14	$10\frac{1}{4}$				

Decanat' de Syrewille.

	Ecctia Heaunton	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Ecctia de Hamme Sancti Georgii	10	0	0	1	0	0	
	Ecctia de Mortheo	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Ilfracumbe	26	13	4	2	13	4	
	Ecctia de Bery (Narbour)	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia de Westdonne	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Kentisbury	4	6	8	0	8	4	
	Ecctia de Cumbe Martyn	6	13	4	0	13	4	
non ex'.	Ecctia de Estdonne	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Parrecumbe	4	2	0	0	8	$2\frac{1}{2}$	
non ex'.	Ecctia de Trendelesham (Trentishoe)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Martingho	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Linton	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Contesbury	2	13	4				
	Ecctia de Charles	1	6	8				
	Ecctia de Brendone	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Ecctia de Hautebray (Highbray)	3	0	0	0	6	0	
non ex'.	Ecctia de Estboklond	1	6	8				
	Ecctia de Westboklond	1	6	8				
	Ecctia de Stok (Rivers)	2	13	4				
	Ecctia de Godlegh	2	10	0				
	Ecctia de Bratton	5	13	4	0	11	4	
	Ecctia de Lokkishore	1	6	8				

		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Ecctia de Alrinton (Arlington)	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Ecctia de Syrwille (Sherwill)	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Byttedene	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Merwode	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Capella de Hayford (Ashford)	1	0	0				non ex'.
	Rector de Merwode ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Heaunton	0	1	0	0	0	$1\frac{1}{4}$	
	Prior Barn' ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Hamẽ Sci Georgii	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Ecctia beati Petri Exon ꝑcipit de eadem	1	0	0	0	2	0	ħnt pła.
	Prior de Pilton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Mortho	0	8	0	0	0	$9\frac{1}{2}$	
	Prior de Lewys ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Bery	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Prior de Pilton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Merwode	0	5	0	0	0	6	
	* Sm̃a	146	6	0				
	Inde decima	14	14	$7\frac{1}{4}$				

Ecctia de Chumlegh.

	Prebend' Phi' de Colbelegh	2	10	0	0	5	0	
	Prebend' Johis de Broclonde	1	5	0				non ex'.
	Prebend' Jacobi Fraunceys	1	5	0	0	2	6	
	Prebend' Ade de Segrave	1	4	6				
	Prebend' Rici de Doune	1	4	5	0	2	$5\frac{1}{4}$	
	Prebend' Godefri de Ingham	1	4	5	0	2	$5\frac{1}{4}$	
	Sm̃a	8	13	4				
	Inde decima	0	17	$4\frac{1}{2}$				
	Sm̃ suma'r' decime omn' Decan' Arch' Barn'	60	7	$10\frac{1}{2}$				
	Sm̃a total' Archid' Bernestapol	691	12	6				
	Inde decima	69	3	$3\frac{1}{4}$				

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Decanat' de Estwelshire, als East.

	Ecctia de Lawanak	4	0	0	0	8 h't	0 pł.	
	Vicaria ejusdem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Northehull	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Lankynheorn	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Vicaria ejusdem	2	13	4				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Stok (Climsland)	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Ecctia de Suthulle	5	13	4	0	11	4	
	Ecctia de Kallistok	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia Sce Dominice	4	6	8	0	8	8	
	Ecctia Sci Mellani	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Pileton (Pylaton)	3	6	8				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Botfleming	2	13	4				
	Ecctia Sci Stephi	9	6	8	0	18	8	
	Ecctia de Macre	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	13	4				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Rame	2	6	8				
	Ecctia de Antonii	6	0	0	0	12	0	
	Ecctia de Seviok	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Ecctia de Manhunyhet	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia Sci Johis	2	6	8				non ex'.
	Ecctia de Quedik	5	0	0	0	10	0	
	Ecctia Sci Ivonis	4	3	4	0	8	4	
	Ecctia de Landilp	4	0	0				non ex'.
	Prior Lancẽneston pcipit de vicar' de Lankyhorn	1	6	8	0	2	8	
	Prior de Sco Germano pcipit de vicar' de Suthpiderwyn	0	13	4	0	1	4	
	Idem prior pcipit de ecctia de Landilp	0	6	8	0	0	8	

* In the Exeter manuscript is here entered "Ecclesia de Chaudecombe" (Challacombe) "sex marcas."

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	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
Abbas Tavist'ch ꝑcip' noïe annue pens' de eccłiis de Seviok, Rame, et Anton' .	0 8 0	0 0 9¾	
Sm̃ª	106 4 8		
Inde Xª	10 12 5½		
Sm̃ª decime	8 0 5¼		
Decanat' de Westwellchir.			
Ecclia de Cardman [Cardynan]	6 13 4	0 13 4	
Ecclia Sc̃i Neoti	10 0 0	1 0 0	
non ex'. [£1] Vicaria ejusdem	6 13 4	0 13 4	
Ecclia de Sc̃o Claro app'ata Hospit' Sc̃i Johis 10 marcs			
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		
Ecclia de Liskered . . .	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	2 13 4		
Ecclia Sc̃i Martini . . .	9 6 8	0 18 8	
Ecclia de Talland	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		
App' at Hosp' de Bruggwaut' — Ecclia de Lansalewys . .	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Ecclia de Lanteglos . . .	10 13 4	1 1 4	
Ecclia Sc̃i Vepy	5 0 0	0 10 0	
Vicar' ejusdem non taxat' ꝑpt' pauꝑtatem			
Ecclia de Laurayton (Lanreythou)	6 6 8	0 12 8	
Ecclia de Plenynt	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		
Ecclia de Doulo	7 3 4	0 14 4	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 10 0	Appat'dommi' de Tuardrith app'at' domui de Launceton app' at' Abbisse et mon' de Wilton.	
Ecclia Sc̃e Keyne	1 0 0		
Ecclia Sc̃i Pynnock . . .	2 0 0		
Capella de Lamana . . .	1 10 0		
Capella Monachor' de valle	0 10 0		
Capella de la Briewark (Broadoak)	0 13 4		
Capella Sc̃e Niemyne [Nynnyne]	0 5 0		
Sm̃ª	109 5 0		
Inde decima	10 18 6		
Sm̃ª decime	8 9 0	9 2 4	
Decanat' de Poudre.			
Ecclia de Fowey app'at' dom' de Tyardreith	4 0 0	0 8 0	
Vicar' ejusdem nichil ꝑpt' pauꝑtatem			
Ecclia de Tuerdraid . . .	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Vicar' ejusdem	0 13 4		
Ecclia de Lanlyveri . . .	9 11 8	0 19 2	
Vicar' ejusdem	0 15 0		
Ecclia de Sc̃o Austolo . .	10 13 4	1 1 4	
non ex'. Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		
h't ꝑla. testa' q' mº non plur'. — Ecclia Sc̃i Mawani . . .	2 0 0	0 4 0	
Ecclia de Roupe (Roche) .	6 6 8	0 12 8	
Ecclia Sc̃i Stepħi	8 6 8	0 16 8	
Ecclia de Cride	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecclia de Tregony . . .	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 0 0		
non ex'. Ecclia Sci Goroni	6 13 8	0 13 4⅓	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 6 8		
Ecclia Sc̃e Ewe	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecclia de la Morak . . .	2 0 0		
Ecclia de Elerky	10 0 0	1 0 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		
Ecclia de Larghesthorn [Lanyhorn]	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Ecclia de Eglosros . . .	5 0 0	0 10 0	
Ecclia de Sc̃o Justo . . .	4 6 8	0 8 8	
h't ꝑla. Ecclia de Sc̃o Feoko . . .	3 6 8	0 6 8	
Vicar' ejusdem	0 13 4		
non ex'. Ecclia de Landeghe . . .	8 6 8	0 16 8	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 0 0		
Ecclia de Trenn'e (Truro) .	2 13 4		

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
Ecclia de Morek	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	0 13 4		
Ecclia de Sc̃o Aluno . . .	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Ecclia de Sc̃o Ermete . .	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Ecclia de Sc̃a Ladoca . .	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Ecclia de Lamoren . . .	1 0 0		
Ecclia de Penkevel . . .	2 0 0		
Ecclia de Sc̃o Probo . . .	12 0 0	1 4 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 6 8		
Porc̃o Magri Thome de Botton in eadem	2 0 0	0 4 0	
Porcio Johis de Bristoll in eadm	2 10 0	0 5 0	
Porc̃o Johis de Cane in eadm	3 6 8	0 6 8	plur'.
Porc̃o Gilb̃ti de Ferndon in ead'	1 0 0		plur'.
Porc̃o Magri de Hendre in ead'	2 0 0	0 4 0	plur'.
Decañus et Capitłm Exon' ꝑcip' de Ecclia Sc̃i Justi .	1 10 0	0 3 0	
Prior et convent' Plymton ꝑcip in eadem	0 13 4	0 1 4	
Sm̃ª . . .	174 13 8		
Sm̃ª decime	15 9 2¾	11 18 0¾	
Decanatus de Kere (Kerrier).			
Ecclia de Keyerano . . .	22 13 4	2 5 4	
Vicar' ejusdem	4 6 8	0 8 8	
Ecclia Sc̃e Grade	3 0 0	0 6 0	
	test' q'd non est plur.		
Ecclia Sc̃i Rumoni . . .	4 3 4	0 8 4	
Ecclia Sc̃i Wynwolay . .	4 3 4	0 8 4	
Ecclia Sc̃i Melany . . .	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecclia Sc̃i Maugany . . .	10 0 0	1 0 0	
Ecclia de Minstre (Milor) .	4 0 0		
Ecclia Sc̃i Antoni' . . .	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Vicar' ejusdem	0 13 4		
Ecclia Sc̃i Constantini . .	10 0 0	1 0 0	
Vicar' ejusdem . . .	1 0 0		non ex'.
Ecclia Sc̃i Manani [Mawnan]	4 6 8	0 8 8	
Ecclia Sc̃e Wenep (Gwenap)	7 0 0	0 14 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 6 8		non ex'.
Ecclia Sc̃e Stediane . . .	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecclia Sc̃e Wendrone . .	17 6 8	1 14 8	
Ecclia Sc̃i Sithney . . .	6 6 8	0 12 8	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 13 4		non ex'.
Ecclia Sc̃e Breace . . .	16 0 0	1 12 0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 6 8		
Sm̃ª . . .	140 0 0		[£130.
Inde decima	13 0 0		
Sm̃ª decime	13 0 0	12 10 8	
Decanat' de Penwith.			
Ecclia Sc̃e Beriane . . .	20 0 0	2 0 0	
Prebend' David' de Bodlegh in eadem	2 10 0		
Prebend' Hugonis Splot in ead'	2 6 8	0 4 8	
Prebend' Johis Coci in eadem	0 15 0	0 1 6	
Ecclia Sc̃i Justi	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecclia Sc̃i Sancredi . . .	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Ecclia Sc̃i Paulini . . .	9 6 8	0 18 8	
Ecclia Sc̃i Maderni . . .	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Prior Hospit' Sc̃i Johis ꝑcip' in ead'	6 13 4		nl' p bull' ꝑpe'.
Ecclia de Lanesly appiat' Priori Sc̃i (Germani) . .	0 16 8		
Vicar' ejusdem	1 0 0		non ex'.
Ecclia Sc̃e Senare	4 0 0	0 8 0	h't pl'.
	App'at' Canonic' de Glasney.		
Vicar' ejusdem	1 0 0		non ex'.
Ecclia de Ludgwon . . .	7 0 0	0 14 0	
Ecclia de Lananta . . .	15 13 4	1 11 4	
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0		non ex'.
Ecclia de Lanudno . . .	5 13 4	0 11 4	
Vicar' ejusdem	1 6 8		

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		Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
	Ecctia Sce Felicitatis . . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia de Wymery (Wynar)	5	13	4	0	11	4	
	Ecctia de Cambron . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia Sci Illogany . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia de Riddruth . . .	2	10	0				
	Ecctia de Crowenne . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia Sci Hillarij . . .	3	13	4	0	7	4	
	App'at Sce Michis.							
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	1	6	8				
	Ecctia de Udnou pva . .	1	10	0	0	3	0	
	Prior de Monte Sce Michis [percipit] in oblac' et convent' ibm	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Sm^a decime 13 11 2	12	10	6				
	Sm^a . . . 155 18 4							
	Inde X^a . 15 11 10							
	Decanat' de Pidr'.							
	Ecctia Sci Cuthberti . .	4	16	8	0	9	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	10	0				
	Ecctia Sce Neweline . . .	9	0	0	0	18	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
	Ecctia Enodoür	6	6	8	0	12	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
	Ecctia Sci Collani	4	0	0	0	8	0	
	App'iat' canõic' de Penren.							
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	6	8				
	Ecctia Sce Columbe majoris	17	13	4	1	15	4	
	Ecctia Sci Sangani (Maugani)	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Ecctia Sce Wenne . . .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	13	4				
	Ecctia de Aldestowe (Padstow)	5	6	8	0	10	8	
	Vicar' ejusdem	0	13	4				
	Ecctia de Whithiell . . .	4	0	0				
	Ecctia de Lamyet [Laniyet]	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia Sci Karentocy taxat' inferius in fine rotuli . .							
	Prior Plympton pcipit de Ecctia Sci Maugani . .	1	6	8	0	2	8	
plur'.	Prebend' Johis de Wolrinton in Carantok	2	13	4	0	5	4	
Ecctia Sci Karantoci.	Prebend' Johis de Inghm .	3	0	0	0	6	0	
	Prebend' Radi de Treden .	2	13	4	0	5	4	
	Prebend' David de Molton .	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Prebend' Phi de Sillingforde	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Prebend' Johis de Catelleyne	1	10	0	0	3	0	
	Prebend Nichi Strange . .	1	10	0	0	3	0	
	Prebend' Johis Lovel . .	1	10	0	0	3	0	
plur'.	Porcio Johis de Glasneya .	0	6	8	0	0	8	
plur'.	Prebend' Willi de Pantesford	2	0	0	0	4	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem Ecctie . .	2	0					
	Sm^a decime 8 16 4							
	*Sm^a . . . 100 3 4							
	Inde decima 10 0 4							
	Decanat' Minor' Triggeshire.							
	Ecctia de Bodmyn . . .	6	3	4	0	12	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Wellonde (Helland)	2	0	0				
	Ecctia de Sabene (Mabyne)	8	0	0	0	16	0	
	Ecctia de Lamowe (Lannow or S. Kew)	8	13	4	0	17	4	
	Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0				
	Ecctia Sce Mynfrede . . .	7	0	0	0	14	0	
non ex'.	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
Endelienta	Prebend' dñi Pagani de Liskerit in ead'	3	0	0	0	6	0	
	Prebend' Johis de Modderet	3	0	0	0	6	0	
	Prebend' Henr' de Monketon	4	2	0	0	8	2½	
	Prebend' dñi Reginaldi . .	4	2	0	0	8	2½	
Teth' hñt ptra.	Prebend' Magri Osbti . .	4	10	0	0	9	0	
	Prebend' Magri W. de Wymondes hm	4	10	0	0	9	0	
	Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
	Ecctia de Bostini . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	

* In MS. Exon. "Ecclesia Sancti Pirany taxatur ad £7 0 0."

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
Vicar' ejusdem	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Ecctia de Trevalga . . .	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Forbyiry . . .	1	0	0				
Ecctia de Talkarn alias Minstre	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Ecctia de Lisnewid (Lesnewith)	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Ecctia Sce Julitte	13	0	0	1	6	0	
Ecctia Sci Michis	3	0	0	0	6	0	
Ecctia de Bruwered . . .	7	0	0	0	14	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				non ex'.
Ecctia de Blislond	6	0	0	0	12	0	
Ecctia Sci Tudij	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Capella de Templo . . .	0	10	0				
Canonici de Exon' pcipiunt de Ecctia de Trevalga .	0	5	0	0	0	6	
Abbas de Hurtilonde pcipit de Ecctia de Forbiry . .	0	7	0	0	0	8½	
Prior de Tyerdrid pcipit de Ecctia de Lesingwide (Lesnewth?)	0	5	0	0	0	6	non deb' canc'
Prior de Merton pcipit in eadem	0	5	0	0	0	6	
Sm^a decime 10 6 8¼	½		1½				
Sm^a . . . 121 16 0							
Inde decima 12 3 7¼							
Decanat' de Trigge Major.							
De Ecctia de Morewynstouwe	13	6	8	1	6	8	Maior' Tr'grissir'.
Ecctia de Kilkhmton (Kilkhampton)	14	13	4	1	9	4	
Ecctia de Marwenechirche .	6	13	4	0	13	4	
Ecctia de Lancels	7	15	0	0	15	6	
Vicar' ejusdem	0	15	0				non ex'.
Ecctia de Wyk S. Marie .	5	6	8	0	10	8	
Ecctia de Wyteston . . .	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Ecctia de North Pederwyn .	6	10	0	0	13	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1	10	0				non ex'.
Ecctia de Jacobistouwe . .	6	0	0	0	12	0	
Ecctia de Othm (Otterham)	2	0	0				
Ecctia de Tregles (Treneglos)	7	0	0	0	14	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				
Ecctia de Pondestok . . .	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Ecctia Sci David'	7	5	0	0	14	6	App'at' hospit'. Sci Johis de Bruggewat'.
Vicar' ejusdem	0	15	0				
Ecctia Sci Cledredi . . .	6	0	0	0	12	0	
Ecctia de Alt'non	8	0	0	0	16	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	2	0	0				
Capella de Castro	1	6	8	0	2	8	
Capella Sci Thome . . .	1	10	0	0	3	0	
Capella de Tresmour . . .	1	6	8	0	2	8	
Capella de Lanerst . . .	2	0	0				App'at' Domini de Launceton'.
Capella de Werrington cum capella Sci Egidij . . .	1	0	0	0	2	0	
Ecctia Sci Genisij	5	0	0	0	10	0	
Vicar' ejusdem	4	6	8	0	8	8	
Capella Sce Julite	1	6	8	0	2	8	
Capella de Egloskery . .	2	0	0	0	4	0	Launceton'.
Capella de Boyton . . .	1	10	0	0	3	0	
Capella de Tam'ton . . .	2	6	8	0	4	8	
Ecctia de Stratton . . .	7	13	4	0	15	4	
Vicar' ejusdem	1	0	0				non ex'.
Ecctia de Pogwille . . .	2	13	4	0	5	4	Launceton'.
Vicar' ejusdem nichil ppter pauptatem							
Ecctia Stephi	10	0	0	1	0	0	
Abbas Tavistoch pcipit de capñis de Werrynton et Sco Egidio	2	10	0	0	5	0	
Prior Sci Germani pcipit de garba capelle de Castro .	0	13	4	0	1	4	
Prior de Tuwerdraid pcipit de garba de Tysmore (Tresmour)	0	2	0	0	0	2½	
Sm^a decime . 14 16 2½							

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Sm̃a summar' decime om̃i decan' archid' Cornub' . . 92 8 10½	0 9 0½	
Sm̃a sum̃ar' toci' archid' Cornub' . 1065 3 8		
Inde decima 106 10 4½		

ARCHID' TOTTON'.

Decanatus de Totton.

		Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.
	Ecctia Totton	10 0 0	1 0 0
	Vicar' de eadem	3 6 8	non excedit.
	Ecctia de Aspton (Ashpryngton)	9 13 4	0 19 4
	Ecctia de Cornworth	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Ecctia de Didisham	8 0 0	0 16 0
	Ecctia de Tounstall	10 0 0	1 0 0
	Vicar' de eadem	2 6 8	non ex.
	Ecctia de Stokflemeyn	10 0 0	1 0 0
	Ecctia de Aveton (Blakeauton)	6 13 4	0 13 4
	Ecctia de Duppeford (Dipford)	6 0 0	0 12 0
alibi.	Ecctia de Brenta	6 13 4	0 13 4
	Vicar' de eadem	1 10 0	non ex'.
alibi.	Ecctia de Bucfestr'	5 6 8	0 10 8
alibi.	Vicar' de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.
	Ecctia de Dene (Prior)	5 0 0	0 10 0
	Vicar' de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.
	Ecctia de Holne	5 6 8	0 10 8
alibi.	Ecctia de Ratthre	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Vicar' de eadem	0 10 0	non ex'.
	Ecctia de Derthynton	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Ecctia de Hurberton	11 15 0	1 3 6
	Vicar de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.
	Prior Totton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Aspryngton	0 6 8	0 0 8
	Prior Totton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Cornworthy	0 13 4	0 1 4
	Prior Plympton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Aveton (Blackauton)	ꝑ annu'. 6 13 4	0 13 4
	Prior de Totton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Hurberton	0 5 0	0 0 6
	Sm̃a decime . 12 0 8	ꝑ annu'.	
	Sm̃a . . . 131 0 0		
	Inde decima 13 2 0		

Decanat' de Ypelton (Iplepen).

		Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.
	Ecctia de Brixham	13 6 8	1 6 8
	Vicar' de eadem	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Ecctia de Biry (Pomeroy)	12 0 0	1 4 0
	Vicar' de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.
	Ecctia de Magna Hemeston	5 6 8	0 10 8
	Vicar' de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.
	Ecctia de ꝑva Hemeston	2 16 8	non ex'.
	Ecctia de Torre Brian	4 13 4	0 9 4
	Ecctia de Devenebur' (Denbury)	6 0 0	0 12 0
Shireburn'.	Ecctia de Karswill' (abbatis)	4 0 0	0 8 0
		Appata abb' de Shireburn.	
	Ecctia de Wolleburgh	3 6 8	0 6 8
		Appat' abb' de Torre.	
alibi.	Ecctia de Torre Bruere cum capella de Cokinton	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Ecctia de Ipelpen	6 0 0	0 12 0
	Sm̃a decime 5 18 8		
	Sm̃a . . . 71 10 0		
	Inde decima 7 3 1		

Decanatus de Plimton.

	Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.
Ecctia de Yalumpton	13 6 8	1 6 8
Vicar' de eadem	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Plimton	33 6 8	3 6 8
Ecctia de Cornwode	7 6 8	0 14 8
Ecctia de Herford	4 2 0	0 8 2¼
Ecctia de Ugburg	12 0 0	1 4 0
Ecctia de Hyweis	5 0 0	0 10 0
Ecctia de Modbury	10 0 0	1 0 0
Vicar de eadem	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Holbeton	8 0 0	0 16 0
Vicar de eadem	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Hermmpton (Ermington)	12 0 0	1 4 0
Vicar de eadem	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Newton (Ferrers)	6 13 4	0 13 4
Ecctia de Sutton (S. Andree, Plymouth)	5 6 8	0 10 8
Vicar de eadem	4 6 8	0 8 8
Prior de Plimpton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Ugeburgh	8 0 0	0 16 0
Sm̃a decima 12 18 10¼	ꝑ annu'.	
Sm̃a . . . 137 8 8		
Inde decima 13 14 10½		

Decanat de Tamerton.

		Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
	Ecctia de Bere (Ferrers)	8 0 0	0 16 0	
	Ecctia de Whitechirche	6 13 4	0 13 4	alibi.
	Ecctia de Tavy Sc̃e Marie 3 6 8	non exc'.	0 8 0	Appropriata abbati de Buklond.
	Ecctia de Walkampton 4 0 0			
	Ecctia de Tavy beati Petri 4 0 0			
	Ecctia de Bikgelegh cũ capella [de Shipstor]	6 0 0	0 12 0	
	Ecctia de Stok (Damerel)	3 6 8	non ex'.	
	Ecctia de Bokland Monachor'	6 13 4	0 13 4	alibi.
	Vicar de eadem	0 3 4	non ex'.	
		App'at' domui de Plympton.		
	Ecctia de Tamerton	4 0 0	0 8 0	h't ptra.
	Vicar' de eadem	0 3 4	non ex'.	
		App'at' domui de Plympton.		
	Ecctia de Hekbocland	3 6 8	0 6 8	h't ptra.
	Vicar de eadem . 0 6 8	non ex'.	0 4 0	
	App'at' domui de Plympton			
	Capella de Saunford 2 0 0			
	Ecctia de Mewy (Meavy)	4 13 4	0 9 4	
	Prior Plimton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Mewey	0 13 4	0 1 4	
	Sm̃a decime 4 0 0	ꝑ annu'		
	Sm̃a . . 57 6 8			
	Inde decima 5 14 8			

Decanat' de Tauistok.

	Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.
Ecctia de Tauistok	16 0 0	1 12 0
Vicar de eadem	0 13 4	non ex'.
Ecctia de Lamerton	9 6 8	0 18 8
Vicar de eadem	0 13 4	non ex'.
Ecctia de Sydenham	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Middelton (Mylton)	10 0 0	1 0 0
Vicar de eadem	1 10 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Donterton	1 10 0	
Ecctia de Bradestow (Bradstone)	2 13 4	
Ecctia de Kelly	2 13 4	
Ecctia de Lifton	10 0 0	1 0 0
Ecctia de Brawod (Wiger)	13 0 0	1 6 0
Ecctia de Stofford	2 13 4	non ex'.
Ecctia de Leutranchard	3 6 8	0 6 8
Ecctia de Bridstowe	12 0 0	1 4 0
Ecctia de Liddeford	1 10 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Coriton	2 0 0	non ex'.
Ecctia de Stowe Sc̃e Marie	12 0 0	1 4 0
Prior Plympton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Bridstow	6 13 4	0 13 4
Sm̃a decime 9 4 8		
Sm̃a . . . 110 3 4		
Inde decima 11 0 4		

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	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
Decanat' de Moirton (Moreton).			
Ecctia de Bovy T'cy cum porcione 20*s.* quos ꝑcip' prioratus de Bruggewater de vicar'	11 3 2	1 2 3¾	
Vicaria de eadem	3 12 2	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Hanok	5 14 11	0 11 5¾	
Vicar de eadem	1 17 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Ideford	3 7 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Tynton reg' cũ capella	17 17 5	1 15 8¾	
Vicar' de eadem	5 0 0	0 10 0	
Ecctia de Teygna (Brewer alias Grace)	1 3 10	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Ilstington	14 12 4	1 9 2¾	
Ecctia de Widecumb'	14 4 0	1 8 4¾	
Vicar de eadem'	3 4 6¼	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Maneton	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecctia de Norbovi (North Bovey)	8 10 11	0 17 1	
Ecctia de Morton	14 0 0	1 8 0	
Ecctia de Lustelegh	4 13 8	0 9 4½	
Prior Totton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Hanok	0 2 0	0 0 2½ ꝑ annu'.	Pens. (Sic.)
Prior Plympton ꝑcipit de ecctia de Ilstincton	5 0 0	0 10 0	Pens. (Sic.)
Rector ecclesie de Kenton ꝑcipit de quibusd' decimis in p̃och' de Maneton	2 13 4	0 5 4	Pens. (Sic.)
Prior Trinitat' Cantuar' ꝑcipit de quodam sanctuar' in p̃och' de Morton *	6 0 0	0 12 0	Pens. (Sic.)
Ista summa 6 0 0 cancellat' ꝑ quend' ꝑcessum ħitũ in memor' anni' noni R' E' fil' Reg' E' int' recorda de T'mio pasche q'd prior nichil hab' spũale.			
Sm̃ª decime	11 8 6½		
Sm̃ª	121 9 9¼		
Inde decima	12 2 11¾		
Holesworthy.			
Ecctia de Hallesworthy	13 6 8	1 6 8	
Ecctia de Pyworthy	9 6 8	0 18 8	
Ecctia de Bridge Rowwell (Rule)	6 13 4	0 13 4	
Vicar' de eadem	1 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Bradeworth cum capell' de Wyk Pancracij	20 0 0	2 0 0	
Vicar' de eadem	4 0 0	non ex'	
Ecctia de Cuttecumb' (Sutcombe)	5 0 0	0 10 0	
Ecctia de Putteford	4 3 0	0 8 2¼	
Ecctia de Middelton (Damerel) cum capell' de Cokbur'	13 6 8	1 6 8	
Ecctia de Bukington (Abbots Bickington)	1 0 0	0 2 0	
Ecctia de Bradeford	4 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Thornbur'	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecctia de Blaketoriton	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecctia de Hallwill	4 2 0	0 8 2¼	
Ecctia de Esse Waut' (Ashwater)	12 0 0	1 4 0	
Ecctia de Loychintone (Luffingcot ?)	1 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Tettecote	4 6 8	0 8 8	
Ecctia de Clauton	6 13 4	0 13 4	alibi.

* Bishop Grandisson in his return to the writ of king Edward III. states that "Prior Trinitatis Christi Cantuar. percipit de quodam sanctuario infra parochiam de Morton £vi." Reg. vol. ii. fol. 223. In a writ of king Edward II. dated May 6, 1315, the estate is called "Dockumb." See Stapeldon's reg. ad calcem. In Sumner's Canterbury, p. 220, we read, "Willelmus Tracy dedit Doccombe ecclesiæ Christi Cantuar. tempore regis Henrici II. idem donum confirmantis."

	Exon' Sp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
Ecctia de Hollecumb	1 6 8	non ex'.	
Prior Totton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Pyworthy	0 10 0	0 1 0 ꝑ annu'.	
Priorissa de Polslo ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Essewalt	0 13 4	0 1 4 ꝑ annu'.	
Sm̃ª decime	11 7 4¾		
Sm̃ª	125 0 8		
Inde decima	12 10 0¾		
Hoķmton (Okhampton).			
Ecctia de Belston	3 0 0	non excedit. Appiat' Priori de Fridelestok.	
Ecctia de Wyk (S. Germani)	4 0 0	0 8 0 non ex'.	
Ecctia de Bratton (Clovelly)	12 0 0	1 4 0	
Ecctia de Beheworthy (Beaworthy)	5 0 0	0 10 0	
Ecctia de Luy (Northlewe)	7 0 0	0 14 0	
Ecctia de Ashbury	0 13 4	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Hatherlegh	6 13 4	0 13 4	alibi.
Vicar' de eadem	2 0 0	non exced'.	
Ecctia de Moynhaṁton	2 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Hodwode Kelly (Broadwood)	4 5 0	0 8 6	
Ecctia de Honechurche	0 13 4	nl' non ex'.	
Ecctia de Sanford Courtenay	18 0 0	1 16 0	
Ecctia de Hekesburne	4 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Inwardeslegh	6 6 8	0 12 8	
Ecctia de Hoc̃mton (Okhampton)	10 13 4	1 1 4	
Vicar' de eadem	1 6 8	non ex'.	
Prior Plymton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Bratton	5 6 8	0 10 8	
Prior Lanc̃eton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Beworthy	0 6 8	0 0 8	Pens' sunt alibi ꝺnfic.
Prebendarius de la Heyne de Castro Exon ꝑcipit de Ochampton Ecctia	2 0 0	0 4 0	Pens' sunt alibi ꝺnfic.
Prior de Cowyk ꝑcipit de porcione vicar' de Hoc̃mton'	0 13 4	0 1 4	
Sm̃ª decime	7 16 6		
Sm̃ª	95 18 4		
Inde decima	9 11 10		
Decanat' de Wodlegh.			
Ecctia de Stok (Stokenham) cum Capella	33 6 8	3 6 8	
Vicar' de eadem	2 13 4	non exced'.	
Ecctia de Pole (South Pool)	4 5 0	0 8 6	
Ecctia de Portlemouth	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecctia de Charleton	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecctia de Allerton (West Alvington, cum capellis)	33 6 8	3 6 8	
Vicar de eadem	3 13 4	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Thurleston	4 13 4	0 9 4	
Ecctia de Churstowe	0 16 8	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Bikebur' (Bigbury)	8 13 4	0 17 4	
Ecctia de Ridmore	4 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Aveton (Giffard)	8 13 4	0 17 4	
Ecctia de Lodeswille	8 0 0	0 16 0	
Ecctia de Wodelegh	3 6 8	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Morlegh	2 0 0	non ex'.	
Ecctia de Allington (East Allington)	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Ecctia de Slapton	6 0 0	0 12 0	
Ecctia de Doddebrok	2 0 0	non ex'.	
Prior Totton' ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Stok	1 0 0	0 2 0 ꝑ annu',	Pens' alibi bñfic'.
Idem Prior ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Alfeynton'	1 6 8	0 2 8 ꝑ annu'	Pens' alibi bñfic'.
Thomas rector Ecctie de Portemue ꝑcipit de Alwinton'	0 6 8	0 0 8	Pens' alibi bñfic'.
Prior de Totton ꝑcipit de Ecctia de Pole	0 15 0	0 1 6 ꝑ annu'.	Pens' alibi bñfic'.

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Exon' Sp'.

		Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.
Pens' alibi bñfic'.	Abbas Bufestr' ꝑcipit de Eccl̃ia de Churstowe . .	0	13	4	0	1	4
	Prior Totton ꝑcipit de Eccl̃ia de Lodeswille	0	6	8	0	0	8
	Sm̃ª decime 12 13 4						
	Sm̃ª 147 13 4						
	Inde decima . . . 14 15 4						
	Smª summar' decime om̃i Decan' Arch' Totton 87 8			7¾			
	Sm̃ª tot' Archid' Totton . . . 997 10			9¼			
	Inde decima . . 99 15			1			

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Ep̃us Exon' h̃et mañia	Sc̃i Germani q'd taxat' . .	17	17	5	
	Lawyteton q'd taxat' . .	25	10	11	Cornub.
	Tregaer q'd taxat' . . .	20	11	5	
	Penryn q'd taxat' . . .	31	8	1½	
	Kaergaul q'd taxat' . .	30	15	4	
	Polton q'd taxat' . . .	51	16	4	
	Berner q'd taxat' . . .	20	12	8	
	Peyngton q'd taxat' . .	55	5	5¼	Devon.
	Teyngton q'd taxat' . . .	20	12	0	
	Teyngmue burgus q'd taxat'	15	5	0	
	Chuddelegh q'd taxat' . .	17	4	5½	
	Aspton for' q'd taxat' . .	11	13	1	
	Aspton burg' q'd taxat' .	10	16	0	
	Clyst q'd taxat'	7	0	11	
	Criditon q'd taxat' . . .	45	17	5	
	Morcet q'd taxat' . . .	6	11	8	
	Nimeton q'd taxat' . . .	13	14	7	
	Tauton q'd taxat' . . .	58	13	3½	
	Item apud Flokeston q'd taxat	0	13	4	
	Sm̃ª tol' 461 18			4¾	
	Dec' 46 3			10	
Ista mania' contingunt capt̃m Exon'.	Man'ium de Columpstok q'd taxat'	15	0	0	
	Man'ium de Braunscumbe q'd taxat'	21	16	8	
	Man'ium de Salcumbe q'd taxat'	18	0	0	
	Man'ium de Sidebur' q'd taxat'	23	6	8	
	Apud Bricheston q'd taxat'	4	0	0	
	Apud Stok q'd taxat' . .	5	10	0	
	Apud Ide q'd taxat' . . .	5	13	4	
	Apud Halscumbe (Covilpafford?) q'd taxat' . . .	0	10	6	
	Man'ium de Doulysse q'd taxat'	16	6	6	
	De redditu de Teignmue . .	1	0	0	
	Man'ium de Stav'ton q'd taxat'	15	6	8	
	De Will̃o Herbert . . .	0	0	4	
	De Legh ꝑdome q'd taxat' .	0	10	0	
	Apud Northtauton q'd taxat'	5	0	0	
	De terra de Alre q'd taxat' .	0	15	0	
	De Cheveleston q'd taxat' .	0	10	0	
	De domib; in clauso q'd taxat'	3	0	0	
	De redditu in civitate . .	2	2	10½	
	De Mortho q'd tax' . . .	0	10	0	
	De Trewordet (Tywardreth) q'd taxat'	1	0	0	
	Sm̃ª tol' 139 18			6½	
	Dec' . . 13 19			10¼	

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	Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.	
Apud Crowele (in Faringdon) q'd taxat'	0	13	4				
In civitate Exon' de redditu	0	4	0	Sm̃ª tol'			
Apud Sc̃m' Jacobum q'd taxat'	0	3	0	5	15	4	Prior Sc̃i Jacobi juxta Exon' h̃et.
Apud Cothelegh de redd' .	1	0	0	Dec'			
Apud Donesford de redd' .	3	0	0	0	11	6½	
In parochia de Hollecumbe de redd'	0	15	0				
Apud Doneford de redd' .	10	0	0	Sm̃ª tol'			
Apud Lomenegh' de redd' .	0	18	6	13	5	10	Abb̃issa de Minchin (*i.e.* canons).
Apud Nitheton q'd taxat' (Netherton)	1	4	0	Dec'			
Apud Rokebere q'd tax' . .	1	3	4	1	6	7	
Man'ium de Otriton q'd taxat'	15	2	8	plus in dorso de ista sm̃ª			
Man'ium de Sidemue q'd taxat'	10	6	8				
Apud Buddlegh de redd' et molend'	5	13	4				Prior de Ot'ton h̃et.
Man'ium de Yarcumbe q'd taxat'	10	16	0	Sm̃ª tol' 46	13	8	
Apud Hederlond' de redd' .	2	10	0	Dec'			
Apud Fursh̃m de redd' . .	1	1	0	4	13	4½	
In civitate Exon' de redd' .	1	4	0				
Man'iu' de Cowyk et Exwyk q'd taxat'	9	2	0	Sm̃ª tol'			
Man'iu' de Cristenestowe q'd taxat'	6	18	8	16	5	8	Prior de Cowyk h̃et.
In parochia de Inwardlegh de redd'	0	5	0	Dec'			
				1	12	6¾	
Man'iu' de Uplym q'd' tax'.	5	0	0	0	10	0	Abbas de Glaston h̃et.
Carswell abb̃is q'd tax' . .	8	0	0	Sm̃ª tol'			
Lilleh̃m q'd tax'	5	19	0	23	4	8	Abb' de Schireburn h̃et.
Seton et Bere q'd tax' . .	9	5	8	Dec'			
				2	6	5¾	
In paroch' de Chittlehampton de redd'	2	0	0				Abb' de Teukesbur' h̃et.
Sm̃ª pat; dec'				0	4	0	
In paroch' de Cristestowe q'd tax'	10	13	4	1	1	4	Prior de Mertona.
Apud Careswell q'd tax' . .	2	18	8	Sm̃ª tol'			
Apud Monckecolm de redd' et ꝑquis	1	0	0	5	2	8	Prior de Kareswell.
In parochia de Samford q'd tax'	1	4	0	Dec'			
				0	10	3¼	
Tuhington q'd estimat' . .	2	0	0				Idem h̃et.
non taxat' q; in dioc' Bathon'.							
Maner' de Wlfrechurche q'd tax'	5	16	0				
Apud Biwode q'd tax' . .	3	6	0				
Apud Borhei et Steintewode q'd tax	4	6	0				
Apud Aulescumbe	2	8	0				
Apud Donkeswell q'd tax' .	2	4	0				
Apud Schildene q'd tax' . .	4	4	0				
Apud Hidon (Clay Hidon) q'd tax'	1	10	0				
Apud Lovepyt q'd tax' . .	1	16	8				
Apud Upotery q'd tax' . .	0	4	0				Abbas de Donekeswell h̃t.
Maner' de Hembur' q'd tax'	10	0	0				
Apud Huggeton q'd tax' .	0	16	0				
Apud Weringeston q'd tax' .	1	10	0				
Apud Seynthill q'd tax' . .	0	3	0				
Apud Haweklonde q'd tax' .	3	14	0				
Apud Dodeton q'd tax' . .	1	9	4				
Man'iu' de Hackepenne q'd tax'	7	3	4				
Man'iu' de Boklonde Bruere qd' tax'	7	8	0				
Man'iu' de Lyncumbe q'd tax'	6	13	8				
Sm̃ª tol' . 64 12			0				
Dec' . . . 6 9			2½				
Man'iu' de Axemue q'd tax'	10	13	8	1	1	4½	Prior de Lodr' h̃et.

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		Exon' Temp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
Prior de Tanton.	Ewillinein Staunton [church] et Middeld' q'd tax' . .	2 2 5	Sm̃a tol' 4 2 9	
	Willelonde q'd tax' . . .	2 0 4	Dec' 0 8 3¼	
Abbas de Newehm ht.	Man'iu' de Axmynstr' q'd tax'	12 8 4	Sm̃a tol' 26 0 4	
	Man'iu' de Plenynt et Northam q'd tax' . . .	13 12 0	Dec' 2 12 0½	
Prior de Berliz het.	Apud Morba q'd tax' . . .	1 5 4	Sm̃a tol' 2 10 0	
	Marienlegh' q'd tax' . . .	1 4 8	Dec' 0 5 0	
Decan' et capim Rotomagi hent.	De Otry Sce Marie . . .	25 0 0	Sm̃a pat3 dec' 2 10 0	
Prior de Goldclive het.	Man' de Membur' q'd tax' .	7 0 0	Sm̃a pat3 dec' 0 14 0	
Abbas de Quarrera ht.	Apud Forwode	13 6 8	Sm̃a pat3 dec 1 6 8	
Prior Sci Nicki Exon' het.	In civitate et suburbio Exon' de redd'	6 8 0		
	Apud Sireford q'd tax' . .	2 13 4		
	Apud Medeheye q'd tax' .	0 13 0		
	Apud Cumbe q'd tax' . .	1 4 0		
	Apud Pochell q'd tax' . .	0 16 0		
	Apud Wevere q'd tax' . .	0 16 8		
	Apud Bradehm q'd tax' . .	2 0 0		
	Apud Coblegh et Lechehale de redd'	1 6 8		
	Apud Baunton de redd' . .	0 2 0		
	Sm̃a tot' . . 16 0 0			
	Decia . . . 1 12 0			
Abbas Sci Augustini de Bristoll het.	Apud Halberton, Lomen et Tiverton q'd tax' . . .	1 0 0	0 2 0	
Abbas de Ford ht.	Man'iu' de Orcherd q'd tax'	5 6 8		
	Apud Westford q'd tax' . .	2 13 4		
	Apud Stateberg q'd tax' . .	2 13 4		
	Apud Brounyngslegh q'd tax'	0 13 4		
	De redd' in dcis locis cum molend'	5 10 0		
	De exitu Stauri et pquis' q'd tax'	2 0 0		
	Apud Colebrok de redd' . .	2 0 0		
	Apud Thale q'd tax' . . .	4 16 8		
	Apud Lynton et Cuntebur' q'd tax'	5 10 0		
	Sm̃a tot' . . 31 3 4			
	Dec' vnd' . . 3 2 4			
Idem ht.	Apud Cernemue et Neulond q'd estm'	2 19 8		
	Apud Wlislond et Hurstenfeg q'd estim'	0 13 4		
	Apud Burstok q'd estimat' .	3 18 4		
	Apud Tolre cum Catesclive q'd estim'	5 15 4		
	Apud Turnesworth q'd estimat'	4 0 0		non tax' quia in dioc' Bathon.
	Apud Wyndesore q'd estim'	3 18 4		
	Apud Strete q'd estim' . .	2 15 0		
	Apud Legh q'd estimat' . .	3 0 0		
	Apud Othwlle q'd estimat' .	3 13 4		
Priorissa de Polso.	Apud Polslo q'd taxat' . .	0 12 0		plus in dorso de ista sm̃a.
	De reddit' ibid' et pquis' .	1 6 0		
	Apud Boystok q'd tax' . .	0 10 0		
	Apud Cokesputte q'd tax' .	1 5 0		
	Apud Donewoldesham et Bradeford de redd' . . .	0 13 4		
	Apud Sigadon Lydedeston et Hethefeld de redd' . .	0 15 0		

		Exon' Temp'. Taxatio. £ s. d.	Decima. £ s. d.	
	Apud Coleton de redd' et pquis'	2 6 8	Sm̃a tol' 9 14 0	
	Item ibidem q'd tax' . . .	0 6 0	Dec' 0 19 4¾	Priorissa de Polslo.
	In civitate Exon' de redd' q'd tax'	2 0 0		
	H't tram in decanatu de Ken q' tax' cu' instauro . .	1 3 4	Sm̃a 6 7 1	
	Item de redd' in civitate Exon'	5 3 9	Dec' 0 12 8½	Custos loci be Marie de Marisco.
	Sm̃a 900 0 0			
	Sma decime . 94 14 10			

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*	Apud Branton q'd tax' . 4 17 6	Sm̃a 16 14 10		Abbas de Clive het. *Ista duo mania cancell' hic q3 coll' in archidiac' Cornub' respond' inde.
	Mañiu' de Poghewill q'd tax' 6 7 4	Dec' 1 13 6		
	Mañm de Treglast q'd tax' 5 10 0			
	Apud Fritelestok q'd tax' . 3 1 7	Sm̃a 4 10 11		Prior de Fridelestok.
	Apud Wyklangford q'd tax' 1 9 4	Deci' 0 9 1¼		
	H'et mañiu' de Monklegh q'd tax' 5 3 8½		0 10 4½	Prior de Monte acuto.
	Apud Hertiland Bydiford et Alwyngton 6 19 4			
	Apud Barnstaple de redditu 0 2 0			
	Apud Toriton, Branford, et Wynklegh de r' . . . 1 16 1			
	Apud Brisford q'd taxat' . 0 5 0			
	Suthmolton de redd' . . 0 4 0			Abbas de Hertiland.
	Apud Kinelaund de redd' . 0 4 0			
	Mañiu' de Launcell' q'd taxat' 11 10 0			
	Apud Bodmyne de redd' . 1 0 0			
	In villa Exon' de redd' . . 0 13 4			
	Sm̃a tot' . . 22 13 9			
	Dec' . . . 2 5 4½			
	Mañiu' de Middeland cum ptin' q'd tax' 6 0 0	Sm̃a 10 13 4		Abbas de Teukesbur'.
	Apud Losebere q'd taxat' . 4 0 0	Dec' 1 1 4		
	Itm in Cornub' apud Scam Wennam 0 13 4			
	De Northm q'd tax' . . . 7 3 4	Sm̃a pat3 dec' 0 14 4		Prior de Fromton ht.
	In decanatu Barnastopol' de red' et tra 2 10 0	Sm̃a 3 5 0		Prior de Barnstap'.
	Apud Wallewordi et Kymelond q'd tax' 0 15 0	Dec' 0 6 8		
	Apud Tytenhele de redd' . 0 16 0	Sm̃a 4 11 8		Prior de Pilton h't.
	Apud Lillegh q'd tax' . . 1 0 0	Dec' 0 9 2		
	Apud Middelcott q'd tax' . 0 15 0			
	Apud Parracumbe q'd tax' 0 10 0			
	Apud Hellegh q'd tax' . . 1 10 8			
	Sm̃a . . . 62 19 2½			
	Sm̃a Xe tocius archid' Barn' 6 5 11			

Archidiaconat' Totton'.

Mañium de Herdwyk q'd tax'	10 15 10		Abbas de Tavistock.
Mañium de Tavistok q'd tax'	6 4 0		
Item quamd' piscariam que tax'	1 0 0		
Mañiu' de Middelton et Legh q'd tax'	7 10 0		
Apud Morewell q'd tax' .	2 10 0		
Mañm' de Werington q'd tax'	11 15 0		

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		Exon' Temp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.
Abbas de Tavistock.	Mañm' de Hatherlegh q'd tax'	9	5	6			
	Mañm' de Abodesham q'd tax'	6	3	4			
	Mañm' de Burington q'd tax'	5	10	6			
	Apud Devenebury q'd tax'	3	8	0			
	Apud Wytehm cu' red' de Tavy Sc̃i Petri	2	2	6			
	Apud Plymstok q'd tax'	5	3	4			
	Apud Cornwode de redd'	1	2	0			
	Sm̃ª	72	10	0			
	Dec'	7	5	0			
Abbas de Bokland' h't Man'ia de.	Boklond q'd tax'	16	2	8			
	Bikeley q'd tax'	16	2	8			
	Wolkampton et in Dertemore q'd tax'	6	10	8			
	Colompton q'd tax'	9	15	4			
	Item apud Bikecumbe q'd tax'	0	13	4			
	Sm̃ª	39	13	5			
	Dec'	3	19	4½			
Abbas de Thore ht.	Apud Wolleburgh q'd tax'	4	4	8			
	Apud Tunstale et Avetoun q'd tax'	3	13	4			
	Apud Flode q'd tax'	0	11	8			
	Apud Holrigge de redd'assis'	1	0	0			
	Apud Dounygieston q'd tax'	3	0	0			
	Apud Grendel q'd tax'	3	1	8			
	Apud Schillingford	2	4	8			
	Apud Dacumbe q'd tax'	2	15	0			
	Apud Ilesham q'd tax'	1	15	0			
	Apud Coleton q'd tax'	1	5	0			
	Sm̃ª	23	11	0			
	Dec'	2	7	1¼			
Idem het apud	Haggelegh de redd' ass'	1	12	0			
	Non tax q3 in dioc' Bathon'.						
Abbas Bucf' het.	Mañiu' de Brent q'd tax'	9	15	4			
	Mañiu' de Northam q'd tax'	6	6	8			
	Apud Bucfestr' q'd tax'	3	14	4			
	Apud Hethfelle q'd tax'	4	8	0			
	Apud Battocksburgh q'd tax'	2	13	0			
	Apud Padrikestow q'd tax'	2	4	8			
	Apud Sele q'd tax'	2	9	4			
	Apud Doune q' tax'	3	10	0			
	Apud Trisma (Trusham) q'd tax'	1	15	8			
	Apud Robroh et Hyndon q'd tax'	0	8	0			
	Sm̃ª	37	5	0			
	Dec'	3	14	6			
Prior de Plimpton ht.	Apud Plympton Rigweye Sireford Sottona Boringdon et Bridstow q'd taxat'	7	18	8			
	Mañium de Dene q'd taxat'	6	3	0			
	Mañium de Niweton Bealtherlench et Priorton q'd tax'.	8	11	4			
	Apud Tam̃ton Martinescũbe et Kentebur' q'd tax'	1	19	4			
	Apud Combe Rowaldon [Roboro?] q'd tax'	0	18	0			
	Apud la Triselton Waterfall et Shaugh' q'd tax'	3	14	0			
	In decanatu de Plimton de redd' assis'	1	0	0			
	Apud Cornwode	0	3	0			
	Apud la Clive	0	6	0			
	Apud Swineston	0	13	4			
	Apud Halwill	0	5	0			
	Apud Apeldreslade	0	5	0			
	Apud Westonnesham	0	13	4			
	Apud la More juxta Langhiwis	0	10	0			
	Apud Langhiwis	0	4	0			
	Apud la More Splot.	0	7	0			
	Apud Lamhide Crispini	0	6	8			

		Exon' Temp'. Taxatio. £	s.	d.	Decima. £	s.	d.
Prior de Plimpton ht.	Apud Ornestol	0	4	0			
	Apud Worthole	0	1	6			
	De tra le Cok	0	2	0			
	De tra de Maddeswille	0	1	6			
	De terra de la Brok	0	2	0			
	De Grauntinton	0	3	0			
	Apud Tettewill	0	3	0			
	Apud Cumbe	0	4	0			
	De tra le Bor	0	3	6			
	Apud la Fenne	0	8	0			
	Apud Middleton	0	5	0			
	Apud Stowille	0	4	0			
	Apud Schaciescumbe	0	6	8			
	Apud Maneton	0	8	0			
	Apud Lorkecumbe	0	13	4			
	Apud la More	0	16	0			
	Apud Donnsidiok	0	5	0			
	Apud Lamford	0	16	0			
	Apud Rowedonne	0	3	0			
	Apud Schorterigg	0	6	8			
	Apud Thornbury	0	12	0			
	Apud Gropton	0	6	0			
	Item het in Cornub' in decanatu de Estwineschire et Poudreschire apud Tredendale Oymb' Hendre Tredinet Colleford et Trenistoit q'd taxat'	2	0	8			
	Apud Sc̃m Antoniu' de redd'	3	11	2			
	Item in Cornubia apud Lanhon de r'	4	3	0			
	De tra molendino et pquis' ibm q' tax'	1	14	4			
	Apud Crimele et Makre q' tax'	1	6	8			
	Sm̃, tot'	53	7	8			
	Dec'	5	6	9¾			
P'or Sc̃e Trinitat' Cant'.	H't in p'rochia de Morton de redd' assis'	5	0	0			
	Sm̃ª p3 dec'				0	10	0
Prior de Totton ht.	Preston q'd tax'	2	0	0	Sm̃ª 5	3	4
	Ashprington q'd tax'	3	3	4	Decima 0	10	4
Prior de Modburhet.	In Penquoit q'd tax'	2	3	4			
	Sm̃ª p3 dec'				0	4	4
Abbas Sc̃i Dogmaelis.	H't apud Rattery de redd' et aliis q' tax'	13	9	8			
	Sm̃ª p3 dec'				1	6	11¾
	Sm̃ª	252	3	8			
	Sm̃ª Archid' tocius decime	25	4	4¾			

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Abbas de Clive het.	Apud Poghwell q'd tax'	6	7	4	Sm̃ª 11	17	4
	Apud Treglasta q'd tax'	5	10	0	Inde X' 1	3	8¾
Prior Sc̃i Germani' het.	Apud Lanrath q'd tax'	5	0	0			
	Apud Sc̃m Germanu' q'd tax'	1	12	8	Sm̃' 9	16	2
	Apud Tiniel q'd tax	1	10	2			
	Apud Gonethode q'd tax	0	13	4	Dec' 0	19	7½
	Apud Landerbeste q'd tax'	0	6	8			
	Apud Cariconan q'd tax'	0	13	4			
Prior de Munstre.	H'et apud Polluffounte de redd'	1	0	0			
	Sm̃ p3 dec'				0	2	0
Abbatissa Wilton'.	In Nenna et Westwelleschir' tax'	2	7	5	Sm̃ 3	7	5
	Apud T'gaur in Minori T'geschir' de r'	1	0	0	Dec' 0	6	9
Prior de Tywardrait het.	Apud Tywardrait q'd tax'	4	15	4	Sm̃ª 31	7	4½
non deb' canc'.	Mañiu' de Tremant q'd tax'	7	12	8½	Dec' 3	12	9
	Apud Tremaynen q'd tax'	3	6	4	Exon. MS. recte.		
	Mañm de Porthia q'd tax'	9	13	6			
non debet	Mañiu de Treneglos q'd tax'	5	19	6			

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Prior Montis Sĉi Michĥis.	Apud Marchadion q'd tax'	4 14 2	
	Mañiu de Trewarbo q'd tax'	7 5 6	
Prior de Sĉo Karroco.	H'et de r' in decanatu de Westweleschire et Major T'geschire	2 0 0	
		Sm̃a pȝ dec'	0 4 0
Abb' Belli Loci Regis.	H't apud Keveranum q'd tax'	11 11 8	1 3 2
Prior Bodm. ĥt.	Mañiu' de Elinton q'd tax'	8 11 0	Sm̃a 26 4 0 Dec' 2 12 4¾
	Apud Pendevy q'd tax'	3 18 0	
	Apud Wythiel q'd tax'	4 2 0	
	Mañiu' de Bodmin q'd tax'	7 5 0	
	In d̃nico de Resderch de redd'	1 0 0	
	Apud Fossewit de redd'	0 8 0	
	Apud Lanydret de redd'	1 0 0	
Prior de Launceston ĥt.	Mañiu' de Lancenelond q'd tax'	11 14 2	
	Apud Braderigg q'd tax'	1 11 6	
	Apud Byestewe et Crabba q'd tax	1 18 6	
	Apud Treworgĥi q'd tax'	2 0 0	
	Apud Treburet de redd'	1 0 0	
	Apud Climeslond et Carnedon q'd tax'	2 0 6	
	Apud Bokebuern q'd tax'	3 9 8	
	Apud Totesdonn q'd tax'	2 8 8	
	De la Berne juxta Exon	0 5 4	
	Sm̃a 26 8 4 Dec' 2 12 10		
Abbas de Quarr'.	H'et mañiu' de Forwode q'd tax'	13 6 8	
		Sm̃a pȝ dec'	1 6 8
	Exon' respond' inde Sm̃a tocius decime Archid' p'dict'	13 14 1¾	
	Sm̃a tot' archid' Cornub'	135 11 11½	
	Inde decima	13 11 2¾	
	Sm̃a tot' tocius temporalitatis	1398 2 9¼	
	Inde decima	139 16 3¼	

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Exon' Sp'. £ s. d.

Beneficia ecclĩastica decem marc' non excedencia.

Vicar' Tottonie	3 6 8
Vicar' de Tonestall	2 6 8
Ecclĩa de Aveton	6 13 4
Ecclĩa de Dippeford	6 0 0
Vicar' de Berente	1 10 0
Vicar' de Bucfestria	1 0 0
Ecclĩa de Holne	5 6 8
Vicar' de Dene	1 0 0
Vicar' de Rattre	0 10 0
Ecclĩa de Dertington	6 0 0
Vicar' de Herberton	1 0 0
Vicar' de Bricsham	6 0 0
Vicar' de Bury	1 0 0
Vicar' de Magna Hemmeston	1 0 0
Ecclĩa de ꝑva Hemmeston	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Torbrian	4 13 4
Ecclĩa de Devenebury	6 0 0
Ecclĩa de Karswelle	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Wolleburgh	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Ippelipenne	6 0 0
Vicar' de Yalampton	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Harford	4 2 0
Ecclĩa de Huish	5 0 0
Vicar' de Modbury	2 0 0
Vicar' de Holbougheton	2 0 0
Porcio alt'ius Rectoris de Ermyngton	6 0 0
Vicar' ejusdem	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Neweton	6 13 4

Exon' Spir'. £ s. d.

Vicar' de Sutton	4 6 8
Ecclĩa de Tavy Sĉe Marie	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Walkampton	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Tavy ƀi Petri	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Bykkeleye	6 0 0
Ecclĩa de Stoke	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Boklond	0 3 4
Vicar' de Tamerton	0 3 4
Vicar' de Hekeboklond	0 6 8
Capella de Saunford	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Meywy	4 13 4
Vicar' de Tavistok	0 13 4
Vicar' de Lamerton	0 13 4
Ecclĩa de Sydenham	2 0 0
Vicar' de Midulton	1 10 0
Ecclĩa de Dunderdon	1 10 0
Ecclĩa de Bradeston	2 13 4
Ecclĩa de Kelly	2 13 4
Ecclĩa de Stofford	2 13 4
Ecclĩa de Lydeford	1 10 0
Ecclĩa de Coryton	2 0 0
Vicar' de Bovitracy	3 12 2
Vicar' de Hanok	1 17 0
Ecclĩa de Ideford	3 7 0
Vicar' de Teynton Regis	5 0 0
Ecclĩa de Teyng	1 3 10
Vicar' de Wydecumbe	3 4 6¼
Ecclĩa de Manyton	4 13 4
Ecclĩa de Lusteleye	4 13 8
Vicar' de Briggerule	1 0 0
Vicar' de Bradeworthi	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Suttecumbe	5 0 0
Ecclĩa de Putteford	4 2 0
Ecclĩa de Bukinton	1 0 0
Ecclĩa de Bradeford	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Thornbury	4 13 4
Ecclĩa de Halgewelle	4 2 0
Ecclĩa de Loughwyncote	1 0 0
Ecclĩa de Tettecote	4 6 8
Ecclĩa de Holecumbe	1 6 8
Vicar' de Stoke in Hamme	2 13 4
Ecclĩa de Pole	4 5 0
Ecclĩa de Portlemouth	4 13 4
Ecclĩa de Charleton	4 13 4
Vicar' de Alwyngton	3 13 4
Ecclĩa de Thurleston	4 13 4
Ecclĩa de Chirchestowe	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Ringmore	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Wodeleye	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Morleye	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Alington	6 0 0
Ecclĩa de Slapton	6 0 0
Ecclĩa de Doddebrok	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Belston	3 0 0
Ecclĩa de Wyk [Sci Germani]	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Beworthy	5 0 0
Ecclĩa de Asbury	0 13 4
Vicar' de Hathlegh (Hatherleigh)	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Monkokehampton	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Brodwode Kelly	4 5 0
Ecclĩa de Honicherch	0 13 4
Ecclĩa de Ekesborn	4 0 0
Ecclĩa de Inewardlegh	6 6 8
Vicar' de Okhampton	1 6 8
Capella Sĉi Stephi Exon'	0 2 0
Capell' ƀe Marie Majoris	1 0 0
Capell' Sĉi Leonardi	0 6 8
Capell' Sĉi Georgij	0 2 0
Capell' de Gradibus	2 0 0
Capell' Sĉi Kerani	0 6 8
Capell' Sĉi Pauli	0 2 0
Ecclĩa de Poudram	3 0 0
Vicar' de Kenton	3 10 0
Ecclĩa de Mamahevede	2 0 0
Ecclĩa de Ashecumbe	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Estwogewelle	3 6 8
Ecclĩa de Westwogewull	0 10 0
Ecclĩa de Donsidiok	0 10 0
Capella de Schellyngford	0 10 0

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	Exon' Spir'. £ s. d.
Capella de Haccumle	1 0 0
Vicar' de Aulescumbe	1 0 0
Ecctia de Shildene	3 6 8
Vicar' de Yarticombe	1 6 8
Vicar' de Uppotery	0 16 8
Ecctia de Cumb Sc̃i Nich̃i	4 0 0
Ecctia de Rewe	5 0 0
Ecctia de Boterleye	0 4 0
Vicar' de Columpton	2 0 0
Ecctia de Kentelesber	6 6 8
Ecctia de Blakeburgh	0 4 0
Vicar' de Brodehembury	0 15 0
Vicar' de Bokerel	0 10 0
Ecctia de Finiton	6 0 0
Ecctia de Clist Sc̃i Laurencii	3 13 4
Vicar' de Pahembury	0 16 8
Ecctia de Clisthidon	5 6 8
Ecctia de Plimtre	5 6 8
Ecctia de Bickeleye	4 6 8
Ecctia de Saunford (Peverel)	3 4 10¾
Ecctia de Lomene	4 9 4
Vicar' de Holecumbe	0 6 8
Vicar' de Morebath	2 0 0
Ecctia de Cleyhangre	4 2 0
Vicar' de Halburton	3 16 4
Ecctia de Honesh̃m	3 0 5
Ecctia de Burdelescumbe	3 0 0
Vicar' de Hocworthi	0 9 8
Ecctia de Wyllelonde	1 0 0
Ecctia de Whasfelde	3 11 8
Ecctia de Lokkesber'	2 0 0
Ecctia de Holecumbe (Burnel)	1 13 4
Ecctia de Leyghe (Doddiscomb)	3 13 4
Ecctia de Ashton	1 13 4
Vicar' de Cristenestowe	1 6 8
Ecctia de Giddeleyghe	1 0 0
Ecctia de Throleyghe	3 0 0
Vicar' de Tawton	2 6 8
Vicar' de Spretton	0 13 4
Ecctia de Huttenesleyghe (Hittisleigh)	0 13 4
Ecctia de Cheryton	7 0 0
Ecctia de Tetteburn	6 13 4
Ecctia de Whiteston	4 0 0
Ecctia de Doune	2 0 0
Ecctia de Shokebrok	6 13 4
Ecctia de Stokeleye Pomeroy	2 13 4
Ecctia de Stokele Engleis	0 6 8
Ecctia de Chiryton	6 13 4
Ecctia de Poghehulle	1 13 4
Ecctia de Cadeleye	2 0 0
Vicar' de Cadebury	0 16 0
Ecctia de Braunford (Speke)	2 0 0
Vicar' ejusdem	0 6 8
Ecctia de Uppton Pyne	2 6 8
Ecctia de Gydesh̃m	4 4 0
Ecctia de Cotteleye	4 13 4
Ecctia de Uffewille	5 6 8
Ecctia de Suthleygh	4 6 8
Vicar' de Thorncumbe	2 16 8
Ecctia de Cumbe Coffyn	4 0 0
Vicar' Sc̃i Pancraci	1 6 8
Vicar' de Axemue (Axmouth)	4 0 0
Vicar' de Seton	4 2 0
Ecctia de Northleygh	4 5 0
Ecctia de Wideworthi	5 0 0
Vicar' de Otri Sc̃e Marie	6 13 4
Vicar' de Sydemue	2 0 0
Vicar' de Otriton	2 0 0
Vicar' de Bondeleye	3 6 8
Ecctia de Bockinton (Bicton)	2 0 0
Ecctia de Leveneston (Lympston)	2 0 0
Ecctia de Clistwyk	2 0 0
Ecctia de Clist Sc̃e Marie	1 0 0
Ecctia de Clist Fomessone	0 10 0
Ecctia de Huxham	0 6 8
Ecctia de Pultmore	2 13 4
Vicar' de Clifton	5 0 0
Ecctia de Whinpul	6 13 4
Ecctia de Farendon	3 6 8

	Exon' Spir'. £ s. d.
Ecctia de Rockebere	5 0 0
Ecctia de Dodington	0 13 4
Capell' de Clissechevill (Clist-Sachеville)	1 0 0
Ecctia Barñstapolia	6 10 0
Ecctia de Filleye	1 6 8
Vicar' de Chitelhampton	0 13 4
Ecctia de Bickington	5 0 0
Ecctia de Hunshane	2 0 0
Ecctia de Horewode	1 0 0
Ecctia de Ernescumbe	4 0 0
Ecctia de Westleigh	5 0 0
Ecctia de Instowe	5 6 8
Vicar' de Fremyngton	3 6 8
Ecctia de Newtonetracy	4 5 0
Ecctia de Godeleygh	4 5 0
Vicar' de Colrugg	0 13 4
Ecctia de Brushford	2 0 0
Ecctia de Wemeworthi	4 0 0
Ecctia de Lapford	6 0 0
Ecctia de Sele	4 6 8
Ecctia de Ekeneford (Eggesford)	0 10 0
Ecctia de Morcestr' Crues	5 6 8
Ecctia de Podington	1 0 0
Ecctia de Wolfordesworthi	1 0 0
Ecctia de Washford	2 13 4
Ecctia de Thelbrigg	1 10 0
Ecctia de Estwolrington	1 10 0
Ecctia de Westwolrington	1 0 0
Ecctia de Affeton	0 10 0
Ecctia de Atherington	0 13 4
Ecctia de Romandesleygh	1 0 0
Ecctia de Nymet Regis	6 0 0
Ecctia de Nymet Sc̃i Georgii	2 0 0
Ecctia de Warkleygh	0 13 4
Vicar' de Suthmolton	1 10 0
Ecctia de Mollond	1 13 4
Ecctia de Knouston	2 0 0
Ecctia de Esse (Ash)	5 6 8
Ecctia de Mesham	1 0 0
Ecctia de Westanesty	2 13 4
Ecctia de Estanesty	1 0 0
Ecctia de Croucumbe	1 0 0
Ecctia de Rakeneford	4 2 0
Ecctia de Oakford	6 0 0
Ecctia de Stodleyghe	5 0 0
Ecctia de Methe	4 0 0
Ecctia de Patricstowe	4 2 0
Ecctia de Boclonde	3 6 8
Vicar' de Sheftbere	1 13 4
Ecctia de Huish	1 10 0
Ecctia de Nenniton (Nimpton)	2 0 0
Ecctia de pva Toriton	4 13 4
Ecctia de Beauford	4 6 8
Ecctia de Duwelton	5 0 0
Ecctia de Dulonde	6 0 0
Ecctia de Rouwebergwe	5 13 4
Ecctia de Idesleygh	4 6 8
Ecctia de Clovelly	6 13 4
Ecctia de Alwynton	6 13 4
Vicar' de Abodesh̃m	0 13 4
Ecctia de Alvidiscote	4 13 4
Ecctia de Were (Giffard)	6 0 0
Vicar' de Marianslegh	0 10 0
Ecctia de Lytleh̃m	3 6 8
Ecctia de Lancras	0 10 0
Vicar' de Boclond	1 0 0
Ecctia de Morteho	6 13 4
Ecctia de Cumbmartyn	6 13 4
Ecctia de Estdown	4 0 0
Ecctia Kentesbury	4 6 8
Ecctia de Parrecumb	4 2 0
Ecctia de Trendelesho	2 0 0
Ecctia de Mattyngho	2 0 0
Ecctia de Lynton	4 0 0
Ecctia de Kentesbury	2 13 4
Ecctia de Brendon	4 6 8
Ecctia de Charles	1 6 8
Ecctia de Estboclond	1 6 8

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	Exon' Spir'. £	s.	d.
Ecctia de Westboclond	1	6	8
Ecctia de Stoke	2	13	4
Ecctia de Godeleygh	2	10	0
Ecctia de Braunton	5	13	4
Ecctia de Lockeshore	1	6	8
Ecctia de Arlington	4	6	8
Ecctia de Shirewelle	6	13	4
Ecctia de Bitdeden	1	0	0
Capell' de Ashforde	1	0	0
D' Prebend' Joh' de Borelond apud Chumleigh	1	5	0
D' Prebend' Ad' de Seyg've	1	4	6
D' Prebend' Rĩci de Doune	1	4	5
Vicar' S. Sativole	5	0	0
Vicar' de Columpstok	3	6	8
Vicar' de Coliton	5	0	0
Vicar' de Brankescombe	3	6	8
Vicar' de Sydbury	3	13	4
Vicar' de Saltecumbe	2	0	0
Vicar' de Doulichs	5	6	8
Vicar' de Staverton	4	0	0
Vicar' de Asheperton	3	13	4
Vicar' de Colebrok	3	6	8
Vicar' de Litlehm	3	6	8
Vicar' de Pirani	2	0	0
Vicar' de Eylostruk (Egloskerry)	2	10	0
Vicar' Sĉi Wynnoci	1	0	0
Prebend' precentoris Ceditonye	4	0	0
Prebend' quond' Magri Witti de Kilkenny	3	0	0
Ecctia de Morcest' Epi	6	13	4
D' Vicar' de Peynton	5	6	8

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Beneficia Ecclesiastica sex marc' non excedencia.

Vicar' Totton	3	6	8
Vicar' de Tonestall	2	6	8
Vicar' de Brente	1	10	0
Vicar' Bocfestrie	1	0	0
Vicar' de Dene	1	0	0
Vicar' de Rautre	0	10	0
Vicar' de Herberton	1	0	0
Vicar' de Bury	1	0	0
Vicar' de Magna Hemeston	1	0	0
Ecctia de parva Hemeston	2	16	8
Ecctia de Carswelle	4	0	0
Ecctia de Wolleborough	3	6	8
Vicar' de Yalmpton	2	0	0
Vicar' de Modbury	2	0	0
Vicar' de Holeboton	2	0	0
Vicar' de Ermynton	2	0	0
Ecctia de Tavy Sĉe Marie	3	6	8
Ecctia de Walkamton	4	0	0
Ecctia de Tavy Sĉi Petri	4	0	0
Ecctia de Stok	3	6	8
Vicar' de Bocland' Monachor'	0	3	4
Vicar' de Tamerton	0	3	4
Vicar' de Ekebocland	0	6	8
Capella de Saunford	2	0	0
Vicar' de Tavestock	0	13	4
Vicar' de Lamerton	0	13	4
Ecctia de Sidenhame	2	0	0
Vicar' de Middilton	1	10	0
Ecctia de Dodderton (Dunterton)	1	10	0
Ecctia de Bradeston	2	13	4
Ecctia de Kelly	2	13	4
Ecctia de Stofford	0	13	4
Ecctia de Leutrenchard	3	6	8
Ecctia de Liddeford	1	10	0
Ecctia de Coriton	2	0	0
Vicar' de Bovitraci	3	12	2
Vicar' de Hanok	1	17	0
Ecctia de Idford	3	7	0
Ecctia de Teign (Grace)	1	3	10
Vicar' de Wydecumbe	3	4	6¼

	Exon' Temp'. £	s.	d.
Vicar' de Biggerule	1	0	0
Vicar' de Bradeworthi	4	0	0
Ecctia de Bukington	1	0	0
Ecctia de Bradeford	4	0	0
Ecctia de Loughwyngcote	1	0	0
Ecctia de Holecumbe	1	6	8
Ecctia de Belston	3	0	0
Ecctia de Wyk	4	0	0
Ecctia de Ashbury	0	13	4
Vicar' de Hatheleye	2	0	0
Ecctia de Monck Hocampton	2	0	0
Ecctia de Honichirche	0	13	4
Ecctia de Ekeburne	4	0	0
Vicar' de Okamton	1	6	8
Vicar' de Stokenhamme	2	13	4
Vicar' de Aveton Giffard	3	13	4
Ecctia de Chirstowe	3	6	8
Ecctia de Ringmore	4	0	0
Ecctia de Wodeleye	3	6	8
Ecctia de Morleye	2	0	0
Ecctia de Dodebrok	2	0	0
Sm̃a	130	10	6¼

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Capell' Sĉi Stephi Exon'	0	2	0
Capell' be Marie Majoris	1	0	0
Capell' Sĉi Leonardi	0	6	8
Capella Sĉi Georgii	0	2	0
Capella de Gradibus	2	0	0
Capella Sĉi Kerani	0	6	8
Capella Sĉi Pauli	0	2	0
Ecctia de Poudram	3	0	0
Vicar' de Kenton	3	10	0
Ecctia de Mamelwede	2	0	0
Ecctia de Ashcumbe	3	6	8
Ecctia de Estwogewille	3	6	8
Ecctia de Westwogewille	0	10	0
Ecctia de Donsidiok	0	10	0
Capella de Shillingford	0	10	0
Capella de Hakcumbe	1	0	0
Vicar' de Aulescumbe	1	0	0
Ecctia de Shilden	3	6	8
Vicar' de Yarticumbe	1	6	8
Vicar' de Upotri	0	16	8
Ecctia de Cumbe Sĉi Nicĥi	4	0	0
Ecctia de Boterleye	4	0	0
Vicar' de Columpton	2	0	0
Ecctia de Blakebugh'	0	4	0
Vicar' de Brodehambury	0	15	0
Vicar' de Bokerel	0	10	0
Ecctia de Clist Sĉi Laur'	3	13	4
Vicar' de Pahembury	0	16	8
Ecctia de Saunford (Peverel)	3	4	10¾
Vicar' de Holecumbe	0	6	8
Vicar' de Morebate	2	0	0
Vicar' de Halburton	3	16	4
Sm̃a minutor' beneficior' sex marcas non excedenciu' 395 12 5 Unde decima 39 11 3			
Ecctia de Honesĥm	3	0	5
Ecctia de Burdelescumbe	3	0	0
Vicar' de Hochworthi	0	9	8
Ecctia de Willilonde	1	0	0
Ecctia de Whasfeld	3	11	8
Ecctia de Lokkesbere	2	0	0
Ecctia de Holecumbe	1	13	4
Ecctia de Leygh	3	13	4
Ecctia de Asherston (Ashton)	1	13	4
Vicar' de Christenestowe	1	6	8
Ecctia de Giddeleyghe	1	0	0
Ecctia de Throwleye	3	0	0
Vicar' de Tauton	2	6	8
Vicar' de Spreyton	0	13	4
Ecctia de Hittisley	0	13	4
Ecctia de Whitestone	4	0	0

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	Exon' Temp'. £	s.	d.
Ecctia de Donne	2	0	0
Ecctia de Stokeleye Pomerey	2	13	4
Ecctia de Stokeleye Engleys	0	6	8
Ecctia de Posehulle	1	13	4
Ecctia de Cadeleye	2	0	0
Vicar' de Cadbury	0	16	0
Vicar' de Braunford	0	6	8
Ecctia de Upton Pyn	2	6	8
Vicar' de Thornecumbe	2	16	8
Ecctia de Cumbe Coffyn	4	0	0
Vicar' de Pancratii	1	6	8
Vicar' de Axemue	4	0	0
Vicar' de Sithemue	2	0	0
Vicar' de Otriton	2	0	0
Vicar' de Budeleye	3	6	8
Ecctia de Bukinton	2	0	0
Ecctia de Lemeneston	2	0	0
Ecctia de Clistwyk	2	0	0
Ecctia de Clist Sce Marie	1	0	0
Ecctia de Clist Fomessone	0	10	0
Ecctia de Hokesħm	0	6	8
Ecctia de Pultemore	2	13	4
Ecctia de Farndon	3	6	8
Ecctia de Dodington	0	13	4
Capell' de Clist Secchevill	1	0	0
Sm̃a 129	7	11¾	
Ecctia de Fillye	1	6	8
Vicar' de Chitelampton	0	13	4
Ecctia de Honshawe	2	0	0
Ecctia de Horewode	1	0	0
Ecctia de Yarnescumbe	4	0	0
Ecctia de Yenestowe	3	6	8
Vicar' de Fremyngton	3	6	8
Vicar' de Colrugge	0	13	4
Ecctia de Brushford	2	0	0
Ecctia de Wemmeworthy	4	0	0
Ecctia de Eggensford	0	10	0
Ecctia de Potinton (Puddington)	1	0	0
Ecctia de Wolfardesworthi	1	0	0
Ecctia de Washford	2	13	4
Ecctia de Thelbrugg	1	10	0
Ecctia de Estwolrington	1	10	0
Ecctia de Westwolrington	1	0	0
Ecctia de Affeton	0	10	0
Ecctia de Atherington	0	13	4
Ecctia de Romondesleye	1	0	0
Ecctia de Nymeton Sc̃i Georgii	2	0	0
Ecctia de Warkleye	0	13	4

	Exon' Temp'. £	s.	d.
Vicar' de Suthmolton	1	10	0
Ecctia de Mollonde	1	13	4
Ecctia de Knolston	2	0	0
Ecctia de Meshaw	1	0	0
Ecctia de Westanesteye	2	13	4
Ecctia de Estanesteye	1	0	0
Ecctia de Croucumbe	1	0	0
Ecctia de Methe	4	0	0
Ecctia de Boclond	3	6	8
Vicar' de Shafbere	1	13	4
Ecctia de Heyghwychs (Hywish)	1	10	0
Ecctia de Neueton	2	0	0
Vicar' de Abbodesħm	0	13	4
Vicar' de Monekleye	0	10	0
Ecctia de Littleham	3	6	8
Eccta de Lancras	0	10	0
Vicar' de Bocland	1	0	0
Ecctia de Estdonne	4	0	0
Ecctia de Trendelesho	2	0	0
Ecctia de Mattingho	2	0	0
Ecctia de Linton	4	0	0
Ecctia de Kontesbury	2	13	4
Ecctia de Charles	1	6	8
Ecctia de Estboclond	1	6	8
Ecctia de Westboclond	1	6	8
Ecctia de Stok (Rivers)	2	13	4
Ecctia de Godeleye	2	10	0
Ecctia de Lokesore	1	6	8
Ecctia de Bitteden	1	0	0
Capella de Ashford	1	0	0
Prebenda Johis de Boclond	1	5	0
Prebenda Ade de Seigve	1	4	6
Prebend' Rici de Donne	1	4	5
Vicar' de Columstoke	3	6	8
Vicar' de Braunkescumbe	3	6	8
Vicar' de Sidebury	3	13	4
Vicar' de Saltecumbe	2	0	0
Vicar' de Staverton	4	0	0
Vicar' de Ashperton	3	13	4
Vicar' de Colbrok	3	6	8
Vicar' de Litlehm	3	6	8
Vicar' Sc̃i Pyrani	2	0	0
Vicar' de Eglostrick (Egloskerry)	2	10	0
Vlcrr' Sc̃i Wynnoci	1	0	0
Prebenda Precentoris Criditon	4	0	0
Prebenda quondam Magri Willi de Kilkenny	3	0	0
Sm̃a 135	13	11½	

[The reader will perceive that much of the latter part of the above list is, in fact, a repetition of what is entered in the former part of the taxation.]

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THE CHANTRY ROLLS OF DEVON AND CORNWALL.

The following is an abridgment of the certificates of colleges and chantries for Devon and Cornwall among the records of the late Court of Augmentations in the Public Record Office. Certificate No. 15, made according to commission dated Feb. xiiijth, 37 Hen. VIII., has been taken as the basis. References denote where information has been inserted from other certificates. Omissions have been made of redundancies and apparent superfluities, and, throughout, resolutions and clear yearly values, as well as the value of the ornaments, &c., have been omitted. The original spelling and phraseology have been adhered to; or, where departed from for the sake of brevity and for other reasons, the modern expression is inserted between brackets. Occasional defects are also supplied, and indicated in the like manner. Notes of the Editor will be found on the margin of the page.

It will be seen that the list of chantries includes several establishments already inserted in the foregoing Monasticon; nor is it possible to avoid this apparent confusion. Though the essential object of an endowed chantry is to sing masses and obits, another object may often be superadded, as will be found in some instances mentioned hereafter, in which alms and education are among the purposes of the founder. So also, on the other hand, one, and perhaps the primary, object of the institution of the regular clergy was to aid the faithful, living and dead, by the prayers and services of men whose dedication to a holier state might render their suffrages efficacious. The difficulty of distinguishing these different establishments in many cases has been already adverted to in the Preface.

Devonshire.

THE CATHEDRALL CHURCHE OF SAYNT PETER WITHIN THE CITIE OF EXETER.

1. King Henry IV.'s charter creating the 24 vicars a corporation is dated February 26, 1401. But 24 vicars had been attached to its 24 canons from the foundation of the cathedral itself.

1. The college of the vicars of the quyer within the cathedrall. Founded to fynd iv vicars to celebrate divine servyce within the cathedrall; and they to have the hole revenues of the lands and possessions belonging to the said college, as [appears] by the king's highnes' letters patents to them made.
The yearlye value of all the lands and possessions, cclix$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$ xi$^{d.}$ ob.

2. That is, founded for 2 chantry priests. The bishop died in December, 1394.

2. Tow chauntries called Brantingham's chauntries. Founded by Thomas Brantingham, somtyme busshopp of Exeter. To find towe pryests for ever to pray for his sowle and the sowles of kyng Edwarde the Thirde, Quene Philipp his wyf, within the cathedrall. They to have x$^{li.}$ yerly pencon owt of the parsonage of Mortho. And also to keep a yearly obyt for the said king and quen and the founder.
The yerely value of two annual pensions out of said parsonage, x$^{li.}$

3. The dean died November 4, 1302. His chantry was in the vicars' vestry on the south side of the choir.

3. One chauntrye called Kelkenney's. Founded by the executors of Andrew Kelkenney, somtyme dean of the cathedrall. To fynde a pryste to praye for his sowle in the cathedrall.
The yerelye value of one annual pencon to said pryste going 2 x$^{s.}$ owte of the parsonage of Westancye, and xx$^{s.}$ out of the exchequer of dean and chapter, iiij$^{li.}$

4. Bp. Peter Quivil died October 4, 1291. It was called Toryge or Thoriz from Roger de Thoriz, who died dean of Exeter on April 30, 1274.

4. One chauntrye called Torryge. Founded by one Peter, sometyme busshopp of Exeter. To fynd a pryste to pray for his sowle in the cathedrall.
The yerelye value of one pencon to said pryste going owt of the parsonage of Wydcombe impropriated to dean and chapter, iiij$^{li.}$

5. Sir John Wyger, knt., was living in the reigns of king Henry III. and Edward I. The altar of S. Mary, alias Bratton, was under the south arch of the Roodloft.

5. Tow chauntryes called Bratton's. Founded by John Wygar, knt. To fynde two prysts to praye for his sowle.
The yerelye value of tow pencons to said prysts going owt of the manor and advowson of the church of Thorverton, x$^{li.}$

6. Bp. William Brewer died November 24, 1244.

6. Tow chauntreyes called Bruer's. Founded by one Thomas of Herteford. To fynde tow prystes to praye for his sowle.
The yerelye value of tow annual pencons to sayd prysts going owt of the parsonage of Upotorye, x$^{li.}$

6^{a}. Walter Pembroke, successively archdeacon of Barnstaple and Totnes, died about 1265.

6^{a}. One chauntrye called Penbroke's. Founded by Walter Penbroke. To fynd a pryst to praye for his sovle.
The yerelye value of one annual pencon to sayd pryst, purchased by the founder of the late monasterye of Plymton and confirmed by the kyng's letters patents, iiij$^{li.}$

8. Bp. Bitton died December 25, 1307.

8. Tow chauntryes called Bytton and Bodham's. Founded by Thomas Bytton and Thomas Bodham. To fynd two prysts to pray for them in the cathedrall.
The yerely value of tow annual pencons to sayd prysts, going owt of the parsonage of Uvele, viij$^{li.}$

9. Query, if not the altar of S. Nicholas in the north arch under the Roodloft?

9. Tow chauntreyes called Crosseawtors. Founded by John Marten. To fynd tow prysts to pray for hym within the cathedrall.
The yerely value of tow annual pencons going owt of the parsonage of Elarkye, x$^{li.}$

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10. His ordination bears date October 1, 1408. Reg. vol. ii. fol. 281. He died September 3, 1419.

10. Tow chauntryes called Stafforde's. Founded by Edmund Stafford, somtyme busshopp of Exeter. To fynd tow prystes to praye for the sowles of king Henry the iiijth and hys noble progeny, and the other benefactors of the founder.
The yerely value of tow annual pencons going owt of the manors of Wynterbornwaste, Bokehampton, and Swanewyge, x$^{li.}$

11. Sir Philip Courtenay, knight, died July 19, 1406; but the chantry was founded by his father, Hugh Courtenay, second earl of Devon, and his mother, Margaret de Bohun. The earl died April 28, 1377, and his countess, December 16, 1391. Bishop Brantyngham allowed their son William, then bishop of London, to consecrate the altar of this chantry June 3, 1381. Reg. vol. ii. fol. 90.

11. One chauntrye called Courteney's. Founded by syr Philipp Courteney, knyght. To [find] a pryst to pray for him in the cathedrall.
The yerely value of one annual pencon going owt of the parsonage of Estcoker, vj$^{li.}$

12. Dedicated to S. George, founded by will, dated April 30, 1518.

12. One chauntrye called Speke's. Founded by syr John Speke, knt. To [find] a pryst to pray for his sowle in the cathedral.
The yerely value of one annual pencon going owt of lands called Langford, Fytzhede, and Aishill (Somerset), belonging to the cathedrall, vij$^{li.}$

13. John Gibbons was appointed chancellor on Lady-day 1522. His will is dated December 12, 1537.

13. Tow chauntryes called Horsey's. Founded by William Horsey, late canon of the cathedrall. To fynd tow prysts to pray for his sowle and the sowles of Rychard Gilberd and John Moyrige in the cathedrall, for which the founder enfeoffed John Gibbons, late chancellor of Exeter, and others, of his manors of Shillingham, Salteashe, and Treham [Cornwall], owt of which tow yerely stipends of xij$^{li.}$ to be equally divided between the said tow chaplains, and the overplus to be put in a comon purse called Bursa Trium Canonicorum (into whiche he also putt cxxxiij$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ for defence of said lands), there to remayn untill it were increased to x$^{li.}$ and then to be devyded, half among the canons of y^{e} cathedrall for bread, wine, wax, and vestments for the chantry, and half among the prisoners and poor of Exeter. If the sayd lands shuld be taken away by statute, act, or lawe, then to go to his cousin Jasper Horsey and his heirs for ever, and they to fynd a pryst in theire howse.
The yerely value of the lands and possessions, xv$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$ ob.

14. One chauntry called X of the clock Masse. Founded by . . . . . To [find] a pryste in the cathedral.
The yerely value of one annual pencon out of certayn lands called Metherell in Stafferton (Devon).
The sayd chauntry hath byn discontinued . . . . yeres, by reason whereof the value is unknown.

15. William Sylke died precentor early in 1508, and was buried in the north Transept.

15. One chauntrye called More's and Sylke's. Founded by . . . . . More and Sylke. To [find] a pryst to pray for them within the cathedrall.
The yerely value of one annual pencon going owt of the lands of Cleve, and payed owt of the Court of Augmentacon by vertue of his highnes graunt, vj$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

Chantry dedicated to S. Radegunde. Bishop Grandisson died July 15, 1369.

One chauntrye called Grandisino. Founded by John Grandisino. To [find] a pryst in the cathedrall.
The yerelye value of one annual pencon payable owt of y^{e} college of Ottrey Saynt Marye.
Dissolved this yere last past on suppression of ye college of Ottrey St. Mary. The certain value of pencon we do not know *.

THE PARYSHE OF SAYNT PATRYCKE† WITHIN THE CITIE OF EXETER.

16. One chauntrye called Elyott's. Founded by Thomas Elyott, Esquyer. To [find] a pryst to pray for hym in the parish churche, who shuld have the value of the lands given to the chauntrye.—No pryst found nor hath been at eny tyme, [the lands being converted to the payment of a debt of clxxj$^{li.}$ owing by the founder to kyng Henrye the vij$^{th.}$]
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiij$^{li.}$ xvj$^{s.}$

THE PARYSHE OF SAYNT MARYE ARCHES.

17. The will of Thomas Andrews the founder is dated April 23, 1537.

17. One chauntrye called Andrewe's. Founded by Thomas Andrewe. To [find] a pryst to pray for his sowle in the parish churche of Saynt Marye Arches.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, owt of which one annual stipend to sayd pryst cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$, and to distribute xij$^{s.}$, twelve gownes of fryse, xij payre of hosen, xij payre of showes, and twelve payre of wollen socks among twelve poore men yerely, xix$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

18. One chauntrye there called Froste's. Founded by Agnes Froste, widow. To fynd a pryst to celebrate Jesus masse every Friday in the parish church.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, owt of which sayd pryst to be payd, xxvij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

19. The chapel of the Blessed Virgin, licensed June 1, 1523, now the Tucker's Hall in the parish of St. John.

19. A fraternyte called the Wevers and Tuckers. Founded by the wevers and tuckers of the city of Exeter. Incorporated by the mayor, &c. To fynd a pryst to pray for the brethren and benefactors of the fraternitye in the parish church aforesaid.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, owt of which sayd pryst to be payd, vj$^{li.}$ vj$^{d.}$

* We cannot explain why the chantries of bishop Bronescombe in S. Gabriel's chapel, of bishop Oldam in S. Saviour's chapel, within the cathedral; and of S. Mary in the chapel of the palace of Exeter, are omitted. Bishop Brentyngham, August 18, 1381, refers to the "fructus et proventus cantarie infra palacium nostrum Exonie pro animabus predecessorum nostrorum ipsius fundatorum." Reg. vol. ii. fol. 67 b.

† *Id est*, S. Petrock.

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THE PARYSHE OF SAYNT LAWRENCE.

20. The fraternyte called the Shomakers. Founded by the shomakers of the cytye of Exeter (incorporate by the mayor, &c.). To fynd a pryst to pray for the brethren and benefactors of the fraternyte in Trynyte chapell belonging to the cathedrall of Exeter.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xix$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

THE PARYSHE OF SAYNT EDMUNDE UPPON EXBRIDGE.

21. The chauntrye called Chapman's. Founded by Christian Chapman, Wydow. To fynd a pryst for xx yeres to praye for her sowle in the parish church of Saynt Edmunde uppon Exbridge, within which yeres the said Crystian wylled her feoffees being put in trust to purchase licence to incorporate the same to continue for ever. The yeres are ended, and the pryst is yet found.
The yerelye value of all the lands and possessions, xj$^{li.}$ xix$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

22. This chantry chapel of the Blessed Virgin was founded before the year 1244. It was demolished in July 1833.

22. The chauntrye called Gervys's. Founded by Walter Gervys. To fynd a pryst to praye for hys sowle within a chapell standing uppon Exbridge over against y^{e} said parish churche on y^{e} other side of y^{e} bridge.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, owt of which one annual pencon of l$^{s.}$ to sayd pryst, xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ to the friers prechers, vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ to the friers minors, v$^{s.}$ to the keep of a lampe in the churche of Saynt James, vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ to fynd an obyt yerely in the cathedral of St. Peter, Exeter, and the remainder for y^{e} reparacon of y^{e} bridge of Ex, xviij$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$

TRINITE PARYSHE WITHOUTE SOUTHE GATE.

23. The foundation deed bears date January 20, 1436.

23. The almeshouse called Wynard's. Founded by William Wynard, Esquyer, for xij poor peple who have their cotages rent free duryng their lives. To fynd a pryst to be resident among the said poor peple to celebrate dyvyne servyce in a chapell called Godeshouse, and to vysyte y^{e} poore duryng sickness; whiche pryst hathe a dwellyng chamber annexed to the cotages.
The yerelye value of the lands (not stated).
Yerelye stipend of incumbent there, cxv$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ with viij$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$ for his yerely costs and charges when the mayor, &c. of Exeter visit y^{e} poore folke at Godeshouse to hear their complaynts; and viij$^{d.}$ a weke a pece to y^{e} said xij poor folke.

THE PAROCHE OF SAYNT MARYE MICHELLS* WITHIN THE CITIE OF EXETER.

24. The will bears date July 30, and proved September 2, 1411.

24. The almeshouse called Grendon's. Founded by Symon Grendon for x poor peple to dwell in rent free duryng their lives. The sayd poore having no chapell, they hear dyvyne servyce in the paryshe churche aforesaid.
The yerelye value of ten houses for y^{e} sayd x peple with xxiiij$^{s.}$ for the yerelye rent of one medowe called Colom parke belonging to y^{e} same, besyde y^{e} citie of Exeter, xliij$^{s.}$

25. Sir William Bonville's will bears date Saturday before the Feast of the Assumption (August), 1407, and was proved at Exeter March 24, 1409.

25. The almeshouse called Bondefylde's. Founded by the late Lorde Bondefylde for xij poore peple to have dwellings free, with vii$^{d.}$ a pece by the weke, payable out of the landes of the heires of the sayd lord Bondfyld, which is the lord marquis Dorsett now att this present, as yt is reported, xviii$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$
The yerely value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

THE PAROCHE OF SAYNT STEPHYN IN EXETER.

26. The founder's will bears date February 3, 1457, proved at Exeter February 27, 1460. Nevyll's reg. fol. 124.

26. The hospital called Saynt Katherine's. Founded by John Steven pryst. To [find] xiij poore folke theire dwelling howses free, who have of the dean and chapter iiij$^{d.}$ by the quarter. There ys a chapell, but becawse there lackyth a pryst, the poore peple heare dyvyne service at y^{e} parish churche aforesayd.
The yerelye value of xiij howses with iiij$^{d.}$ a pece gyven quarterly, xxx$^{d.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

TRINITE CHAPELL WITHIN THE CASTELL OF EXETER.

27. Usually called the Lady's Chapel, and founded by the barons of Okehampton.

27. The prebend called Heighes. Founded by the auncetors of the late erle of Devon.—To [find] a pryst to celebrate masse in the chapell of Exeter castle twyce everye weke.
The yerelye value of y^{e} lands and possessions, xl$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iij$^{d.}$

SYLVERTON.

28. This chantry was in the north aisle. The will of its founder, John Suyfmore, rector of Silverton, bears date June 18, 1478, and is in Courtenay's reg. fol. 126.
29. Sir Nicholas Wadham was patron of Silverton; and Lawrence Dobell died its rector in 1531.

28. The chauntrye called Suyfmore's. Founded by John Suyfmore. To fynd a pryst to praye for hym in the paryshe church of Sylverton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

29. The fraternyte of our Ladye at Sylverton. Founded by Syr Nycholas Waddame, knt., and Lawrence Dobell, pryst. To [find] a pryst to pray for them and the benefactors of the fraternyte.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessyons, vj$^{li.}$ ij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$ ob.

* *Id est*, S. Mary Major.

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KENN.

30. This chantry of S. John the Evangelist existed at the commencement of the 14th century. Stapledon's reg. fol. 82.

30. The chauntrye called Courteney's. Founded by Courteney, late erle of Devon. To fynd a pryst to pray for hym in the parish churche of Ken.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cij$^{s.}$

31. The prebend called Carsewell. Founded by Courteney aforesaid, late erle of Devon. To fynd a pryst to rynge the bell yn Trynyte chapell in the castell of Exeter twice evrye weeke when the prebendarye of Hays celebrates mass there.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, lij$^{s.}$

KENTON.

32. Query, if founded by William Sleghe's will, made May 26, 1379?

32. The stipendarye called . . . . . Founded by . . . . . To fynd a pryst to say mass in the paryshe churche of Kenton one quarter of a yere in everye three yeres.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, liij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

COMBYNTINHED.

33. The stipendarye called Fokerye's. Founded by Gregorye Fokerye, Esquyer. To [find] a pryst to saye masse everye Wednysdaye, Frydaye, and Saturdaye in the parish churche of Combyntinhed, who ys to have lands and tenements of iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

BRADNYNCHE.

34. This fraternity or gild of the cordwainers was in the north aisle of Bradninch church.

34. The fraternyte of Saynt John the Baptiste. Founded by dyverse persons. To [find] a pryste to praye for the sowles of the donars of the lands, and the brethren and benefactors in the parishe churche of Bradnynche.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$

TYVERTON.

35. The chapel, dedicated to S. John the Evangelist, was erected about 1520.

35. The Almeshouse called Greneway's. Founded by John Grenwaye for the relief of v pore men, to have their habitacons rent free, with viij$^{d.}$ a pece by the weke, payable by thands of the wardens of Tyverton. To fynd an obytt yerelye with iiij$^{s.}$ To the church of Tyverton to the maintenance of a lamp there, v$^{s.}$ And to thaforsayd wardens for gatheryng the rents and profytts of all the lands yerelye xx$^{s.}$ The sayd almeshouse hathe a chapell adioyning to yt, but y^{e} sayd pore peple heyre theire dyvine servyce at the parish churche of Tyverton, because they have no pryst to celebrate but when hyred by them.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xij$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

36. This very ancient chapel was demolished in the reign of queen Elizabeth.

36. The stipendarye called . . . . Founded by the late marquis of Exeter. To fynde a pryst to praye for his sowle and the sowle of his wyf within the parish churche of Tiverton. The sayd priste to have an annuall pencon of vj$^{li.}$ yerely going owt of the manor of Tyverton.

37. The deed of foundation bears date August 10, 1524.

37. The stipendarye called Selake's. Founded by William Selake. To fynd a pryst to pray for his sowle within y^{e} paryshe churche of Tyverton, and he to have for his salarye vj$^{li.}$ yerelye. And further, if the parochianers of Tyverton wold cawse our Ladye's masse daylye to be celebrated in the church of Saynt Peter in Tyverton, then the sayd salarye of vj$^{li.}$ [to] cease, and the parochianers [to] have x$^{li.}$ yerely for the sayd masse, which is fulfilled; wherefore they are ceased in the value of the sayd x$^{li.}$ by the yere. Also [iiij$^{s.}$ for] one obytt [to] be yerely kept for sayd founder in the parysh churche of Tyverton, with xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ yerely to the collectors of the lands for theire payns.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xiij$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$

BAWNTON.

38. Ford chantry (S. Luke's) is in the parish church of Bampton. Bothe's reg. fol. 35. The chapel at Petton, we apprehend, was dedicated to S. Petrock, and that at Shillingford to S. Catharine.

38. The Chauntrye called the erle of Bath's. Founded by the erle of Bath. To fynd a pryst to celebrate divine service in a chappell of our Ladye in the parishe churche of Bawnton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$ xvij$^{s.}$

39. Chapel dedicated to S. Mary.

39. The chauntrye called Calwodleghe's. Founded by Humfrye Calwodleghe. To fynde a pryst to celebrate within the parish churche of Bawnton. And he to perceyve for his stipend vj$^{li.}$ going owt of lands and tenements in Bawnton, and owt of y^{e} manor of Byndon, with all y^{e} lands and possessions in Milverton and Langford Budfylde, in the countie of Somerset, belonging to the sayd Humfrye; all which premysses to take effect after certain yeres expired, viz. after Cecyle and Margaret Calwodleghe, daughters to the sayd Humfrye, were xx yeares [old], duryng wch tyme the sayd lands and tenements were assured by feoffment to divers persons to the use of the sayd Cecyle and Margaret if not maryed or dede wythein the sayd terme of xx yeres. After which terme, or if the sayd Cecyle or Margaret were maryed or dede within the sayd tyme, then one Baldwyn Malett [to] have the sayd lands and possessions to hym, hys heirs and assigns, on condycon that they shuld fynd a pryst, payng to hym an yerely pencon of vj$^{li.}$, and the overplus of the revenues of sayd lands to be yerely distributed among pore folke. Excepted only xx$^{s.}$ yerelye [to] same Baldwyn, his heires or assignes, yerely, for their payns on this behalf. The sayd Calwodleghe deceassed, A$^{o.}$ RR. nunc Henrici

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viij xiij^{tio}, and ther hath byn a pryst found untill within these three yeares. Thys chauntrye was dissolved iij yeres past, or thereabowts, by Mychell Malett, wythowt y^{e} kyng's lycence. The certain value of y^{e} lands and possessions we know not.

40. The chauntrye called Braddon's. Founded by John Braddon. To [find] a pryst to say mass within the parysh church of Bawnton, at Saynt Katheryns altar there. Whiche Braddon willed his feoffees of his lands and tenements in the countye of Devon to paye unto the sayd pryst an yerelye pencon of cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$, and as well for breade, wyne, and wax, as for the hier of his chamber yerely, xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ And to the rent gatherer of the same lands by the yere xx$^{s.}$ The remaynder of sayd lands to be kept in a cofer wythe three locks (wherin he dyd putt one hundrethe pounds sterlyng for the reparacon and defence of all the aforesayd lands). And his feoffees with the sayd remaynder shuld purchase other lands to the yerely value of vj$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ over and above all charges, and then to fynd an other pryste to saye masse daylye: As apperythe by the last will and testament of the sayd John Braddon, dated at Bawnton the xxth of May [6 Edward IVth].

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ viij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

BURLESCOM.

41. The stipendarye called . . . . . Founded by the late prioress [*sic*] and convent of Canonleghe. To fynde a pryst to pray for the sowle of one Aysheford of Aysheforde, in the parish churche of Burlescom; and he to have an annuall pencon of cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ going owt of the manor of Cannonleghe, parcell of the possessions of the late priory of Cannonleghe.

The yerely value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

[This] stipendarye hathe discontynued syns . . . . Sellenger, gent., had the manor of Canonleghe of y^{e} kyng's majestie.

42. The chauntrye of Colbroke. Founded by Walter Copleston. [To find] a pryste to pray for his sowle, the sowles of Elizabeth his wyf, his parents, and their children, and especially for the sowle of Edmund Stafford, some tyme busshop of Exeter, within the parish church of Colbroke. For the continuance whereof, the sayd Walter Copleston enfeoffed Philipp Copleston his brother, with divers other, in all his messuages, lands, and tenements in Shortecomb, Blacaller, Hennebeare, Comb, Torbryan, and in towe messuages with their appurtenances in Crydyton, sometyme in the tenure and occupation of John Harper and John Oneme, upon condycon that they shuld fynde a pryste to celebrate for the sayd Walter with other as [aforesaid], paying to sayd pryste for his annual stipend vi$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ yerelye owt of the sayd lands.

The sayd chauntrye was dissolved by John Copleston, of Copleston, esq., and W. Snellyng, without the kyng's lycence. The certain value of y^{e} lands and possessions we know not.

UPLOMAN.

43. The chauntrye called Courteney's. Founded by Peers Courteneye, esquyer. To fynde a pryste to praye for hym wythein the parish church of Uploman.

The yerelye value of y^{e} lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xvj$^{d.}$

HALBERTON.

44. The chauntrye called . . . . . Founded by . . . . . To fynde a pryste to praye for the sowle of the founder in a chapel in y^{e} parish church-yard of Halberton.

The yerely value of y^{e} lands and possessions, ciiij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

The sayd chauntrye was dissolved in y^{e} xxxvijth yere of y^{e} kyng's reigne, by Hughe Pawlett, knt., without lycence of the kynge.

The fraternyte of Saint John Baptiste. Founded by dyverse and sondrye persons, who gave certain lands that a pryst shulde be founde [to] praye for y^{e} donars of sayd lands and other benefactors in the parish churche of Halberton, which pryste hathe of the feoffees a rent charge of vj$^{li.}$ by the yere graunted unto hym duryng his lyfe by dede indented. Dated . . . . daye of July, in the xxxvijth yere of [the king's reigne].

The yerelye value of y^{e} lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xvj$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$

BLACKEBOROUGHE BOLLEY.

45. The free chapell called Blackboroughe. Founded by . . . . . To minister divine service within y^{e} hamlet of Blackboroughe Bolley, which is a parishe of itself, and payeth all tythes and other dewtyes unto y^{e} incumbent of the chapell called Allhallowes chapel, wherein all sacraments and sacramentalls ought to be ministered unto the sayd hamlett as in their parishe churche.

The yerelye value as well of all the lands and possessions as of all the tyths and other dewties belonging to y^{e} sayd chapell, iiij$^{li.}$

COLOMTON.

46. The fraternyte of Saynt John Evangelyst. Founded by dyvers and sondrye persons. To fynde a pryste to celebrate masse and other dyvyne servyce for the brethren and other the benefactors.

The yerelye value of y^{e} lands and possessions, lxxiij$^{s.}$

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47. The guylde of Saynt Nicholas. Founded by divers and sondrye persons. [To find] a pryste to saye morowe masse in the parish church of Colomton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cvij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$

48. The almeshouse called Trott's. Founded by Iohn Trott, who declared in hys last wyll and testament [dated] the xxviijth Ianuarye [xiijjth Hen. VIII] that his executors shuld with the remaynder of [his goods], with the debts owing unto hym, purchase lands for the maintenance of a pryst to celebrate in the churche of Colomton, and also for the relief of vj pore men to [live] in an almeshouse to be buylded in y^{e} towne of Colomton. And that the same poore men shuld have vj$^{d.}$ a pece by y^{e} weyke.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ xj$^{s.}$

COLYTON.

49. The free chapell called Colcombe. Founded by the earl of Devon. To [find] a pryst to celebrate masse every Monday, Wednysdaye, and Fridaye, weklye, in a chapell adjoynyng to y^{e} kyng's house in the parke of Colcombe, in distance from the parish churche of Colyton one quarter of a myle.
The yerelye value of y^{e} lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

50. The chauntrye called Colyford. Founded by the erle of Devon aforesayd. [To find] a pryste to mynystre dyvyne servyce in a chapple of Saynt Edmunde founded in y^{e} boro' of Colyforde, dystante from y^{e} parish church iij quarters of a myle.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ iij$^{s.}$

51. The chauntrye called Whitforde. Founded by the lord marquys of Exetor. To fynd a pryst for the mynystracon of dyvyne servyce to habytaunts within the circuit of y^{e} manor of Whitforde, in a chapell buylded there to that purpose, distant from y^{e} parish church of Colyton one myle, for which servyce the pryste hathe an annuall pencon of c$^{s.}$ payable to hym owt of the sayd manor of Whitforde, cxiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$
The yearly value of the lands (not stated).

THE PARYSHE OF LOPYTT.

52. The free chapell called Ottermoyne. Founded by the awncestors of Syr Peter Carowe, knt. To fynde a pryste to say masse in a chapell annexed to the manor of Monesotrey, dystant from the parysh church of Lopytt one myle and more, whych pryste received always at thands of the baylyff of the sayd manor, lxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ for his yerelye stipend.

THE PARYSHE CALLED COMRAWLEGHE.

53. The chauntrye called Comrawleghe. Founded by William Denys and Johan his wyf. To fynd a pryst to praye for theire sowles in the paryshe churche of Comrawleghe.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$ vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

THE PARYSHE OF UPOTERYE.

54. The free chapell there called Rawrige. Founded by the dean and chapter of the cathedral of Exeter. [To fynd] a pryst to mynystre dyvyne servyce in the chapell of Rawryge, who hathe for his salarye an yerely pencon of c$^{s.}$ payable by th'abovnamyde dean and chapter.
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

HEMYOCKE.

55. The chauntrye there. Founded by Peter Uvedall. To fynd a pryst to praye for hys sowle, and the sowle of Margaret hys wyfe, in the parish church of Hemyocke.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, x$^{li.}$

56. The chapell of Combdavye. Founded by . . . . . To [find] a pryste to ministre dyvyne servyce in a chapell called the chapell of Combdavye everye Sondaye wekelye. To whom, therfore, the parson of Hemyocke payethe a pencon of lx$^{s.}$ by the yere. The sayd chappell is distant from the paryshe churche of Hemyocke one myle.
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

AYLESBERE.

57. The chauntrye called Newton Popleford. Founded by the kyng's noble progenitors. To fynd a pryst to celebrate to the inhabitants of Newton Popleford in a chapell there distant from y^{e} parish church of Aylesbere iij myles.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, all to be payd to sayd pryst, cxij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

TOTTNES.

58. The chauntrye there [of S. Edmund]. Founded by William de Kantilupe. For the maintenance of a pryste to saye masse and praye for his sowle in a chapell at the west end of y^{e} bridge of Totness, distant from the paryshe churche . . . . . rodds, or thereabouts.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vji$^{li.}$ xvij$^{s.}$ xj$^{d.}$

49. The license was granted to the founder, Hugh Courtenay, second earl of Devon, by bishop Grandisson, June 11, 1348. It was dedicated to S. John the Evangelist.
Dedicated to S. Edmund.

52. The will of Elizabeth, wife of sir Thomas Carew, baron Carew, knight (who had died October 25, 1414), and daughter of sir William Bonville, knight, of S. Michael, respecting this chantry in the south aisle, dated February 8, 1451, is in Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 490. She charged her estate in South Town, Dartmouth, as well as her estate in Greenway, Coleheys, Colehurst, and Sykenheys, within the manor of Ottery Mohum, with its maintenance, and conveyed the same to her cousin, sir William Paulet, knight, and his heirs in tail male — remainder to John Copleston and his heirs in tail male — remainder to Walter Reynell, and his heirs in tail male—remainder to John Radeford, and his heirs in tail male—remainder to Walter Halewill, and his heirs in tail male — remainder to Nicholas Carew, and his heirs in tail male—with remainder to Thomas Carew, son and heir of sir Nicholas Carew, Knight, then baron de Carew, his heirs and assigns for ever.

53. For the deed respecting Combralegh, dated August 23, 1463, see Nevyll's reg. fol. 93.

56. The endowment of S. Catharine at Hemiock by Peter de Uvedale and Margaret his wife, was confirmed by bishop Grandisson, June 16, 1338. Reg. vol. ii. fol. 14.

57. The ordination of this chantry of S. Luke, Newton Popleford, bearing date July 16, 1331, is in Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 4.

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59. The guylde called Iesus guylde. Founded by . . . . . To fynde a pryste to praye for the brethren and benefactors, and to helpe to mynystre in ye parish church of Totnes.
The yerely value of the lands and possessions, vj^li.^ iiij^s.^ viij^d.^

60. The guylde called Our Ladye's guylde. Founded by . . . . . To [find] a pryst [to maintain] God's servyce, and to pray for ye donars of the lands and other the brethren, &c. in the paryshe church of Totnes.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij^li.^ xij^d.^

61. The hospytall called the Maudelyn. Founded by . . . . . For the relief of xj lazare and sycke peple who have besyds theire mansyon house certayn lands. There is abiding at this present in the hospytall 8 pore lazar peple which be more than the profytts of the lands belonging to thaforsayd hospital is able to susteyn. Notwithstanding, yf any be brought, they be receyved untyll the sayd nomber of xj be fullye completed.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxv^s.^ viij^d.^

PAYNTON.

62. S. Mary's. In Oliver King's reg. fol. 172, it is called S. George's.

62. The chauntrye there called Marledon. Founded by Otes Gylberd, esq. To [find] a pryst to celebrate dyvyne service for the sowle of the sayd Otes in the parishe churche of Paynton. To tow pore men viij^d.^ a pece wekelye.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xij^li.^ v^d.^

AVETONGIFFORD.

63. The chauntry there . . . . . Founded by . . . . . To fynde a pryste to celebrate in the parish church of Aveton Gifford.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij^li.^ xiiij^s.^

STOKEGABRYELL.

64. S. Michael's. Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 15.

64. The chapell there called Wadyton. Founded by the awncestors of Holway. To the entent that a pryst shulde celebrate mass at Wadyton, in a house belonging to the heirs of Holway at Wadyton, one day in the weke, besyds one mass more to be sayd every weke of the gentlenes of the yncumbent (who hathe byn alwayes the vicar of Stokegabriell), divers festyvall times exceptede.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xxix^s.^ vij^d.^

HURBERTON.

65. S. Mary's.

65. The free chapell there called Washburne Bawson. Founded by . . . . . To fynd a pryst to mynystre dyvyne servyce in a chappell there.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxiiij^s.^ ix^d.^

MORLEGHE.

66. S. George's. Bothe's reg. fol. 8.

66. The chauntrye there. Founded by . . . . . Walrone and . . . . . Holewaye. To fynde a pryste to praye for theere sowles in the paryshe churche of Morleghe.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, liij^s.^ iiij^d.^

AYSHEBERTON.

67. Bishop Stapledon was the founder. See his deed, dated Monday after the Feast of S. Lawrence, (August) 1314, copied into bishop Brantyngham's reg. vol. i. fol. 12.

67. The guyld called S. Laurence's. Founded by . . . . . To [find] a pryste to praye for ye donars of the lands and other benefactors, as also to kepe a [free] scole for children, who hathe for his wages vj^li.^ xiij^s.^ iiij^d.^ yerelye. The remaynder of the lands is bestowed on the reparation and maintenance of ledes for the conductyon of holesome water to the towne of Aysheberton, and upon the relief and sustentacon of such peple as are infected, when the plage [is] in the towne, that they, being from all company, maye not corrupt the hole.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, x^li.^ xv^s.^ viij^d.^

AYSHEPRINGTON.

68. The chauntrye there. Founded by Thomas Coterell, esquier. To [find] a pryste to praye for his sowle and the sowles of hys awncestors in the parysh churche of Aysh-prington, and he to have for his salary cvj^s.^ viij^d.^ To distribute to pore peple yerelye iiij^s.^ iiij^d.^ To kepe an obytt yerelye with iiij^s.^ viij^d.^ And the surplussage of [the] lands to the fyndyng of bread, wyne, and wax for masse, and to the repayring of the ornaments.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxviij^li.^ x^d.^

ERMYNGTON.

69. S. Mary's, founded by the Peverel family.

69. The chauntrye there. Founded by . . . . . To fynd a pryst to mynystre dyvyne servyce in a chapel of our Ladye, being distant from the said paryshe church . . . . . .
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxviij^s.^

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NEWTON FERRYS.

70. At Polsnyche or Puslinch.

70. The chapell called Saynt Tolys. Founded by . . . . . To the intent that the parson of Newton Ferrys shuld say masse at the chapell of S. Toly's on Easter-daye, Christmasse-daye, Saynt Toly's and Saynt Luke's dayes. The sayd chappell standeth not nigh unto the parish churche by . . . . . or thereabouts.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xxiij$^{s.}$

KYNGESTAYNTON.

71. The foundation deed bears date October 4, 1538.

71. The hospitall there. Founded by John Gylbard for the relief of v pore peple rent free; who also delyvered c$^{li.}$ into thands of the mayor of Exeter to purchase lands for the better sustentacon of y^{e} said pore peple; [and] further gave land to y^{e} yerelye value of lxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ to fynde a pryste to mynystre dyvyne servyce to the sayd pore peple in a chappell annexed to the hospitall.
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

PLYMTON MARYE.

72. The stipendarye there. Founded by . . . . . For the fynding of a pryste to the maintenance of God's service in y^{e} paryshe churche of Plymton Marye.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, x$^{li.}$ xj$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$

73. The spittle-house or hospital there called Mawdelyn. Founded by . . . . . For the releyf of pore lazare peple who have besyds their dwelling-house certayn lands given in frank almoign. There is a chapell annexed; there is no pryste celebratyng but when the sayd pore do hyre one of theere owne costs.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ iij$^{s.}$ j$^{d.}$

PLYMTON MORYS.

74. The chapel called Saynt Moris. Founded by John Brackeley. To [find] a pryste to mynystre dyvyne servyce in a chapell of Saynt Moris in the parish of Plymton Mary, which chapell is called Plymton Moris, and is a chappell appendant or daughter (as it is called there) of the mother church of Plymton Mary, and distant from the sayd mother church half a myle.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

PLYMOUTHE.

75. The stipendarye there. Founded by . . . . . Dabnone and John Paynter. To fynd a pryst to praye for the sowles of the founders, and mynystre dyvine service in the quyer in y^{e} parish churche of Plymouthe; paying unto Margaret Sommester, sometyme wyf unto John Paynter, one of the sayd founders, xviij$^{s.}$ yerelye for her dowry, which is deue unto her during [her] naturall lyf.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ ij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

76. The almeshouse there called Goddeshouse. Founded by . . . . . For the relief of impotent and lazare peple, without any certayne nomber appoynted to be partakers of the sayd relief; forr there arr at present but xiiji impotent peple relevyd, sometyms there be xx^{ti}, somtyme more or less. And they have over and besyds thire mansyon house the rents of certayn lands gyven by diverse persons.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xiiij$^{li.}$ vij$^{s.}$

(There is no certificate numbered 77.)

MODBURYE.

78. Certain lands were given in Modbury by the Drew family, for chantry services in the south aisle of the parish church.
Sir William Pole's Collections, p. 311.

78. The stipendarye there. Founded by . . . . . , somtyme provost of the colleage of Eton. To [find] a pryst to celebrate dyvyne servyce and praye for y^{e} provost wythe other of y^{e} sayd howse of Eton in the chapel of Saynt George, being distant from the paryshe churche of Modburye . . . . . And the sayd pryste to have for his stipend an annuall pencon of cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ yerely, to be payd by th'ands of the sayd provoste or his assignes.
The sayd stipendarye was dissolved this last yere, or thereabowts, by the provost of the sayd college, wythout y^{e} kyng's lycence.

POLTYMORE.

79. The prebendarye there called Cutton. Founded by y^{e} awncestors of Courteney, late erle of Devon. To fynde a pryste to help ye prebendarye of Hays to celebrate masse twice everye weeke in Trinitye chapell, situate in the precincts of the castle of Exeter, and to saye masse once in the yere at the chapell of S. John ye Baptyst in Poltimore, over the day of the same Saynt John at Mydsomer. The sayd chappell of Saynt John is distant from y^{e} parish church of Poltymore . . . . . And the chappell of the Trinite in the castle of Exeter standythe not nighe unto the same churche of Poltymore by iiij myles.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, all to be payd to sayd pryst, ix$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

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SIDBURYE.

80. The chauntrye there. Founded by the awncestors of Hughe Jones. To fynde a pryst to praye for theire sowles in the paryshe churche of Sydburye; for the continuance whereof the founders charged their manor of Shutforde with an annuall pencon of vij$^{li.}$ payable to the dean and chapter of the cathedrall of Exeter, who repaye unto a pryste servyng there iiij$^{li.}$ for his yerelye stipend.
The yerelye value of vij$^{li.}$

BUCKLANDEBRUER.

81. The fraternyte there of Saint Michaell. Founded by Thomas Radforde and dyvers others. To [find] a pryst to pray for [theire] sowles.
The yerely value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{l.}$ vij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

OTTEREY SAYNT MARYE.

82. See ante, p. 259.

82. The college of oure Ladye there. Foundation (not stated).
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

MONKELEGHE.

83. The chauntrye there. Founded by Dame Anne Sentleger. [To find] a pryste to celebrate dyvyne servyce for her sowle in the parish church of Monkeleghe, he paying unto a clerke to mynystre unto hym at masse for his yerelye wages xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ and kepyng an obytt yerelye wythe xxj$^{s.}$ v$^{d.}$
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ ix$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

TAMERTON FOLYETT.

84. The chauntrye there. Founded by John Copleston, esquyer. To fynde a pryste to praye for hym and the sowles of his parents and other his frynds in the parysh church of Tamerton Folyett. And he to have a pencon of vj$^{li.}$ yerelye going owt of the lands and tenements in Warleghe and Tamerton Folyett, belonging to the heires of the sayd Copleston.
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

SLAPTON.

83. See ante, p. 322.

85. The college there. Foundation (not stated).
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

BEREFERRYS.

86. See ante, p. 289.

86. The stipendarye there. Founded by y^{e} awncestors of y^{e} late lord Broke. To fynd a pryst to celebrate in y^{e} paryshe churche of Berreferrys; and he to have an annuall pencon of vij$^{li.}$ yerelye to be payd by the heyres of the said lord Broke.
The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

SAMPFORD COURTENEY.

87. S Mary's.

87. The chauntrye there called Stikelpathe. Founded by . . . . . [To find] a pryste to mynystre in a chapell distant from y^{e} parish church of Sampforde Courteney, one mile and more.
The yerely value of y^{e} lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

HATHERLEGHE.

88. The fraternyte of our ladye there. Founded by dyverse parsons. To fynd a pryst to celebrate mass, dirige, and other dyvyne servyce for their sowles and other the sowles of the benefactors.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

HOLLYSWORTHYE.

89. The Trewen chantry (S. Mary's) was originally *near* the parish church; but was removed *into* it about the year 1450. Lacy's reg. vol. iii. fol. 365.

89. The chauntrye there called Trewen. Founded by the awncestors of Gybbes. [To find] a pryste to praye for his sowle in y^{e} paryshe churche of Hollysworthye.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, c$^{s.}$

90. The stipendarye there. Founded by . . . . . To fynde a pryste to celebrate masse for the founder and as also to maynteyn God's servyce in y^{e} parysh churche of Holesworthye in the quyer there; and he to have for his salarye cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ yerelye, and the remaynder of y^{e} profytts of the lands to be kept to the perpetuall reparation of the tenements and just defence of the tytle of the sayd lands.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ vij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

THORNEBURYE.

91. Tow stipendaryes called Cornues. Founded by William Cornue. To fynd ij prysts to celebrate yn y^{e} paryshe churche of Thorneburye; and they to have for their salarye an annual pencon of vj$^{li.}$ a pece.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xv$^{li.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ ix^{d}

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One [of the said stipendaries] was dissolved xv yeres past by Edmund Specott, gent., heyre unto the sayd Cornue, and no pryst [hath] servyd there syns, savyng that ye sayd Specott findith one other pryst meate and drinke of charyte, the sayd pryst beyng dystrawght of memorye.

BARNESTAPLE.

92. The Stipendarye called our Ladyes. Founded by Thomas Helman. To ffinde a pryste to celebrate masse in our Ladyes chappell annexed to ye paryshe churche of Barnstaple.
The yerely value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$

93. The stipendarye called Saynt Annes. Founded by Henrye Redmyn. To fynd a pryste to celebrate in a chapell of our ladye in ye churchyarde there; and he to have for his stipend c$^{s.}$ yerelye, notwithstanding the incumbent at present receyvethe for his salary but lxvij$^{s.}$ accordyng to certayn covenants between hym and the wardens of ye sayd chappell that he be discharged of all dymes, taxes, tallages, and all subsidies payable to the kyngs maiestie or the busshopp at eny time. To fynde an obytt yerelye with x$^{s.}$ and the remaynder of the lands at the yeres ende (all charges and reparations susteyned, maynteyned, and allowed) to be distribute amonge pore peple.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, x$^{li.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ i$^{d.}$

94. The chauntrye called Saynt Nicholas. Founded by divers persons. [To find] a pryste to pray for them in ye paryshe churche of Barnstaple.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$ xj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

M$^{d.}$ That one of ye sayd prysts dothe teache scole within ye sayd towne of Barnstaple.

95. S. Thomas the Martyr, founded by Henry Lord Tracy.

95. The free chapell there. Founded by . . . . . To fynd a pryste to celebrate dyvyne servyce in a chapell buylded on the ende of the brydge of Barnstaple, being distant from ye parysh church . . . rodds or thereabowts.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xliiij$^{d.}$

HYGHAMPTON.

96. At Heaunton Punchardon; in which parish church, dedicated to S. Augustin, was the chantry of S. Mary. (See Nevyll's reg. fol. 19.)

96. The chauntrye called Pounchawdons. Founded by William Pounchawdon. [To find] a pryst to praye for his sowle and the sowles of his awncestors in the paryshe church of Hyghampton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vi$^{li.}$

ADRYNGTON.

97. Trinity chantry at Umberleigh was founded in the reign of king Henry III.

97. The chauntrye there called Umbleghe. Founded by Johan de Campo Arnulphi. [To find] a pryst to pray for her sowle, and the sowle of the lorde William de Campo Arnulphi herr father with the sowles of her mother and Rafe Welyngton her husband in a chapell distant from the church of Adryngton half a myle, fyndyng a lamp yerely with xx$^{s.}$ to be continally burnyng in the sayd chappell.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xix$^{s.}$ *

SOUTHEMOLTON.

98. Founded in the reign of king Henry VII.

98. The stipendarye called Hunts. Founded by John Hunte. To fynde a pryst to pray for hys sowle and the sowles of hys awncestors in ye parysh churche of Southemolton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ ij$^{d.}$

99. The stipendarye called Burlers. Founded by John Burler. [To find] a pryste to celebrate masse, dirige, and other divyne servyce for his sowle in the parysh church of Southemolton.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

100. The stipendarye called Shoplands. Founded by John Shopland. To fynde a pryste to pray for his sowle and celebrate in the paryshe church of Southemolton; but also to maynteyn Godds servyce within the quyer [there].
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, lxiiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

EGGESFORDE.

101. The stipendarye called Raynyes. Founded by William Raynye. [To find] a pryste to celebrate divyne servyce for [his] sowle in the paryshe churche of Eggesforde.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

102. Founded in the reign of king Edward IV.

102. The almeshouse there. Founded by Ibote Raynye. To the intent that . . . . . poore peple shuld be from tyme to tyme thereby relcyvd.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions. iiij$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

PYLTON.

103. S. Leonard's was founded by Sir William de Raleigh, knight.

103. The chauntrye called Rayleghe. Founded by . . . . . Chechester. To fynd a pryste to mynystre in a chapell in the house of the heires of the sayd Chechester dystant from the paryshe churche of Pylton half a myle; and the sayd pryste to

* The chantry of S. Mary, at Brightley, in Chittlehampton parish, is overlooked.

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have for his stipend yerelye iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$; also xij$^{d.}$ everye Fridaye in breade to be distributed among xxvj poore peple.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viij$^{li.}$ ix$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

MARWODD.

104. The stipendarye called Brightes. Founded by Rychard Bryght. To fynd a pryst to pray for [his] sowle in the paryshe churche of Marwodd; and he to have cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ for his yerelye stipend, being charged to fynde from tyme to tyme breade, wyne, and wax for masse, and the remayne of the issues and profytts of y^{e} lands to be kept as well to y^{e} reparalyng of y^{e} chalys and ornaments as to y^{e} purchase of more lands.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ xviij$^{s.}$ ij$^{d.}$

MORTHOO.

105. This perpetual chantry at the altar of SS. Catharine and Mary Magdalene, in S. Mary's church at Morthoe, was founded by William de Tracy, the rector, who died in 1322.

105. The chauntrye called Tracyes. Founded by William Tracye. To fynde a pryste to praye for hys sowle in the paryshe churche of Morthoo.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxiij$^{s.}$

INSTOWE.

106. S. Catharine's was licensed by bishop Stapledon April 12, 1311, in favour of Sir William Martyn.

106. The free chapell there called Fremyngton. Founded by . . . . . To fynd a pryst to celebrate in a chapell verye neyre unto y^{e} parishe churche of Instowe.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xlij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

WESTDOWNE.

107. S. Mary's.

107. The chauntrye called . . . . . Founded by the late pryor of Wells. [To find] a pryste to praye for y^{e} sowle of sir John Stouforde, knight, (one of the benefactors of the pryorye of Wells,) in the parish churche of Westdowne; and he to have iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ pencon yerely, going owt of the parsonage there and owt of lands and tenements in the occupation of Hughe Yeo, gent., John Denys and other, which the bysshoppe of Bathe of late hathe by eschange of the kyngs maiestie, as it is reportyd.

TORYTON.

108. Query: was not Richard Colyn the founder? See Stafford's reg. vol. i. fol. 5. (A.D. 1395.)

108. Three stipendaryes called . . . . . Founded by . . . . . [To find] three prystes as well to celebrate masse, dirige, and other divine servyce for y^{e} sowle of y^{e} founder, as also to mynyster and syng in the quyre of y^{e} parysh church of Toryton. They to have for theire yerelye stipends cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ a pece; and the remayn of the profytts of the lands to be kept to the reparation of the tenements.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xviij$^{li.}$ vij$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

WYNKELEGHE.

109. The guylde there of Saint Nycholas. Founded by dyverse persons. To find a pryste to praye for them and all other the donars of the lands, and other the brethren and benefactors in the paryshe churche of Wynkeleghe.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xliiij$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

TADYPORTE.

110. See the institution by bishop Grandisson to this chantry of S. Mary Magdalene, dated December 29, 1345. Reg. vol. iii. fol. 53.

110. The hospitall there. Founded by . . . . . for y^{e} relief of three pore folkes.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, imployed for y^{e} relief of one pore man now remayning there untill the nomber of three be compleatyd.

111. The free chapell there. Founded by the awncestors of John Sentleger. To the intent that a pryst shuld saye masse one daye in y^{e} weke to y^{e} pore folkes of the sayd hospitall, and to vysyte them in syknes.

The yerely value of the lands and possessions, xl$^{s.}$ vj$^{d.}$

BEAFORDE.

112. The chauntrye called Dawbeneys. Founded by y^{e} late lord Dawbeney, heire to the Beawmonds. To fynde a pryste to praye for his sowle and the sowles of his awncestors in the parysh churche of Beaforde.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xlvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

CHUMLEGHE.

See ante, p. 291, and 3 and 4 Vict. c. 113, sect. 61.

113. The prebend there called Lowerhayne. Founded by . . . . . For the better mynystracon of Godds servyce in the quyer of the paryshe churche of Chumleghe.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, c$^{s.}$

114. The prebend there called Higherhayne. Founded by . . . . . For the like mayntenaunce of dyvyne servyce in the paryshe church of Chumleghe. And that the prebendary of the same shulde from tyme to tyme gyve dylygent attendaunce for the better execution of the sayd service.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cxiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

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115. The prebend there called Penells. Founded by . . . . . [To find] a pryste or other lerned parson to be ayding in ye servyce in the parish churche of Chumleghe.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cs.

116. The prebend there called Denys. Founded by . . . . . In lyke maner that the incumbent shulde be assistant from tyme to tyme in the quyer of the parysh churche of Chumleghe, [in the] servyce there.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiijli. vis. viijd.

117. The prebend there called Brokeland. Founded by . . . . . For the lyke use for which the other iiijor prebends before declared were furst founded.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiijli. xjs. iiijd. *

Cornwall.

i. e. Davidstowe.

DEWSTOWE.—(Certificate No. 3. See also Certificate 9, No. 12.)

1. The fraternyte of our Ladye of Dewstowe. Founded by divers persons. [To find] a pryste to praye for the sowles of the donars of the lands and all other.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vjli. iijs. iijd.

SAYNT MARYE WEKE.—See Cert. 9, No. 6.

2. Dame Thomasine Percival's will is dated 1512.

2. The chauntrye called Dame Percyvalls, at the altar of Seynt John Baptist, in the north yeld within the same church. Founded by Dame Tomasyne Percyvall, wyf of syr John Percival, knt., and alderman of London. To fynd a pryste to praye for her sowle in the paryshe churche of Saynt Marye Weke; also [to] teach children freelye in a scole founded by [her] not farr distant from the sayd parishe churche; and he to perceyve for his yerelye stipend xijli. vjs. To fynde a mancyple also to instructe children under the sayd scolemaster, and he to have yerelye xxvjs. viijd. To a laundresse for the scolemaster and mancyple yerelye xiijs. iiijd. And the remayne of the lands (all charges of reparacons of the tenements and houses, chalys and ornaments, being first allowed) shuld be expended in an obytt yerelye for her in the paryshe church.—Cert. 10, No. 8, xiijs. iiijd. to ye pore peple yerelye.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xvli. xiiijs. viijd.

Cert. 9, No. 6. Md. That one John Denham, of Tyston [Devon], one of ye feoffees of founders of the said scole, kepyth land named Ashe in Broadworth and other quylytts thereto adjoinyng, parcel of possessions gyven for sayd scole; and with ye profytts thereof payeth iiijli. yerely to ye manciple ther, and xiijs. iiijd. to ye launder of ye said scole-house.

LAUNCETON.

3. The hospitall there. Founded by the late duke of Cornwall. For the relief of . . . . . pore men. And they to have besyds theire dwelling-houses the hole of the lands.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, cvjs. viijd.

BODMYN.—(Cert. 9, No. 23.)

4. Stephen Nayler's license for founding it is dated 1474.

4. The chauntrye called Naylers. Founded by one Nayler. [To find] a pryst to celebrate divyne servyce in the parysh church of Bodmyn; and he to have for his yerelye stipend cvjs. viijd. To distribute also amonge pore folke yerelye xiijs. iiijd. And the overplus of the lands (yf eny such were, all the edyfyces and buyldyngs beyng upholden) to be used after the discretion of the wardens of Bodmyn.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, viijli. ijs. iiijd.

5. The hospitall there called Saynt Lawrences. Founded by . . . . . To finde xix lazare peple, tow hole men, tow hole women, and one pryste to mynystre unto them in a chapell adjoyning to the sayd hospitall, not farr distant from the paryshe churche.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiijli. xiiijs. jd.

BLYSLOND.

6. The stipendary called Burnerds. Founded by John Burnerd. [To find] a pryst to celebrate in ye paryshe churche of Blyslond.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xxiiijs. xjd. ob.

SOUTHEPEDERWYN.—(Cert. 9, No. 5.)

7. The stipendary called Nenweneck or Menwenecks. Founded by William Menwenecke, clerke. To fynde a pryste to celebrate masse, dirige, and other dyvine servyce for his sowle in the parish church of Southpederwyn, and he to have for his yerelye stipend

* Within the parish of Alwyngton, in the deanery of Hartland, was "perpetua cantaria S. Andree." (See bishop Brantingham's notice, dated October 15, 1375. Reg. vol. ii. fol. 36, b.)
We also meet with "Cantaria capellæ B. Johannis de parva Ernyscombe," in Yarnscombe parish, August 23, 1310. (See Stapledon's reg. fol. 54.)

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cvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$ To a scholar at Oxforde for his exhibycon yerelye xl$^{s.}$ To the fyndyng of a pore man yerelye xxx$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ And finallye to laye upp yerelye of the sayd lands for the reparacon of the chalys, &c.

The yerelye value of the other necessary lands and possessions, ix$^{li.}$ x$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

LANTEGLAS.

8. The stipendary called Camelford. Founded by the awncestors of Bodulgate, who had certayn lands entayled to hym and his heirs, on condycon that they shuld fynde a pryste to mynystre divyne servyce in a chapel [in Camelford], distant from y^{e} paryshe church of Lanteglas one myle and more; paying unto such pryste for his salarye yerelye iiij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ going owt of lands and tenements in Mocheltrewynt Tresterleke Torr Aldermyll Southertre and Wourdranghe.

PERYN.—(Cert. 9, No. 1.)

9. The stipendary called Camelford. Founded by Walter Goode, Busshop of Exeter. To fynde one dean, vij canons resident, v canons non resydent, vij vicars, and one pryste, called the chauntrye pryste, to celebrate dyvyne servyce daylye in a church annexed to the college, being no parishe churche, but merylye appertaynyng to the same college.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ccxxvij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$

9. The *chantry* was founded by Sir John Beaupre in 1355. (Grandisson's reg. vol. ii. fol. 184.) See Glaseney college, ante.

HELSTON.

10. The chauntrye of S. John Baptyste. Founded by John Boleghe. [To find] a pryste to mynystere Godds service in the chapell, distant from the parysh churche one quarter of a myle.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xvj$^{li.}$ xj$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

(Cert. 9, No. 24.)

11. The stipendarye in y^{e} chapell of Our Ladye. Founded by y^{e} Erle of Cornwall. [To find] a pryst to mynystre divyne servyce in a chapell in the towne of Helston, nere the paroche churche scituate in the sayd towne. The sayd pryste to have for his salarye yerelye iiij$^{li.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ The remayn of the lands to be expended yerelye (the edifyces and buyldings being upholden) in kepyng an obytt for the sowle of the founder.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions iiij$^{li.}$ xvj$^{s.}$

LYSKERD.—(Cert. 9, No. 13.)

12. The stipendarye called . . . . . Founded by John Kempe. To fynd a pryst to praye for the sowle of y^{e} founder in the paryshe churche of Lyskern (Liskerd).

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vi$^{li.}$ xxi$^{d.}$

13. The chauntry called Clemens. Founded by Thomas Clemens. To fynde a pryste as well for the maintenance of Godds servyce as to praye for y^{e} founders sowle in y^{e} paryshe churche, [the said priest] paying to other prysts and clerks x$^{s.}$ yerely for singing of anthems.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij$^{li.}$ ix$^{s.}$ vij$^{d.}$

TALLANE.—(Cert. 10, No. 16.)

i. e. Talland.

14. The chauntrye called Lamane in y^{e} Isle of Laman. Founded by the late erle of Exeter. To fynde a pryste to celebrate in a chappell in a lyttle ilande, and distant from the paroche churche of Talland, half a myle.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiij$^{li.}$ xij$^{s.}$

14. Slight traces of the chapel are visible on Looe Island. Lemain is a hamlet in the parish of Talland, and belonged to the cell of S. Michael, of which the remains are in the barton of Portlooe.

SALTEASSHE, Boroughe.

15. The stipendarye called Smythes. Founded by John Smythe and others. [To find] a pryste to teache children freelye in a schole in Saltashe; as also to praye for his sowle in a chapell in sayd towne, distant from y^{e} paryshe church three quarters of a myle, or more; and to [assist] yn dyvyne service, [and he] hathe vij$^{li.}$ yerelye payable by the mayre and burgessys of the sayd towne to whom certayne lands were given to that purpose. The remayn of the sayd lands to be used after the discretyon of the sayd mayre and burgesses, all reparacons upholden and maynteyned.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, x$^{li.}$ xj$^{s.}$ vi$^{d.}$

SAYNT STEPHYN'S, SALTEASHE.

16. The stipendarye [there]. Founded by dyverse persons. To fynde a pryste to praye for them wythein the paryshe church, receyving yerelye for his stipende iiij$^{li.}$; and wythe the surplus of the sayd lands certayn obytts [to] be celebrated yerely for the founders.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj$^{li.}$ viij$^{d.}$

CRANTOCKE.

17. The college there. Founded by . . . . . for the maintenance of one dean and ix prebendaries; fynding a pryste to be curate and mynystre dyvyne servyce in the paroche churche of Crantocke.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xx iiij xiiij$^{li.}$ v$^{s.}$ j$^{d.}$

17. See this collegiate establishment mentioned in the first part of this work.

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COLOMB MAIOR.—(Cert. 9, No. 21. Cert. 10, No. 24.)

18. See Lysons' Cornwall, p. 65.

18. The chauntre in Arundells chappell, five stipendaryes there. Founded by y^e^ awncestors of Syr John Arundell, knt., in king Henry ye vj^th's^ tyme. To fynde five prystes to celebrate dyvyne servyce in ye parishe churche of Colomb Maior; and they to have for theire yerelye stipends an annuall pencon of cxij^s.^ a pece going owt of the manors of Bodbrayn, Repery, Pyngewennaye, and Pressepynnacke.

TRUROWE.—(Cert. 9, Nos. 26, 27. Cert. 10, No. 30.)

19. Langhorne? a family of Tregavethan in Truro.

* S. Allen.

19. The stipendary called Lagharns. Founded by the awncestors of Lagharne. To fynde a pryste to praye for the sowles of the founder and his famylye in ye parysh church of Trurowe; and he to have an annuall pencon of cvj^s.^ viij^d.^ going owt of certayne lands lyeng in Trurowe, Kenwyn, and Saynt Tallan *, which were gyven to the heires of the sayd Lagharne uppon the condycon [that if the said Lagharne or his heires should cease to find the said priest, then it should be lawfull for certain persons being in remainder after the said gift in tail to enter into the premisses and to take yearly 8 marks of the profitts of the same for finding the said priest].

The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

The sayd stypendarye hathe dyscontynued by the space of vj yeres, for that certayn mynles which were charged with the pencon were in ruyn; and durying ye tyme of ye reparations it is lawful for the sayd pension to ceasse.

FELYX.

S. Felicitas? now Philleigh or Filley.

20. The stipendarye called Boscoswyns. Founded by ye awncestors of Boscoswyn. To fynde a pryste to celebrate in the paryshe churche of Felyx, and he to have for his salarye iiij^li.^ yerelye.

The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

SAYNT WYNNOWE.

21. The chauntrye called Kayells. Founded by William Kayell. [To find] a pryst to praye for hym, and to celebrate an obytt yerely in the paryshe church of Saynt Wynnowe.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, ix^li.^ xviij^d.^

The sayd chauntrye was dissolved vij yeres past without ye kyng's lycence.

SAYNT MYCHELL PENKEVELL.—(Cert. 9, No. 31.)

† Fentongollan.

22. The stipendarye called Trenouthes. Founded by John Trenouethe [who had the manor of Fenton Galleth †]. To fynde a pryste to praye for his sowle in ye paryshe churche of Saynt Michell Penkevell; and he to have an annuall pencon of c^s.^ and an obytt [to] be yerely kept at which everye pryst present shuld receyve vj^d.^ for masse, with ij^s.^ vj^d.^ to be distributed yerely amongst pore peple.

The yerelye value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

BENEKUDELL.

Sic. But *Menekudell* must be intended.

23. The free chapell there. Founded by ye awncestors of Peryse. To fynde a pryste to celebrate certayne masses in the paryshe churche of Benekudell; and he to be deacon unto the vycar there at festyvall tymes in the celebration of masse.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vj^li.^

SAYNT BURYAN.

24. The chauntrye there. Founded by kyng Adelston. To fynde a pryste to celebrate in ye parysh church of Saynt Buryan; and he to have an annuall pencon of c^s.^ payable yerelye owt of the garb and other the profytts belonging to the deanrye or rectorye there.

The yearly value of the lands, &c. (not stated.)

25. Ante, p. 6.

25. The deanrye or rectorye there. Founded by kyng Adelston. To fynde a dean or a parson who is charged with three curatts to serve in three churches; that is to say, one in the churche of St. Buryan, whych ys ye mother church, and in towe chapells scituate within the paroche of Saynt Buryan, and [each] distant from ye paryshe churche 3 myles. To fynde also three prebendaryes to help to celebrate divyne servyce within ye sayd paryshe churche.

Cert. 9. No. 4.—The parson receyvyng the name of the dignitie of a dean of kyng Addelston.

Mem. to Cert. 9. No. 4. viz.: That the dean and parson there hathe left and demysed the premisses to one Davy Baugh, by a deade beryng date the fyrst of August, in the 25th yere of the reign of kynge Henrye theight, for the terme of iiij yeres. That the patronage of the premisses ys nowe ye duke of Suffok's, by an exchange mad betwne kynge Henry theight and Charles late duke of Suffolk.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, iiij^li.^ v^s.^ ix^d.^ ob.

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SAYNT TYTHE, als S. ERTHE, als S. ISSEY.—(Cert. 9, No. 17.)

26. Ante, p. 17. Bishop Veysey is perhaps meant. His nephew, W. Lewson, was a dignitary for many years.

26. Tow prebends, Lusons and Harmons. Founded by the bishop of Exetor. To fynde tow prystes to be assistant in divyne servyce in ye paryshe church of Saynt Tythe.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xixli.

ENDELYAN.—(Cert. 9, No. 18.)

27. Ante, p. 17.

27 a. The prebend called Treharrocks. Founded by . . . . . Treharrocke. To fynd a pryst to helpe in divyne servyce in ye paryshe churche of Endelyan.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vjli.

27 b. The prebend called Marneys. Founded by the heires of Marney. To fynde a pryste to serve in ye paryshe churche of Endelyan.
The yerelye value of the possessions, vijli.

27 c. Cert. 9. No. 18.—The prebend called the kyng's prebend. Founded by the late priory of Bodnane. [To find] a pryste for the lyke entent and purpose.
The yerelye value of the possessions, vjli.

SAYNT PROBUS.—(Cert. 9, No. 22.)

28. See ante, p. 59.

28 a. Chudleghe's prebend.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions belonging to sayd prebend, with ijs. xd. for his parte going owt of ye garb of ye rectorye there, cvjs. viijd.

28 b. Hull's prebend.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions belonging to ye sayd prebend, with xlvs. viijd. for his parte going owt of ye garb of ye rectorye there, iiijli.

28 c. Parat's prebend.
The yerely value of ye lands and possessyons belonging to sayd prebend, with xlixs. for his parte going owte of the gleb of ye rectorye of Saynt Probus, lxs.

28 d. Elly's prebend.
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions belonging to the sayd prebendary, with xixs. viijd. for his parte owt of ye glebe of ye parsonage of Saynt Probus, xxvjs. viijd.

28 e. The prebend there called . . . . . .
The yerelye value of the lands and possessions belonging to the sayd prebendary, with xls. for his parte gowing out of ye glebe of the rectorye of Saynt Probus, lxs.

FOUNDATIONS IN DEVON

NOT NOTICED IN CERTIFICATE No. 15,

Abstracted from Roll endorsed "Devon—A short list of chantries." (No date.)

HONITON.

* All Saints.

A stipendary in a chapel * there.
The yerely value of the lands, vjli. xijd.

AXMYSTRE.

A guylde within ye chapel of our Ladye there.
The yerely value of the lands, ciiijs.

COLOMPTON.

A chauntrye in ye paryshe churche there.
The yerely value of ye land, xvijli. vs.

Another chauntrye in ye parysh churche there.
The yerelye value of the lands, vijli. xvs. ijd.

COMBEMARTYN.

A chauntrye in ye paryshe churche there.
The yerelye value of ye lands, xls. viijd.

HIGHAUNTON †.

† Highampton.

A chauntrye in ye parysh churche there.
The yerely value of ye lands, iiijli. xvs.

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TAVISTOCK.

A stipendarye in ye paryshe church.
The yerelye value of ye lands, iiij^li^· viij^s^· vj^d^·

BISHOPS NYMETT.

A stipendarie in ye parysh churche there.
The yerely value of ye lands, viij^li^·

It was founded "ad inveniendum et sustentandum idoneum capellanum divina servicia celebrantem ad altare Virginis Mariæ." The lands lay partly in Nymet Bow and partly in Nymet Episcopi; and were leased after the suppression of chantries to sir John Perrot, knight, for 6*l.* per annum. Queen Elizabeth granted the fee August 11, 1572, to sir Christopher Hatton, who sold it the next day to Hugh Fortescue, esq., of Filleigh, and John Hatche, gent., of the Inner Temple.

SOUTH MOLTON.

A chauntrye in ye paryshe churche there.
The yerelye value of the lands, cxv^s^· vij^d^·

Another chauntrye in ye parish churche there.
The yerelye value of ye lands, vij^li^· xiiij^s^· xj^d^· ob.

EGGESFORD.

A chauntrye in ye paryshe churche there.
The yerelye value of ye lands, vij^li^· ij^s^· iii^d^·

DARTMOUTHE.

A stipendarye in ye paryshe churche there.
The yerelye value of ye lands, lxxvj^s^· viij^d^·

MARLEDON.

A chauntrye * in ye parysh churche there. Founded by . . . . . To celebrate in ye paryshe churche there, to relieve two pore men, each to have viij^d^· wekely, and to mayntain a grammar schoole for Marldon children.
The yerelye value of ye lands, xij^li^· v^s^· x^d^·

* S. Mary's. (See King's regist. fol. 172.) Gilbert was founder.

WOLBURGHE.

A stipendarye in ye paryshe churche there. To fynd a pryst and repayr ye paryshe churche.
The yerelye value of ye lands, cxviij^s^· ij^d^·

PLYMOUTHE.

A chauntrye called ye Roode.
The yerelye value of ye lands, vj^li^· xiij^s^· j^d^·

EGGEBOURGHE †.

† Ugborough?

A stipendarye in ye parysh churche there.
The yerelye value of ye lands,

DERTMOUTHE.

A stipendarye in ye paryshe church there.
The yerelye value of ye land, lxxix^s^· iiij^d^·

ILFRACOMBE.

A chantrye in ye parysh church there.
The yerelye value of ye land, lxxvj^s^· vj^d^·

NORTHAM.

Chantry of S. John the Baptist and S. George the Martyr.

A stipendarye in ye parysh church there.
The yerelye value of ye lands, lxxvj^s^· vj^d^·

FREMINGTON.

A free chapell in y^e^ parysh churche there.
The yerelye value of y^e^ lands, xliiij^s^· viij^d^·

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FOUNDATIONS IN CORNWALL

NOT NOTICED IN CERTIFICATE No. 15.

Abstracted from Certificate No. 9 (Cornwall), made according to Commission dated Feb. xiiij$^{th.}$ 2 Ed. VI.

TYNTAGILL.—(Cert. 9, No. 45.)

Masses, &c.—For celebrating certeyn masses and diriges. For repayring y^{e} churche and relieving y^{e} pore in Tyntagill.
The yerely value of the lands and possessions, xxxij$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

S. VEPE.

An obit in y^{e} paryshe churche there.
The yerelye value of a certeyn annual rent for sayd obit, vj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

KELLYTON *.—(Cert. 9, No. 38.)

* Callington.

In the paryshe churche there an obytt. A messuage with thappurtenances in Frogswell, in the parishe of Southehill, next Kellyton. Of the gift of William Swynnar †, late prior of the priory of Seynt Jarmayn, gevyn to the church wardens to kepe an obytt yerelye in the sayd parishe churche.
The said messuage with thappurtenances ys of the yerelye value, xxvj$^{s.}$ viij$^{d.}$

† Robert Swymmer?

STRATTON.

Certayn lands there called Helyn. In feoffment to the churchwardens of sayd parysh. A preste removeable at the pleasure of the parishioners.
The lands and tenements of the yerely value of xxxiij$^{s.}$

COLOMB MAJOR.—(Cert. 9, No. 21.)

A stipendarye at the aulter of y^{e} Trinity in the parish churche of Columb Major. To fynd a pryst to celebrate there, and to distribute to y^{e} pore, having iiij$^{li.}$ xij$^{d.}$ [yearly].
The yerely value of the lands, vj$^{li.}$ iiij$^{s.}$

Cert. 9. No. 21.—A chauntre in the chapell of Jesus. Founded by Sir Emanuel Emaus and Avyce hys wyff. For a prest to syng mass in Jesus chapel in y^{e} church of S. Columb iij dayes every weke, and gave certeyn lands and tenements in the parishe of Columbe le Over and in Carbery, within the sayd parish of Saynt Columb, having vij$^{li.}$ xv$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$ [yearly].
The lands and tenements be of the yerely value of viij$^{li.}$ xiij$^{s.}$ iiij$^{d.}$

MORINSTOWE ‡.—(Cert. 9, No. 47.)

‡ Morwinstow.

An obytt. Founded by Thomas, Stephen, and George Brode. To fynd a pryst to pray for ther soules for ij yeres after ther decease.
The yerely value of pencon to sayd prest, iiij$^{li.}$

S. MICHAEL AT MOUNT.—(Cert. 9, No. 42. Cert. 10, No. 34.)

See ante, p. 30.

A chapell. Founded by y^{e} abbess of y^{e} dissolved monastery of Syon (Middlesex). Three prysts to celebrate there, one of whom ys named y^{e} arche pryst.
The yerelye value of annuities to sayd prysts 1 of x$^{li.}$ and y^{e} other two vj$^{li.}$ each, xxij$^{li.}$

LYSKERD.—(Cert. 9, No. 13.)

§ See ante, p. 72, note. It ought to be "of the park."

A chapel of our ladye, called Parke §, in y^{e} towne of Lyskerd. Certen lands gyven to y^{e} said chappell, a garden with an orchard, and one halfe acre of grownde. And in the said chappell was great oblacons some tyme.
The yerelye value of y^{e} lands, x$^{s.}$

Cert. 9, No. 13.—A mass of Jesus. Off the gift of John Kempe. To fynde a preste to saye y^{e} mass of Jesus every Friday in y^{e} parish churche of Lyskard. [The] incombent there hathe xl$^{s.}$
The lands and tenements are of the yerely value of lj$^{s.}$ x$^{d.}$

Cert. 9, No. 34.—[An obytt] in [Northill] paryshe churche. Margaret Bowland gave to the churchwardens an annuall rent and a garden in Lyskerd, to kepe an obitte yerely.
Annuall rent for the same is yerely xviij$^{d.}$

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LANSALOUS.—(Cert. 9, No. 46.)

Certain obytts. Yt ys presented that a certeyn parcell of lande ther named Trenydowne Hayn Parke and Hadlyngdon, and a parcell of grownd named Peryck gevyn by one Thomas Dabram to John Bryan and other for certeyn obytts to be kepte.

The value of the lands ys of the yerely rent of xxvj^{s} viij^{d}.

At the tyme of this presentement one John Kyllowe, gent., deposed that these parcells of lands wer of his enherytaunce; and that he hathe allwaye takyn all the profytts of the same, and shewed us the kyngs comysyons, a fyne, and a recovery of the same, and plainly declared the presenters presente yt of malice.

S. KUE.—(Cert. 9, No. 40.)

An obyte in ye paryshe churche. Thomas Pore, executor to Thomas Reynolds, ys bound to paye yerely iij^{li} iiij^{d} for the keepyng of an obytt of ye profytts of the lands, goods, and catalls of ye sayd Reynolds duryng v yeres to come.

Mem̃.—That a certeyn tythe goyinge owte of certeyn townships on ye north syde of ye sayd paryshe were gyven by ye prior of ye late monastary of Plemton, as yt shall appere by a composicon therof remaynyng in the said late monastery to ye vicar of ye sayd parysh of Kue to fynde a prest to syng in ye sayd church, and to praye for the sowles of ye kyngs of the realme; whych prest is comenly called ye kyngs prest.

LAWANOK.—(Cert. 9, No. 11.)

A lampe light in the said churche. A certen rent geven to ye churchwardens.

The rent of the yerelye value of xvj^{d}.

LANKYNHORNE.—(Cert. 9, No. 41.)

Two chapells sett in Carnedon. One other chapel sett there called Allhallowes.

Value of one lytle bell v^{s}. One payre of westments of sattyn of brydgs* valued at ij^{s}.

* i. e. of Bruges.

SAYNT MARTYN, WESTLOO.—(Cert. 9, No. 16.)

Obytts to be kept in ye church. Certeyn lands gevyn for the same as yt was presented, but ther presentors have no wrytynge to declare the names of the first gyvers of the same.

The lands and tenements are of the yerelye value of xvij^{s} xiij^{d}.

GLUVIAS next to PERYN.—(Cert. 9, No. 43.)

The Stipendarye in the parish church there. Founded by divirs persons. [To find] a prest to celebrate in the parish churche [to aid] the curat ther, and to do certeyn obytts for the sowles of the founders. The incumbent there hathe [for his] stipend lxxviij^{s} vij^{d} ob.

The value of the lands and tenements yerelye, iiij^{li} iiij^{s} viij^{d}.

ENODER.—(Cert. 9, No. 32.)

A stipendarye in the church there. Founded by Thomas Tretherff, esquyer. To fynd a pryst to celebrate in ye sayd church, and to pray for ye sowle of the [founder] and others.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Cert. 9, No. 5. Cert. 10, No. 7.—A chauntre within ye parish churche. Founded by William Menwenyk, clerke. For a prest to celebrate in ye church. And to distribute towards the fynding a scoler at Oxford xl^{s} yerelye, and to the pore xxx^{s} iiij^{d}. The said prest hathe for his salary vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, xj^{li} xiiij^{s}.

LAUNCESTON.—(Cert. 9, No. 7.)

The stipendary in ye churche of S. Mary Magdalen there in the said boroughe. Founded by John Corrdy, Rychard Coverthorne, and other, [who gave] certayn lands named Bodman or Bodyman to ye mayre of the borough and his successors. To fynde a preste to celebrate in ye sayd churche. To teache childerne gramar, and also to the reparacon of the sayd church; and further to do such deds of charitie as [to] ye mayre shall seme convenient. [The said priest] hathe for his salarye yerelye vj^{li}, besyds a pencon out of the possessions of the late monastery of Launceston [of] x^{li} yerely, and xiij^{s} iiij^{d} yerelye distributed to an aged man to teache yonge childerne.

The land and tenements be of ye yerelye value of ix^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} sometyme letten by yere for lxxvj^{s} viij^{d}.

Cert. 10, No. 10.—Sum total of the scole, xxiiij^{li} vj^{s} vij^{d}.

The pencon of ye prest to be borne by th'inhabitaunts of ye towne, beinge ye scolemaster of S. Mary Weke, by there own suite is removed thither.

Cert. 9, No. 7.—Dyvers obytts to be kepte in ye said churche of Marie Magdalene. Off the gyfte of Ellys Crocker and Tomasyn hys wyff, Suzan Tharroppe, wydowe, John Bocarne, Thomas Crocke, and of Rychard Waynarde, and Alice his wyff, to kepe obyts and to distribute money to pore people, to the sayd mayer and his successors geven for

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ever. A preste ther as well executyng the said obytts as in gevyng attendaunce upon the sayd mayre, and ys removable at the mayres pleasure.

The lands geven and money to be yerely distributed to ye pore ys of the yerely value of xlvijs. viijd.

S. WINNOWE.—(Cert. 9, No. 28. Cert. 10, No. 37.

An obytt. Founded by William Keysley, who willed that of his lands and tenements to the yerelye value of xij marks shuld be gyven [for finding] a prest [and keeping an obyt] in ye parysh churche of Seynt Wynnowe for to praye for ye sowles of the sayd William and his ancestors.

The lands and tenements ys of the clere yerely value of viijli.

Mem.—The heires of ye founder sayed thei entred into ye same x yeres past, sith which tyme no preste hath ben founded there nor obytt kepte.

S. AUSTELL.—(Cert. 9, No. 236.)

A free chapell of Manacudell*. Off ye kynges gyfte . . . . . .

The yerelye value of the lands and possessions, vjli.

* Mentioned ante, p. 485.

† Madron.

PENZANCE, in the parish of Mardrone†.—(Cert. 9, No. 44.)

A stipendarye in ye chapell of our Ladye, dystaunte from the parishe churche ij myles and halff. Founded by Syr Henry Tyes, knt., lorde of ye mannor of Alverton, who gave iiijli. owt of the lands of the sayd manor for the salarye of a prest to celebrate ther, whyche manor ys nowe in the kyngs possession.

S. EVA.—(Cert. 9, No. 37.)

In ye parish churche there foure obitts. A certeyn rente going oute of the lands called Trevyllecke for the mayntenance of iiij obytts yerelye.

The rent so gyven ys of the yerelye value of vs.

Cert. 9, No. 33.—In the parish churche there. For one farlynge of land lying next Trevantres in the same paryshe, gyven to the churchwardens of the church of Issey for the sayd twoo tapers brennynge before the highe awlter by divers persons unknowne.

The sayd farlyng of land ys of the yerelye value of xijs. ijd.

BOTRESCASTELL.—(Cert. 9, No. 43.)

A chapel of Seynt James in the seyd towne, distant from the parysh church there iij quarters of a myle. The parson of Mynster and his predecessors have alwaies accustomed to paye to the prest in the chapell yerely iiijli., in consideracon whereof the sayd parson hathe a parcell of land called Polyfant‡, of the yerely value of iiijli., and the sayd parson dyd bryng in wytnesse at the survey of the premysses that Polyfant is parcell of his glebelands apperteynyng unto his parsonage. The erle of Huntington is patron thereof.

‡ See ante, p. 65, note.

Ye sayd chapell is dystant from the paryshe churche iij quarter of a myle.

S. CLARE.—(Cert. 9, No. 14.)

A stipendarye at the awlter in S. James Chapell in the sayd parysh church. Off the foundacon of William Trubodye and others. To celebrate iiij tymes of the yere a general dirige and masse to be sayd in ye S. James's chapell,—the preste there hath for his salarye lixs.

The lands and tenements of ye yerely value of iiijli. xxd.

S. CREEDE.—(Cert. 9, No. 36.)

In the paryshe churche there at the aulter of Jesus ij masses. Certeyn lands gyven [to find] a prest to celebrate ij masses of Jesus in that chapell yerely. The gyft thereof conveyed from the churchwardens of longe tyme.

The rente so gyven ys of the yerely value in lands, xs.

S. ANNE'S CHAPELL.—(Cert. 9, note to No. 36.)

Haveing certeyne londs to the yerely value xjs.

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M.

LIST OF SOME OF THE OBSCURE WORDS IN THE PRECEDING DOCUMENTS.

A.

Acerta (p. 104), idem quod assarta, i. e. adserta. Land sown or brought into tillage: thus we read in p. 21 of the Cronica Jocelini de Brakelonde, "plura assartavit et in agriculturum reduxit." It is usually, but not necessarily, applied to reclaimed forest. The word is the correlative of *desert*, i. e. unsown.

Aditus (p. 385); an adit or lateral gallery in a mine for search or drainage. Adits are mentioned very early in records respecting the western mines, though an impression prevails that tin was formerly obtained only from superficial stream-works.

Alre, or aller (p. 363 n.); an alder-tree.

Aquæbajuli (p. 260). See post, Aspersorium.

Aspersorium, the brush or tube for sprinkling the blest water. It is often called in English the spryngyll. The clerk who carried the vessel containing the holy water was called "aquæbajulus."

Atilium (p. 344), harness. Fr. *Atelage*.

Auxilium vicecomitis (pp. 108, 233, 362). Whatever this tax may have been in its origin, it became a fixed sum payable for the most part out of particular tenements or manors. It is still payable under the name of *sheriff's aid* in several Cornish manors, as Penmayn, &c. Dr. Cowel speaks of it as paid to the sheriff "for the better support of his office." Fleta (lib. 3, cap. 14, s. 9) mentions it as a personal prestation and not a service. It seems however to have been a commutation for personal service, and was known in Normandy. Rot. Scacc. Norm. Stapelton's observations, vol. i. pp. 65, 87, 122. See ante, pp. 347, Num. VI., 366, Num. XVII.

B.

Baihudum coriarium (p. 344): *scmb.* a leather trunk or pack for horses of burden. Fr. *Bahut*. The word occurs in Fleta, lib. 2, cap. 21, and Wardrobe Acc. Ed. I. p. 355.

Baticium or Baticia, (pp. 180, 387.) This word will be found explained under Tor abbey, ante p. 180 n. To the authorities there cited add Testa. de Nevil, p. 186, b.

Bancar (p. 299); a bench cover.

Bederip (pp. 293, 352 n.): service due from occupiers of lands to their lords by mowing and reaping at the summons of the lord. It is called also *precaria*.

Berbiage or brebiage (pp. 225, 227, 411, 428 n.). This was originally a rent or render of sheep, and is alluded to in Domesday. The money rent paid in lieu of it was called by the same name, and continues in many manors to the present time. See the notes to the passages above referred to.

Benium (p. 251); the same as the bede or bed of a mill-stream.

Bika (p. 24); an ale measure?

Bingheys, or Binhays (pp. 42, 44, 62, 142, 180). The exact import or derivation of the term has not been ascertained. It is evident from the above passages that the appropriation of part of a waste as a binghay excluded the commoners from it. It was therefore an enclosure for some purpose; possibly for the supply of the lord's bin or bing. The names Bingham, Binham, Bingley, Binfield, Binacre, Bindown, &c., all point to the same origin. It still occurs as a local name of fields, &c.

Blestaria (pp. 42, 64): turbary or peat-ground. The derivation is given in the note to the passages referred to. The local names of Bliston, Blisland, &c., probably originated in this word.

Boetta (pp. 271—3); a species of fixed socket, or sconce, or lantern.

Bordarii (p. 256). The persons of servile tenure or condition at Otterton, so called, were bound three days each week to cultivate the ground of their lord, and render certain rent in kind or money for their maintenance.

Brachetus (p. 344); a hound. The word survives in *bratch*, still used provincially. See Halliwell's Dictionary of Archaic words.

Branagium, or brenpeny (p. 126). In the Rotuli Scacc. Norman. the word is of frequent occurrence, and there refers to the obligation of supplying bran for the lord's dogs, &c.

Breffrumentum? (p. 64.)

C.

Calemay, or Kalemay (Supplement F.), a corruption of the calendæ Maii. Kelham incorrectly interprets it Candlemas in his dictionary.

Capellaria; not unfrequently used for capella.

Carruagium; a payment from a carrucate of land. Thus Matthew of Westminster, Flores p. 117, says that the clergy and laity voted a carruagium to king Henry III. in 1224, to meet his extraordinary expenses, viz., de quâlibet carrucâ duo solidi.

Cencedicum seems to be a census or rent? The word, however, may possibly be an error of the transcriber.

Censarii; tenants in various parts of Devon and Cornwall paying a census or rent. There are tenants still known by the name of censars on Dartmoor.

Cenagium et cremagium? (p. 280, b.)

Cereus Paschalis; often called the fount candle, used at the blessing of the baptismal fount on Easter Eve.

Churset, Churchseed, or Churchshot (pp. 256, 427); a certain quantity of corn, poultry, or seed offered at Martinmas. It represented the original primitiæ seminum paid at that season. During the recent discussions on the origin of church-rates, this payment was supposed by some of the disputants to be an early form of rate for the support of the fabric; an opinion clearly untenable. See Ciric-sceat. Glossary; Vol. ii. Thorpe's Ancient Laws of England.

Chaucia, Calsia (p. 25); a chaussé or causeway.

Cheytes, les (p. 126); quære, the offal or droppings?

Cleia (p. 428); a hurdle for folds.

Clerici de secundâ formâ. (See pp. 51, 55).

Clyvewarda, or Clefwarda (pp. 23, 26, 373, 429): literally, Cliff-guard; sometimes the service of guarding a castle or fortress; sometimes the payment in lieu of such personal service, as in p. 429.

Clausum Pascæ, Sunday after Easter, or Low Sunday. In Vigilia clausi Pascæ, Saturday in Easter week.

Clava, or Clawa (pp. 180, 224, 294); a claw or close of land.

Coritelium, a courtlage; the cortile of the Italians.

Corrodium, or Conredium (pp. 39, 92, &c.), a right to board, lodging, and other necessaries claimed by founders of the religious houses, and sometimes created by grant of the house itself. It sometimes means household expenses generally (p. 39, Num. V.); and occurs in this sense in the Pipe rolls, Hen. II. It was sometimes sold as a mode of raising money (p. 18, Num. III.) It is allied to a *liberata* or *liberatio*.

Crassetum (p. 273), a cresset or lamp.

Craspesium, or Craspeis (pp. 117, 431); idem quod crassus, or grossus piscis; such as whales, grampus, sturgeon.

D.

Dexus (p. 284); a desk.

Dieta; a journey of one day; also the labour, pay, or maintenance of one day.

Dies depositionis; the day of interment.

Dies in capite jejunii; Ash-Wednesday.

Discifer (p. 9); strictly speaking, dish-bearer, probably the same as dapifer.

Dirige; the first word commencing the office of matins for the dead: hence *dirge*.

E.

Episcopium; id. quod episcopatus.

Estoramenta ecclesiæ (p. 255); stores; id. quod instaurum or estauramentum.

Evovae, the breathing time in the Gregorian chant before commencing the psalm. The term is derived from the vowels in the words "seculorum. Amen."

Exclusagium; a sluice.

F.

Falesia; a sea bank; Fr. *Falaise*.

Feodum militis. See p. 321 for the quantity of a knight's fee.

Ferlingus, or Ferlingate (p. 321, n.). The fourth part of a thing, according to the glossaries. In land, it is not a mere measure of length. The quantity seems, like the acre itself, to vary in different, and even in the same, places; and is therefore not capable of being ascertained by reference to any fixed measure.

Ferlieu, Farlieu, Ferleva; a manorial payment in the nature of heriot or relief, common in the west of England. Blount explains it

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as a payment in *lieu* of a heriot; but if its primary import be that of a payment for leave to enter, a more plausible etymon may be found for the word in any Teutonic language.

Firma quatuor septimanarum. See p. 72.

Folaraticum, or fullaticum, molendinum; a fulling mill.

Flamea (p. 283); a veil?

Forcerium (p. 29); a box; Ital. *forziere*. Wardrob. Acc. Edw. I. Gloss.

Founder. See the explanation of this term (p. 238, n.).

Frontale, or Antependium. The hangings of the altar: these were generally richly embroidered, and correspondent with the chasubles and copes used on the occasion.

G.

Gersuma; a gift or fine. It is preserved in the *grassum* of the Scotch law.

Geymeys (p. 280), rings for the handles of doors? also hinges.

Gleba, or sanctuary. The land with which the parish church was endowed. Also a sod or turf, used as a form of conveyance of landed property. See Chartulary of S. John's hospital (p. 41).

Glove and white rod, the symbols of jurisdiction. See p. 352, n.

Goliardus (p. 337). See Wright's Introd. to the Poems of Mapes.

Gredale, Grail, or Graduale (p. 6); perhaps originally the book containing the fifteen psalms said to have been sung on the steps of the temple of Jerusalem. Subsequently was added the office called the asperges or sprinkling of the holy water, the introit of the mass, gloria in excelsis, hallelujah, tract, the sequence, Nicene creed, offertory, sanctus, Agnus Dei, and post communion. Lyndwood's Provinciale (p. 251).

Guldagium, or Yeldum; a tax, tribute, or rent.

H.

Hawberk, fief of (See p. 97, n.); a feudum loricæ, or military fief.

Hewish, or Hiwish. This word, which occurs so often in the names of places, is of Saxon origin, and is equivalent to a *hide* of land. See further on it, 2 Lappenberg's Anglosaxons, p. 316; 1 Codex Diplom., by Kemble, p. 249; 1 Ellis on Domesday, p. 153.

Hertsilver, Hertpenny (pp. 232, 233). Focagium, or hearth money?

Hogastrum, or Hogettus, a sheep of the second year; at present called a hog-sheep, or hogget.

Hokeday; Monday and Tuesday sevennight after Easter. Yet the keeping of this varied in sundry places.

Houseling people (p. 13), receivers of the sacrament. From housel, or husel, the holy sacrament.

Horderisgive, Horderisgild, Gildum hordagii (pp. 362, 363, 366, 376), a payment or rent to the hordarius or treasurer of a religious house? See Dugd. Monast. Winchester, where such an officer is found in that priory.

Hucca (p. 344), a hutch; or, perhaps, *hucia*, housing. Ward. Acc. Edw. I. pp. 56, 59.

Husæ (p. 251), housings? See Ducange "Hosa," and Nicot, Dictionnaire, "Housse."

Hutiban, or Utiban (pp. 37, 39, 70, n. 227), *semb.* an out-ban, or bannum forinsecum. It seems to be a generic term for a tax or impost.

Hurtardus, a ram.

I. J.

Ignitegium (p. 271); curfew; an institution of general prevalence. See Barrington's Stat., p. 154; Pasquier, Recherches, p. 391. There are few old towns in Devon in which the bell is not still heard.

Instaurum; store, burse, fund for maintenance.

Judas candle (p. 274); a candle used during the reading of the passion in holy week: it was also lighted during the tenebræ office, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings of that week.

Justitia. See the explanation of one of the uses of the word, pp. 157, 302.

L.

Lambotte, i. e. Lampbote, or waxshott; money paid towards the lamps or lights in the church. In Exeter the contribution amongst the parishioners for the candles used in the service was called wax-silver; the candles themselves benic-lights. Fourpence was the usual yearly payment by a parishioner.

Lan. See p. 437, n. that this is not to be confined to a church. It often means any inclosure. In composition it is sometimes a form of land, or laund. The latter word is synonymous with the *lande* of Normandy, &c.

Leirwita, the fine for adultery or fornication. The well known penalty of the incontinent widow, celebrated by Addison, is not rare in the court rolls of western manors.

Lent cloths; linen, generally of a dark colour, for covering pictures and images during the penitential season of Lent, p. 271.

Liberata, Liberatio, Livraison, a livery or dole of clothing, victuals, &c. and therefore analogous to a corody.

Lichinum (p. 274), a link.

Liminaris equus carectarius (p. 344); Ducange proposes to read *limonaris*, i.e. cheval limonier, a thill-horse, or shaft-horse.

Literaturæ (pp. 232, 278, n.), literatus is often used as synonymous with clericus; and literatura refers to the same qualification of the clergy.

M.

Mandatum (p. 283), a maundy.

Mandare (p. 432). The medieval uses of this word often differ essentially from its classical sense; that of sending a message or missive, sending for, and of summoning, are the most familiar.

Manual; the ritual, administration of the sacraments and benedictions processionale, the proper psalms, litanies, antiphons, and prayers used in processions.

Mansura, a mansion house, or a site for one.

Medarius (p. 110), an officer attached to some monasteries (as Tavistock), who probably had the charge of the metheglin or mede, a beverage formerly much used.

Micatorium (p. 299); a bread pan?

Ministralli (p. 22), players on musical instruments. On the north side of the nave of Exeter cathedral may be seen the minstrel's gallery. In each of the twelve niches is an angel charged with some musical instrument. The 1st, towards the west, holds a guitar with six strings; the 2nd is playing the bagpipes; 3rd, a hautboy; 4th, a violin; 5th, a harp; 6th, a small instrument resembling a Jew's harp; 7th, a trumpet; 8th, an organ blown with the left hand, and played with the right; 9th, guitar with nine strings; 10th, a wind instrument unknown; 11th, tambour; 12th, cymbals.

Molendinum pulsatile (p. 380); a stamping-mill.

Mortariolum ardens, morterium; the light used at the funeral service, generally round the bier or catafalque; but it often signifies a light fixed in the socket of a vessel.

Mortilegium; the roll or book containing the names of benefactors whose obits and anniversaries were to be observed; sometimes called Necrologium.

Motiled, Modilet, or Modlett (p. 24). This exists in several instances in Cornwall as a customary payment by the tenants of a manor to the manorial court of another manor, and can be traced to a very early date; but the origin of it has not been ascertained. Perhaps it indicates a former connexion between the two manors and subsequent dismemberment. It seems to be different from multure.

Musterdevyllys. See an explanation of this, p. 278, n..

N.

Namium; a seizure of goods by way of distress.

Navicula, ship, boat; so called from its ancient form; the small vessel in which the frankincense is kept. The vessel in which the frankincense is burnt is called the thurible, acerra, and censer.

Nocturnum; the church office performed at night: on festival days it was divided into three parts; to each of which three lessons were attached. On ferial days there was but one part, and consequently but three lessons.

Nummata terræ (p. 24, Num. IV.). The word is not satisfactorily explained in the glossaries, nor can it be used to designate any fixed quantity. The difficulty of fixing the dimensions of any old measures of land will be perceived on referring to sir H. Ellis's Introduction to Domesday, vol. i. p. 145—160.

O.

Oxgabulum (p. 428), a render of oxen in kind, or rent in lieu of it. It occurs, though not under that name, in Domesday.

P.

Panmeli (p. 48). This might be pain-mêlé; a bread made of mixed corn, but that it here designates some titheable grain or produce.

Parasceve, Good Friday.

Ped (p. 120, and Supplement F.), or Pet. Probably a house-lamb; provincially called a pet or cade-lamb.

Petitem for Peditem (p. 33), a footman; sometimes Petitus, a retainer for the king.

Placebo, the first word commencing vespers for the dead.

Portiforium, (pp. 29, 278), now usually called the Breviary.

Pollys, cloths used by the priest for wiping the chalice, generally called purificatories. In p. 274, sudarium is used.

Precaria. See Bederip.

Precularum par (p. 278). A pair of beads, sometimes called oracles; the larger nobs marking the paternosters are often called gaudies.

Prisa (p. 24, Num. III.); the well known feudal custom of capture for the supply of victuals and other necessaries for the use of the crown or other lord at fixed prices. It is the subject of

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various charters and acts of parliament, the object of which was to render its exercise less oppressive. It was generally prevalent in Europe, and is still to be found in some parts of it, as well as in the East. The practice can hardly be characterized (as some writers have done) as the mere growth of military violence; but was a result of a certain state of society, where there are no regular markets, and the prices are not moderated by the competition of rival sellers. See further Magna Carta, cap. 19; stat. 3 Edw. I., c. 7, 32; Mirror, c. 5, § 2; Fleta, lib. 2, c. 43; stat. Davidis II. c. 40; Barrington on the statutes, pp. 183, 289.

Provester (p. 354); a provost.

Q.

Quasimodo, or Low Sunday. The introit of the mass begins with the words Quasi modo, and thus *Lætare* Sunday, from the word of the introit, is fourth Sunday of Lent; Sitientes, the Saturday before Passion Sunday, &c.

Quia (p. 134). The use of this word for *quod* is very familiar in the middle ages. It occurs in the old rituals, and in numerous early records, as Domesday, vol. i. fol. 31, b.: "homines testificant quia tenebat illud de rege."

Quicinus (p. 299); a cushion.

R.

Reliquiarum festum. A feast of relics was observed in every diocese, and in several churches of the same diocese; but the times of its celebration varied. In the cathedral of Exeter it was kept on the first Monday after the Ascension of our Lord. In the calendar of a Psaltery, that belonged to Worcester, it is marked for Sept. 15.

Rydeli (p. 283), curtains; Fr. *rideaux*.

S.

Salinarium (p. 25, Num. IV.); a salt-work.

Sanctuarium; the whole glebe or land of the church. See ante, Gleba, and see p. 38, Num. III.

Sausarius, or Salsarius (p. 110). From Brentor a pension was paid to the sausarius of the abbot of Tavistock, originally an officer who had charge of the salted provisions. Hence sauce, saucer, sausage, &c.

Selda, Solda, or Senda (p. 311, &c.); a shop or store.

Sequence; the rhythm or prose recited on some festivals after the gradual. Formerly they were numerous.

Sindegabulum, Sindregabulum (pp. 253, 255). What specific gabulum or rent this may be, has not been ascertained.

Somagium, Summagium Summa; a seam or horseload of corn, wine, &c.

Solidata terræ (p. 24, Num. IV.). See observation under *Nummata*.

Sullagium (p. 40); a custom or due in respect of the use of the solum or soil.

T.

Tabula (pp. 125, 126); board or maintenance—"pro tabula unius presbyteri per quatuor septimanis."

Tagnus (p. 410), a thane.

Trimodius; tremula (pp. 41, 64, 229); a mill-hopper, from holding three modii? The manner in which the favoured suitors of a mill stipulated for precedence after the hopper was empty, has been already adverted to. See ante, pp. 183, 222.

Trymming rent (p. 101), occurs as payable by the manor of Hatherleigh to that of Black Torrington. Query whether this be not a rent originally reserved for equality of exchange or partition?

Troperium, or Tropar; the book containing the hymn or rhyming verses that followed the gradual on certain festivals.

Turni reliquiarum (p. 71). Obventiones de turnis, &c., are probably the offerings accruing from the periodical exposure or exhibiting of the relics of the saint to public veneration.

U. V.

Vanga, a spade. See Ducange, Gloss.

Veor, Vor (p. 62 n.); a Cornish affix signifying *great*.

Vigan, Vean, Brigan, Pigan, and Pean (p. 62); a similar affix signifying *little* or *the less*.

W.

Wanagium (pp. 180, 181 n., 253); Fr. *gagnage*; the tillage of the land, or profits derived from it.

Wollas and Wartha (p. 62 n.); Cornish affixes signifying higher and lower.

This list might be easily extended; but some of the words are obscure only because they are probably mistaken or incorrectly written; *e. g.* stemphri; luna et laga, p. 352, and others, which we have been unable to collate with the original documents.

THE END.

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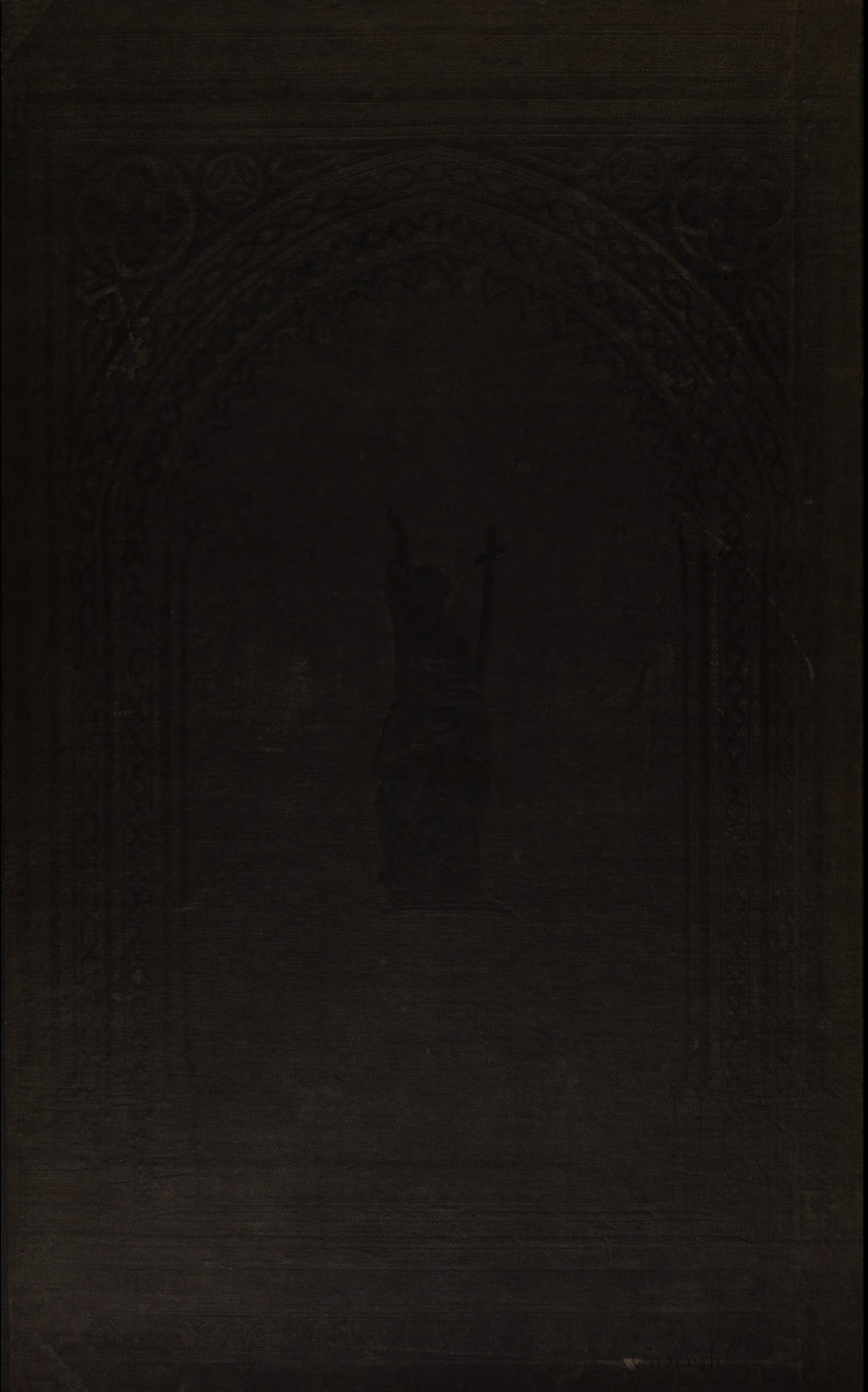

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